

Newsletter July 2005

IWA at the Eisteddfod

This year the Institute will be sharing a stall at the Eryri National Eisteddfod with Creu Cyfle-Cultural Explosion, the European funded project the IWA is leading. The project aims to raise awareness in Wales of last year's enlargement of the EU through cultural events. Our partners in the project are Academi, S4C, Dawns i Bawb, Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias and Gwynedd Council. A range of activities involving our partners have been organised for the Eisteddfod week including this year's IWA annual lecture. Our guest speaker will be Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas who'll be talking about the principles of European enlargement in his talk 'Creating a New Europe: Enlarging our Borders'. We will also be hosting a talk by Osi Osmond on the work of the Polish artist Josef Herman.

The Creu Cyfle-Cultural Explosion website is now up and running. Here's the address:
www.culturalexpllosion.net

We can assure members that the IWA unit will still be functioning as ever, with publications for sale and the chance for a good chat with our staff.

IWA events this autumn

A full list of IWA events this autumn will be included with the next issue of Agenda, which is due to be mailed out to members in the second half of July. In the meantime, however, members may want to put some of the following dates in their diaries:

Thursday September 15. Conference on the Hidden Economy of Rural Wales, in Newport

Friday September 30 Lunch with Geoff Mulgan, former No.10 adviser and currently director of the Youth Foundation, Cardiff

Tuesday October 4. Conference on Wales and the Web with Andrew Green, National Librarian, Cardiff

Thursday October 27 Conference on the Future of Upland Wales, Brecon

Saturday November 19 Cultural Regeneration: the Newbridge Memo, with Griff Rhys Jones, Newbridge

Wednesday November 23 Financing Large Scale Public Sector Projects in Wales, Cardiff.

For further details of these events and booking forms please visit the website www.iwa.org.uk

Dylan Thomas Literary Prize

Cardiff Singer of the World, Artes Mundi and now a new International Literary Prize that has its home in Wales. The Dylan Thomas Literary Prize is a £60,000 award for published work by writers under the age of 30 and the first award will be made in Swansea in October 2006.

The prize relies on a mix of public and private sponsorship and is hoping that this will be forthcoming from a range of organisations in Wales keen to ensure the success of another important event designed to put Wales more firmly on the map. For further information detailing the benefits of supporting the Prize as a key sponsor, please contact the Dylan Prize direct on 07951 027087 and discuss the options with Andrew Wood.

Wales in London events list

Wales in London has now published its list of forthcoming speakers for this autumn. Any recipients of this newsletter who would like to attend should contact Sandra Wright, Wales in London, c/o Welsh Development Agency, Level 6, Tower 42, 25 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HN,
Sandra.wright@wda.co.uk 020 7877 0472

Wed. September 21st Professor Dylan Jones-Evans

Wednesday October 26th Gareth Hall, Chief Executive, Welsh Development Agency

Wednesday November 23rd Roger Lewis, Managing Director, ITV Wales

The White Paper on Wales and the Future of Welsh Devolution

The Institute of Welsh Politics at University College, Aberystwyth is holding a one day conference on the recent White Paper on the future of devolution at the Wales Millennium Centre on Monday July 11th.

Speakers include Peter Hain, MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Prof Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University, Prof Rick Rawlings, London School of Economics, Prof Robert Hazell, The Constitution Unit, UCL, Dr Richard Wyn Jones & Dr Roger Scully Institute of Welsh Politics, Aberystwyth and representatives of the four main parties in the National Assembly for Wales.

Richard Commission Report

Remember the Richard Commission? Its report last year on the powers and electoral arrangements of the National Assembly for Wales has generated considerable debate since its publication, and this is likely to continue following the Welsh Assembly Government's own proposals for taking devolution forward which were published recently. The IWA has a small number of copies of the Richard Commission's 300 page report, which we can offer free to any member who would like to call in at our offices in St. Andrews Crescent. Or we can post copies for a £5 charge. Please e-mail if you would like to take advantage of this offer: wales@iwa.org.uk

EU Trade Ministers Meeting in Cardiff

The constitution may be on ice or dead depending on your preferred interpretation of events of the past few weeks, but EU business goes on, some of it in Wales. On July 12th shortly after Britain takes over the presidency of the EU on July 1, the 25 EU trade ministers will be meeting in Cardiff. Ahead of the meeting the Institute of Directors, the CBI and IoD event in Cardiff on regulation are holding a fringe meeting designed to gather views on regulation for feeding back to ministers. Those wishing to attend should ring 029 2045 1166 or email iod.wales@iod.com.