

The digital tradition: The Welsh language as a medium for culture, heritage and technology

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This presentation focuses on the work of the Welsh Language Commissioner in the fields of IT and translation, emphasising the potential to make innovative use of technology in that field. Particular attention is also given to the Commissioner's unique responsibility to recommend the standard forms of place-names in Wales and how that work can contribute to protecting our heritage as well as being a key to understanding that heritage.

The world of IT is developing rapidly and as a result exciting opportunities arise to put the Welsh language on the map and to ensure that the language remains a relevant medium for Welsh speakers today and for future generations.

There are also valuable opportunities to revisit the history and cultural heritage of Wales by using technological systems not only as a means of introducing history, language and culture to new generations, but as a means of safeguarding those elements and preserving valuable information.

This presentation will therefore consider the role of the Welsh language as a medium and bridge between yesterday, today and tomorrow as we take advantage of digital technology.

