INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE MONUMENT

For

International Mother Language Day UNESCO designated as 21st February



GRANGEMOOR PARK, CARDIFF, CF11 0JR

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Why International Mother Language Day?

Day. Linguistic and cultural diversity represent universal values that strengthen the unity and cohesion of societies. The recognition of the importance of linguistic diversity led to UNESCO's decision to celebrate International Mother Language

When was it launched?

The 30th session of the General Conference of UNESCO in 1999 decided that the Organization would launch and observe an International Mother Language Day on 21st February every year throughout the world.

What does it celebrate?

International Mother Language Day's objective is to promote linguistic diversity and multilingual education, and to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

Who is involved?

UNESCO's Director-General launches the celebration and gives the orientation, but it is the Member States worldwide who are the key players through their national institutions and associations. As well as widespread media interest, schools, universities and cultural associations play an active part in promoting the goals of International Mother Language Day.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Schoolteachers:

Do pupils know that many children in their schools may have mother language(s) that are different from the languages used in their schools?

Teachers can get these children to introduce themselves and talk about their families and their cultures, and teach a little of their mother language to other children. They can read poetry, tell a story or sing a song in their mother language. Paintings and drawings with captions in mother languages can be displayed inside and outside schools.

University students:

They may know that their fellow students come from a different culture and use a different language but they don't take the time to find out more. This is the opportunity to do so.

They can make a survey on mother languages existing on the campus by interviewing fellow students and publish the results on internet. Cultural activities such as films, plays and music that celebrate different languages can be organized.

The media:

Every year UNESCO produces press information about the Day. Local and national media can play a part by producing articles on the local languages spoken in their regions and the cultural.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



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The "International Language" monument is going to be a heritage for all communities, no matter what languages they speak. The monument symbolizes respect and tolerance for all cultures, especially the validity and equality of all mother languages of the world. In a world of globalization, the monument can act as a beacon providing the message of the need to protect and promote linguistic diversity and multilingual education.

The International Language Monument is intended to symbolise the importance of the **"International Mother Language Day"** to people and cultures around the world and act as a focal point for the celebration of International Mother Language Day to be held on the UNESCO designated as 21st February.

To success this project we will need your co-operation and support from individual and various community groups. It will provide a platform for Cardiff to celebrate its linguistic diversity, and to build community cohesion in Wales.

You can do this by purchasing a personalised brick which will enable you to put your message and name onto it, this will then be placed in the base of the monument.

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Summary

It is hard to believe this park was very recently a rubbish tip. The transformation has been staggering. Today the park is an important recreational facility for local residents.

The park is based on a hill formed by the old tip. In 2000, the restoration works were completed opening up a brand new open space.

The hill is used to good effect with a viewpoint at its summit. A good network of paths extend around the park and link well with adjoining areas. A high quality stone wall has been built around the edge. A pond has also been created to add further variety.

Features of Interest

History

The site originally formed part of the River Taff Ely Estuary which contained meanders and ox bows at this point. The levels were then raised appreciably by developing as a landfill site. The Council has recently carried out major restoration works to create the park we see today. The park was opened in 2000 and named Grangemoor Park following a local competition.





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Getting There

By foot – There are entrances to Grangemoor Park from the surrounding area including from the Retail Park, Dunleavy Drive and the Ely Trail. The site is linked to the Ely Trail which is a new long distance footpath being developed between Cardiff Bay and St Fagans National History Museum.

By bus – Bus routes pass along Ferry Road by the Cardiff Bay Retail Park. Details of bus routes and services can be found at www.cardiffbus.co.uk

countryside on your doorstep **By train** – The nearest railway station is Grangetown Station which is approximately 1000m away. Details of train services can be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk

By car – There is plenty of car park space in Cardiff Bay Retail Park allowing easy access to Grangemoor Park, as well as a new car park at Dunleavy Drive.

Nearby

Grangemoor Park is situated adjacent to Cardiff Bay Retail Park with its wide range of large retail units, a supermarket and food outlets. Cardiff Bay is only a short distance away with a wider selection of restaurants, a leisure complex including cinema and opportunities for boat trips around Cardiff Bay.

The park is also located close to other areas of open space:

Hamadrayad Park

The park consists of a large grassed area together with planted areas. A large equipped playground is located right next to local houses.

Cardiff Bay Wetlands Reserve

It is very popular with birdwatchers who come to see the rare birds. It is also a good place to come for the casual visitor to enjoy wildlife and the views across the Bay.

The Marl

A variety of recreational facilities can be found here, including play equipment, sport pitches and large grassed areas.

Grange Gardens

The park contains a high quality landscape with mature trees and attractive planting. There are also a wide range of recreational facilities to produce a model local park.



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Nature

countryside on your doorstep Wildlife has guickly become established. A variety of birds including Linnets, Gold Finches and Sky Larks use the site for nesting. It is also a good place to spot migrating species such as Wheatear. The pond areas formed with drainage channels are excellent habitats for dragonflies and damselflies. In addition the open rough grassland habitat predominates which gives a very informal characteristic rare in cities. This attracts an interested range of inverterbrates including locally rare grayling butterfly.

The path network provides a great resource for walkers, dog walkers and joggers. The park has been involved in a series of Walks, called 'Walking for Health', designed to gently improve body and mind in beautiful, local surroundings.

Pond

A pond has been created close to the retail park. Dragonfly can often been seen during the summer months.

Public Art

'Silent Links' by Ian Randall stands at the summit of Grangemoor Park overlooking Cardiff Bay. It represents local history combined with the community aspirations. It is made from Mild Steel set in stone and was erected in 2000. The surrounding dry stone wall contains interesting carvings and is a very attractive feature.

Views

The park is formed on a hill in an otherwise flat area surrounding Cardiff Bay. It's a very different outlook on the capital city and there are panoramic views from the summit of the City Centre skyline and beyond. Across the Severn Estuary the Mendip Hills can viewed beyond Flatholm and Steepholm islands.

Facilities

There is a picnic area within the Park. A new car park has been created at Dunleavy Drive.

Although there are no facilities such as toilets and shops in Grangemoor Park, the Cardiff Bay Retail Park is adjacent to the Park and has a range of supermarkets, retail units and restaurants.

Access Within

There is a comprehensive network of stonedust paths throughout the Park. Some sections are steep as they climb the hill.





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What You Said

"There are nice views at the top"

"The view is well worth the climb. I sit and watch the world go by."

"I never fail to hear the skylarks when I visit during the summer".

Information and Contacts

The park is owned by Cardiff Council and managed by the Parks Section. Further information about the park and any current events can be obtained from the <u>Parks</u> <u>Website</u>.

Parks Service, Cardiff Council Heath Park, King George V Drive, Cardiff. CF14 4EP

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