

Summary of progress

Work on creating the collection descriptions has proceeded broadly in line with the proposed programme. Further work on Gwent has been re-timed to September 2005, pending supply of catalogues.

Partner	Collections selected	Catalogues supplied	Descriptions	Access points	Live
National Library of Wales	Y	Y	Completed; partner checking and edit	Complete	238
Anglesey	Y	Y	Complete	Complete	178
Carmarthenshire	Y	Y	Completed; partner checking	Complete	195
Ceredigion	Y	(web)	Completed; partner checking	Complete	
Conwy	Y	Y	Complete	Complete	39
Denbighshire	Y	Y	Complete	Complete	173
Flintshire	Y	Y	Completed; partner checking	Complete	123
Glamorgan	Y	n/a	In progress	In progress	438
Gwent	In progress	In progress	In progress	In progress	
Gwynedd (Caernarfon and Meirionnydd)	Y	Y	Completed; ANW checking	Complete	
National Museums and Galleries of Wales	In progress				
Pembrokeshire	Y	Y	In progress		
Powys	Y	Y	Completed; ANW checking	Complete	
West Glamorgan Archives Service	Y	Y / In progress	In progress		

PMG Meetings

The PMG has met on 5th May. Monthly progress reports have been circulated to PMG and the Project Board. The PMG will meet next on 12 September 2005.

Website and software

The website is continuing to work well (there was a short service interruption in April). Usage is now 300,000 hits, 30,000 sessions, 11,000 visitors per month. A guide to interpreting the usage statistics relating to individual partners has been circulated.

Staff

The project team is at full strength.

Funding

The 6th claim has been paid; the 7th claim will be submitted shortly.

Data exchange

Following trial transfer of ANW-created EAD data into CALM at Glamorgan Record Office, a meeting has been arranged in early July with DS Media in order to establish whether a 'transparent' transfer is possible (ie whether data can be flipped between formats while preserving all data elements, or whether transfer will involve some joining or splitting of data). Following successful implementation of the transfer, a generic utility will be added to the ANW admin area for use by partners.

Preparation is nearly complete on the uploading of NLW data held in CAIRS.

Fonds descriptions created for the Mine of Information project, held as EAD, will also be brought across into ANW.

A group of RCAHMW records have been transferred successfully.

Standards and training

Partner events focused on access points and subject indexing are in preparation for July-August. There will be events in south and mid Wales and, if there is demand, in north Wales.

The guidance to partners has not been drafted yet.

ANW launch event

The launch event is being arranged for 22 September, at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. Speakers will include the Minister, an HLF representative, and various ANW

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users. A large number of heritage/history/genealogy groups will be invited. The event will also mark the launch of Archives Awareness Campaign 2005 in Wales.

ANW2

The ARCW members of the PMG have taken the proposals forward, and a sub-group has met to assemble the necessary supporting evidence. Some of this work dovetails with the completion of an evaluation of the current ANW project.

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