
CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT

Parks Service

I am pleased to report that the Council's partnership agreement with the Cardiff Salad Garden, a not-for-profit social enterprise which operates from our plant production nursery in Bute Park, has been renewed for a further 12 months. This very important project provides opportunities for asylum seekers, refugees and young people within the city working alongside Council staff producing salad crops for sale to restaurants across Cardiff.

Later this month, the Parks Service will be hosting two work experience placements for students from our twin city of Nantes in France and for students studying Horticulture at the Nantes Agricultural & Horticultural College. These opportunities support the students' course of study and enable participants to gain practical experience and insight across a range of disciplines in the field of amenity horticulture.

I am also delighted that the Parks Service is hosting four work experience placements for Bright Star Trainees, formerly the Looked After Children Scheme, for a period of eight weeks. These opportunities will also provide invaluable practical experience in addition to experience in soft skills.

Events

I hope that Members will join me in thanking all those involved in the Procession 100 event that was held on Sunday 10th June. This historic commemoration was commissioned by 14-18-Now and involved four simultaneous processions in the four capitals of the UK to commemorate 100 years of women having the vote. Women of all ages participated in the event and wore scarves in the colours of the Suffragette flag (Green, White, Violet) to create lines of colour as they walked.

Over the next few weeks, there will be plenty of other events for residents and visitors to enjoy here in Cardiff, including:

- Rolling Stones concert at Principality Stadium (15th June)
- England v Australia 2nd One Day International at Sophia Gardens (16th June)
- Cardiff Open Air Theatre Festival at Sophia Gardens (21st June to 28th July)
- Ed Sheeran concerts at Principality Stadium (21st to 24th June)
- Joust at Cardiff Castle (22nd to 24th June)
- Cardiff Triathlon (24th June)
- Tafwyl at Cardiff Castle (30th June to 1st July)
- Cardiff International Food and Drink Festival (6th to 8th July)

- Cardiff Bay Beach at a temporary new home at Alexandra Head (6th July to 2nd September)
- British Speedway Grand Prix at Principality Stadium (21st July)
- National Eisteddfod of Wales (3rd to 11th August)

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