



Paid Postgraduate Internship

Project Title: Bodorgan Estate Heritage Route

Role: Postgraduate Oral History 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 features of local history that the project would like to share with users of the footpath relates to the lived experience of the landscape and locality over the last century. Many people living in the area have longstanding family connections to the landscape, with important insights, memories and perspectives on the meaning and significance of the places associated with the new footpath.

The intern will be a key member of an exciting collaborative project to record, understand and share these insights. Working closely with Dr. Mari Wiliam and other members of the project team, you will spend time at Bodorgan and other locations in south west Anglesey speaking to local people about their experiences and memories of place and recording their insights. Interviews will be conducted in Welsh and English. The ambition of this oral history project is to identify and create content for heritage interpretation which can be shared with users of the footpath. This might focus on:

- The social history of the agricultural landscape
- Landscape features
- The operation of the Bodorgan estate
- The impact of the 'Llanfeirian experiment'
- RAF Bodorgan

- Local place- and fieldnames

Your core objective will be to use this research to construct themed stories of place, 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. Mari Wiliam and other members of the project team.

Outline Workplan:

Weeks 1-3: Research preparation; oral history training; design of consent forms, including for use and BUASC deposit of recordings; identification of key questions/themes for oral history interviews; identification of individuals to interview; establishment of interview timetable.

Weeks 4-6: Oral history interviews.

Weeks 7-10: Continuation of interviews; analysis of recordings; structured write-up of research findings in line with identified project outputs (e.g. website content, blog, research report) with input of project supervisor.

Facilities/working environment:

Most of the research will take place at the Bodorgan Estate Office (LL62 5LP), other parts of the estate and in communities across south west Anglesey. An ability to travel to Bodorgan and other nearby places 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 oral history, public history and analytical skills;
- Learnt about the 20th 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:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Essential/Desirable</u>
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1. Demonstrable interest in the social, cultural, agricultural, landscape or environmental history of Anglesey or Wales	<u>Essential</u>
2. Strong research and analytical skills, including an ability to identify, extract and assimilate complex information from historical sources	<u>Essential</u>
3. Familiarity with oral history / public history / interview methodologies	<u>Desirable</u>
4. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including an ability to work and engage collaboratively and confidently with the project team, members of the public and other project stakeholders	<u>Essential</u>
5. Excellent Welsh language skills, including an ability to conduct oral history interviews in Welsh	<u>Essential</u>
4. An ability to write concisely and present research findings in a rigorous and engaging format	<u>Essential</u>
5. Excellent time and workload management skills, including an ability to work independently to meet set deadlines	<u>Essential</u>
6. A demonstrable commitment to developing a career in a sector represented by the project	<u>Desirable</u>
7. 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 by **Friday, 9th 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. Mari Wiliam (e.wiliam@bangor.ac.uk) and/or Dr. Shaun Evans (shaun.evans@bangor.ac.uk).

