Shedding the January blues with £3.5m for Welsh



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2016 promises to be a great year for 16 projects across Wales, as HLF announces awards worth over £3.5million.

From museums to seaside towns to community clubs, all the projects represent an important part of Welsh society and demonstrate the wide range of our work in Wales. Many will also see participants gain new skills, showing how heritage can be used to change lives.

Here's just a snapshot of what we're funding this January:

- The South Wales Miners Museum's new project will look at the social history and legacy of the coal industry in the Afan and Llynfi valleys. There will be opportunities for young people to get involved through work placements and learning programmes. Read more on the South Wales Miners Museum website
- On Anglesey, Holyhead's four-year regeneration project will see some of the town's historic buildings restored, becoming new homes for businesses and families and breathing fresh life into this key coastal area while boosting its economy
- Aberystwyth's Ceredigion Museum can now expand its services and help promote its activities to more people thanks to a partnership with the tourism service. The local community can get involved in decorating the museum's newly created entrance. Find out more on the Ceredigion County Council website

- In Pontypridd the history of the YMCA will be remembered through a new interactive exhibition incorporating photos, news items and films, providing a fascinating timeline of how the area has changed and developed over the decades

Richard Bellamy, Head of HLF Wales, believes this support reflects the importance of HLF's work: "What these projects highlight is the breadth of our work and I very much look forward to seeing them develop.

"In supporting people to acquire new skills and revitalising towns and villages we see how heritage can be used to transform communities."

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