

£45m Welsh Government funding to support Wales' national cultural heritage

The 2017-18 investment will see Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, the National Library of Wales and the People's Collection Wales digital heritage programme build on their excellent offering, helping fund exhibitions, events and programmes as well as caring for Wales' irreplaceable cultural heritage.

Economy Secretary, Ken Skates said:

"I'm delighted to announce this significant funding, re-affirming the Welsh Government's commitment to our national institutions who play such an important role in bringing our history and culture to life.

"The coming year will see some incredibly exciting projects open to the public. Some of the highlights, for me, include the completion of significant elements of St Fagans, a new Dinosaur exhibition at the National Museum Cardiff and the redevelopment of the National Library's family learning area.

"People's Collection Wales will offer local communities support in capturing local culture and heritage on-line as well as opening up digital collections to all. And, of course, the organisations will also be supporting our Year of Legends, Fusion and Cymru'n Cofio / Wales Remembers programmes, providing a full range of exciting and thought-provoking activities and events for people of all ages.

"These organisations are treasures which are enjoyed by millions from across the world. They protect, educate, inform and entertain and this year's funding will allow this invaluable work to continue."

David Anderson, Director General, Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales said:

"The funding is very good news for Amgueddfa Cymru and will help us build a more sustainable future for the organisation. With this kind of support from the Welsh Government, we can provide greater job security for staff, protect expertise and maintain a world class national museum service for the people of Wales and its visitors.

Linda Tomos, Chief Executive and Librarian, the National Library of Wales said:

“We are grateful to the Welsh Government for its continuing support to ensure that the National Library is able to develop new innovative digital services making more of the national collections available to all.