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PENARTH PAVILION PROJECT

£3.5m for Project

In October the Penarth Pavilion Project completed the task of finding over £3.5m funding for the renovation of the Pavilion. The project now wants more community involvement to bring the building into a new and exciting era. Funding is coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Vale of Glamorgan Council, John Paul Jnr. Getty Foundation, Communities, Facilities and Activities Program (CFAP), a Community Asset Transfer (Big Lottery/Welsh Assembly) as well as private donations and in kind confirmed volunteer support. Now the project needs you to be a part of local history by lending a hand or expressing your ideas. Get in touch by popping into the Washington Gallery in Penarth, giving us a call or sending an email to penarthpavilion@washingtongallery.co.uk



Plans for the Pavilion

The Pavilion Project will transform this much loved building into a recreational and eco-friendly centre for all to enjoy. Plans include a lecture theatre, visitor and heritage centre, maritime exhibitions, function and meeting rooms, learning centre, observation tower, auditorium, café and cinema. Local film groups and schools will be involved with the cinema so they can screen their own talent, and will provide a range of films - from Welsh language and international productions to family friendly films for parents and children to enjoy. This will be a vibrant and busy place for locals and visitors celebrating a reinvigorated seafront of which we can be proud.

The Building Schedule

Permission has been granted to allow contractors to carry out enabling works ahead of construction. The project has acquired a license to go into the building and remove excess materials, assess what can be salvaged and check all details obtained through surveys. Mott MacDonald - one of the world's largest employee-owned companies - has been appointed as project manager and will oversee the onsite operation. Meetings continue on detailed design until the end of the year with emphasis on both environmental and economic sustainability.



Dates for Your Diary:

Absolute Zero Viola Quartet

Sunday 4 December
from 4pm to 6pm

Enjoy the blissful sounds of a viola quartet with canapés and a glass of wine. Tickets are £7 and proceeds go towards the project.

Christmas Choir
Thursday 8 December
from 6.30pm to 8pm

A free Christmas choir is to be held at the Pavilion Centre on the seafront. Any project donations made on the night will entitle you to a yummy mince pie and glass of mulled wine.

Santa's Grotto
Sunday 11 December
from 12pm to 4pm

Santa will be at the Pavilion Centre to meet children and give gifts to raise funds for the project. It will cost £3.50 to receive a present from Santa and £1.50 extra for an additional photo.

Christmas Music at the Washington Gallery
Friday 16 December
at 7pm

A night of carolling for everyone to join in, including less well-known Christmas music and other international songs, led by Cor Cochion.

Yacht Races from Pier

Cardiff Bay Yacht Club is holding a 'frost bite' series from Penarth Pier in the winter months. Sailors are pitting their skills against each other on November 13, 20 and December 4, and the races start at 12pm. "The pier provides a great platform for managing the racing," said the yacht club's principal race officer David Cairncross.



What is PACL?

Penarth
arts & crafts

Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd. (PACL) is a not-for-profit organisation that is overseeing the Penarth Pavilion Project - the group also manages the Washington Gallery. PACL was established in 1998 and is governed by a board of trustees, all volunteers, and representatives from the Vale of Glamorgan and Penarth Town Council. The organisation is a registered charity that aims to improve the local community through educational and cultural programs and the restoration of local buildings of interest.

The People Behind the Project

A wealth of expertise comes to the project to help restore this Grade 2 listed all-concrete building, sitting overwater. Purcell Miller Triton are the conservation architects, with Niall Phillips as lead architect, assisted by Bonnie Kitching and trustee and design advisor Bryan Alcock. Hoare Lea, award winning firm are appointed mechanical and electrical engineers. Structural engineers Arup first established their integrity in the industry when designing the Sydney Opera House and are now working on the Pavilion Project; Tim Bennett has been appointed lead consultant. Chandler KBS (lead consultant Paul Rogers, a partner at the firm's Penarth based office) oversees cost and management of the renovation. Raymond Pye of the Hasp's Partnership oversees health and safety. Maggie Knight who has taken the vision to fruition is Project Director. Ongoing assistance is provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. and assistance is being given by The Vale of Glamorgan Council (owner of the building). The legal firm Eversheds has generously agreed to work on the 125 year lease for PACL.

Pier Memories to Take to the Screen

Students from the University of Glamorgan are making a short film documenting the history of the Pavilion through stories of local residents, and the feature will show what the project is doing to re-establish this iconic landmark in the community. Project volunteers are helping with the production, but more memories are needed from people in Penarth. Come along to the Washington Gallery at 2pm on December 6 for free afternoon tea and to talk about what the pier means to you. For more information on this event contact info@washingtongallery.co.uk under the heading: 'An Afternoon to Remember'. If you can't make the afternoon tea get in touch as we value your contributions.



Green Ways to Help the Project

Sales of Penarth Pavilion Project merchandise help fund the project, and like everything we do we try to do it as eco-friendly as possible. There are mugs made from 75% recycled material and t-shirts screen printed with non-toxic inks. Sticks of rock and intricate 3D pop-up cards of the Pavilion designed by Ge Feng are also available. All of these are available from the Pavilion Centre on the Esplanade, the Washington Gallery and local traders. You can also support the Project through Vodafone's Just Text Giving Service, by messaging: PPAV13 followed by £2, £5 or £10 to 70070. Thanks for all of your donations and ongoing support.

Concerts for Project



On October 23 The Washington Gallery hosted a wonderful musical performance by Martin Kegelmann, Cédric David, Christopher Hodges and Catrina MacKinnan for the project. The other concerts in the Autumn series attracted very enthusiastic audiences: The Trio d'Anches group (Gillian Taylor, Peter Fielding and Christopher Vane) played a lively range of truly beautiful music, with Welsh and international roots, from folksongs to Gershwin and Beethoven; the Liberty Street Jazz band made a welcome return, with a Saturday night of traditional jazz guaranteed to blow away anyone's blues; and Cantilena - a cello and duet duo - treated the audience to a beguiling mix of the hauntingly beautiful and hilariously humorous.



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