



## Paid Postgraduate Internship

**Project Title:** Bodorgan Estate Heritage Route

**Role:** Postgraduate Archival Research Internship

**School/department:** Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates | School of History, Law and Social Sciences

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**Internship period:** Semester 1 (October – December 2022)

**Hours:** 160 hours total

**Pay:** @£12.43 per/hour (Real Living Wage) = £1,988.80 total, including holiday allowance

### Description:

The Bodorgan Estate (<https://www.bodorgan.com/>) located in south-west Anglesey has received a Welsh Government grant to construct a new footpath through part of the estate, linking to the existing Wales Coast Path. The development of the footpath infrastructure will proceed alongside a programme of habitat restoration. The route will embrace several important landscape features, linked to the social, cultural and economic history of Anglesey. The project is committed to sharing this landscape history with future users of the footpath through the installation of appropriate heritage interpretation along the route. The Bodorgan Estate is collaborating with Bangor University's Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates (<http://iswe.bangor.ac.uk/>) to deliver these objectives.

### Intern Role:

One of the aspects of local history the project would like to share with users of the footpath relates to the impact of the 'Llanfeirian experiment' in the mid-twentieth century. This venture, based on the ideas of the Quaker, Peter Scott, involved the compulsory purchase of part of the Bodorgan estate to facilitate agricultural and horticultural experimentation. The ambition was to construct a utopian society based on subsistence farming. Though the initiative only lasted about fifteen years, it left a lasting impact on the landscape.

The story of Llanfeirian has never been fully researched. The intern will be a key member of an exciting collaborative project to understand the history and legacy of this experiment. Working closely with Dr. Marc Collinson and other members of the project team, you will spend time at the Bodorgan Estate Office researching the archives and records relating to this episode. Your core objective will be to use this research to construct a chronological narrative and thematic analysis of the Llanfeirian experiment and its impacts, to be written up as a blog, website content, research report or other output, as determined by the project team.

Throughout the project you will act as an important representative of Bangor University and the Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates in all engagements with external project partners and wider stakeholders.

### Proposed Working Pattern:

You will be expected to work on the project two full days a week for ten weeks across October, November and December. Working hours at the Bodorgan Estate Office will need to be agreed in advance. You will be expected to attend an introductory project meeting at Bodorgan and regular project update meetings to discuss progress. You will be in regular communication with Dr. Marc Collinson and other members of the project team.

**Outline Workplan:**

**Weeks 1-3:** Research preparation; archival research training; initial survey of archives at Bodorgan; establishment of outline Llanfeirian narrative; identification of core research themes.

**Weeks 4-6:** Intensive archival analysis based on core research themes; outline drafts on core research themes.

**Weeks 7-10:** Structured write-up of research findings in line with identified project outputs (e.g. website content, blog, research report) with input of project supervisor; continued archival analysis where necessary.

**Facilities/working environment:**

Most of the research will take place at the Bodorgan Estate Office (LL62 5LP) and on other parts of the estate. An ability to travel to Bodorgan is essential for this internship. Other project meetings and activities are likely to take place at Bangor University.

**Benefits to the intern:**

The project will provide the successful candidate with number of transferable skills. By the end of the project you will have:

- Played an important role in the delivery of a research and heritage interpretation initiative, linked to an innovative Welsh Government funded project;
- Experience of working as part of a collaborative and cross-sector project team;
- Enhanced teamwork and communication skills;
- Developed archival research and analytical skills;
- Learnt about the 20<sup>th</sup> century social and cultural history of Anglesey;
- Authored and presented a written output (blog, website content, research report etc.);
- Demonstrated abilities in the fields of independent working, workload organisation and time management, responsibility and initiative.

**Person Specification:**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Essential/Desirable</b>
<u>1.</u> Demonstrable interest in the social, cultural, agricultural, landscape or environmental history of Anglesey or Wales	<u>Essential</u>
<u>2.</u> Strong research and analytical skills, including an ability to identify, extract and assimilate complex information from historical/archival sources	<u>Essential</u>
<u>3.</u> Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including an ability to work and engage	<u>Essential</u>

collaboratively with the project team and other project stakeholders	
<u>4.</u> An ability to write concisely and present research findings in a rigorous and engaging format	<u>Essential</u>
<u>5.</u> Excellent time and workload management skills, including an ability to work independently to meet set deadlines	<u>Essential</u>
<u>6.</u> A demonstrable commitment to developing a career in a sector represented by the project	<u>Desirable</u>
<u>7.</u> Research interests/expertise linked to the project	<u>Desirable</u>

**Eligibility:**

To apply for this internship you must be registered as a postgraduate student or doctoral researcher at Bangor University for the period October-December 2022.

**How to apply:**

Please send a 1 page personal statement outlining your suitability for the role, making particular reference to the person specification, together with a 1-2 page CV to [iswe@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:iswe@bangor.ac.uk) by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview for the internship later in September.

**Further information:**

To ask additional questions or discuss the role in more detail, please contact Dr. Marc Collinson ([m.d.collinson@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:m.d.collinson@bangor.ac.uk)) and/or Dr. Shaun Evans ([shaun.evans@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:shaun.evans@bangor.ac.uk)).