

Dear Bridgend Town Council,

I would like to ask if you would like to get involved in a new heritage project I am planning in Bridgend in 2022, as part of my role at Swansea University on the theme of pilgrimage?

Project Outline:

Timeline: March – July 2021

Community + schools engagement will happen March/April and then we will plan the walk end of May

We will track from the Ewenny river/ Merthyr Mawr – Newbridge Fields – Laleston – Cefn Cribwr – Parc Slip – Llangynwyd – Margam

Focus:

We will be exploring the old pilgrimage route through walking/movement and placing a particular focus on navigation through stories, as opposed to following a map. I have 2 PhD students who want to work with us too and they will help develop some of the tech to connect recorded stories in a virtual way. There is a preliminary project in Feb where I work with local artists/writers to 'write' these stories. Working with our community groups and schools, we will design a walking route for a community 'walk' in May. anticipate that we might have a variety of start and end points so people might just take part in their local area, whilst others take part in the full walk.

Other partners:

Awen cultural trust (Heritage Officer @ Maesteg Town Hall), we will also work with local secondary schools, possibly a youth group in Port Talbot, RICH History group (NPT) and volunteers. I would like to involve local town and community councils as I know they are already engaging with heritage trails.

Please let me know if BTC are interested.

I will write a more formal project outline once all the partners are in place.

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