



Past to Present@ South Wales Miners' Museum



Project Description: Digitalising the museum's collection of historical artefacts and training volunteers to pass their knowledge of the coal industry's part in the culture of the Afan Valley, on to visitors. The LEADER funding supported activities that focussed on developing and up-skilling volunteers at the Museum, and marketing the new additions to the museums' activities and guided tours/walks.

Project Achievements:

	Approved Target	Total Achieved
Number of stakeholders engaged	12	30
Number of participants supported	270	761
Number of communities engaged	10	23

Number of children & young people participating in the project	50	710
Number of women participating in the project	40	102
Number of Welsh speakers participating in the project	12	18
Number of older people participating in the project	40	56
Number of individuals with disabilities participating in the project	12	69

Project Beneficiaries: Project beneficiaries included existing and new volunteers,

community groups and schools who participated in the project's training and fun educational based activities at the museum.

Challenges/Solutions:

Staff issues with departure of the project's Heritage Officer (HO) and Collections Officer (CO) meant that project delivery and management fell to the Volunteer Coordinator (a volunteer herself) and the small band of committed volunteers at the museum. Despite these challenges the volunteers rose to the challenge, moving forward with outstanding results for the museum.

Results:

Engagement with schools (especially after the HO departed) was a success with the number of children and young people participating in the project exceeding original targets.

Additionally, the number of older people participating in the project mainly through community talks and volunteering opportunities outperformed initial set targets for the project.

Project Details:

Delivered by	South Wales Miners' Museum
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End Date	31.03.2020
LEADER Theme	1

Financial Details:

RDP Funding	£3,909.20
Total Income to date	£977.30
Total Project Costs	£4,886.50

Websites:

<https://www.swminers.co.uk/>
and
<https://regenerate.npt.gov.uk/7758>