

# BANGOR REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT UPDATES



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## LIFELONG LEARNING HUB TO OPEN IN CENTRE OF BANGOR

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai has announced plans to open a lifelong learning hub, Tŷ Cyfle, on Bangor High Street. In partnership with the Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and Transforming Towns, the former Topshop store is being transformed into a multi-use facility to benefit Bangor and the wider area. The hub will offer part-time courses in literacy, digital skills, employability, and more. In addition, classes will be held on employment-focused taster sessions and life skills support such as financial management and wellbeing. The site will feature four classrooms, meeting spaces, offices, and opportunities for students to engage with the community.

Principal Siôn Peters-Flynn said, "We look forward to having a presence on the high street in Bangor and playing a pivotal role in the community. Its location in the city centre and proximity to public transport links makes it an ideal location for prospective learners to reach the site sustainably."

He thanked the Welsh Government for their support, adding that Tŷ Cyfle is expected to open in January 2025.

## OLION PERFORMACE BRINGS COLOUR TO BANGOR

Last month, Frân Wen, a Welsh-language theatre company now based in the old St Mary's Church on Garth Road, transformed parts of Bangor into a live theatre stage for their latest production, Olion. Olion used stages in various locations around Bangor including Pontio, the Pier, Garth Road, Hirael and Nyth. The show culminated in a grand finale on the Manweb/Glyne Road field, where over 1,000 people gathered alongside the Gŵyl Adda Fest. The production also featured over 100 performers, some professional and some from the community. Olion was partly funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund and the Welsh / United Kingdom Government Fusion programme.



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## CELEBRATING BANGOR BECOMING 1500

As the oldest city in Wales, Bangor will soon be celebrating its 1500th anniversary. A full calendar of events has been scheduled for the entire year, with highlights including a special week of activities around St David's Day. Planting has already begun for 15,000 daffodils to bloom across the city by next spring. The "Bangor Across the World" initiative will reach out to other places named Bangor, and a time capsule will preserve memories for future generations. On May 29th, the city will hold a parade to mark the occasion. More information on these events and others will be released soon, as the city prepares to reflect its rich heritage and vibrant community.

## ADRA CLOSE TO FINISHING NEW DEVELOPMENT ON 137 HIGH STREET

The development of 12 flats on 137 High Street is now close to completion. Led by Adra, this project will be managed in partnership with Cyngor Gwynedd and North Wales Housing. The site will provide 24-hour on-demand service and support to help residents maintain long-term tenancies. This initiative, partly funded by the Welsh Government's Social Housing Grant through Cyngor Gwynedd's Affordable Housing Development Program, will revitalise a long-derelict site in the heart of Bangor's High Street, contributing to the city's housing needs.



## BANGOR UNIVERSITY UNVEIL NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL

A new North Wales Medical School has opened at Bangor University, launched by Wales' First Minister Eluned Morgan, which aims to rejuvenate healthcare in the region by addressing the pressing shortage of doctors. Offering students the opportunity to complete their full medical training in north Wales, the school plans to grow its intake from 80 students now to 140 by 2029. This effort seeks to cultivate a new generation of doctors committed to building careers in Wales, particularly in underserved northern areas, and to help fill the Welsh NHS's 4,300 vacancies.



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## NEW MURAL PAINTED ON SACKVILLE ROAD

A new mural is set to be unveiled on the Annedd Ni Day Centre Sackville Road, thanks to a collaboration between Cyngor Gwynedd, Bangor City Council and Anheddau Cyf. Anheddau Cyf. is a non-for-profit organisation that provides support services to adults with needs including autism, learning disabilities, mental health, in Northwest Wales. Local artist Jessica Balla has been appointed for the project. Her mural highlights the unique attractions of Bangor, including the iconic Pier and the clock tower with its distinctive dome top. As part of the designing process for the project, local community groups within Bangor had the opportunity to participate in a workshop for the design of the mural, and Annedd Ni service users had the opportunity to assist with painting its lower section. The mural is expected to be completed by the end of October and is funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund.