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The 25th WHSI Anniversary Awards were held at the Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum, Cardiff on 10th July



The guest speaker was Mr. Leighton Andrews AM, Minister for Public Affairs

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Schools praised for focus on Wales' past

FORMER Education Minister Leighton Andrews has hailed the importance of a national competition in bringing the past to life for Welsh schoolchildren.

The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative celebrated its 25th anniversary with an awards ceremony at the National Museum in Cardiff.

Awards of up to £1,000 were given to schools which used their heritage and history to set cash prizes.

Established in 1990, the programme is open to children aged five to 18 in schools and colleges across the country.

Pupils are encouraged to involve their community and different generations in their studies, and to disseminate their findings to the wider public.

Projects require research, collection of materials, analysis and evaluation.

The culmination of a year's work saw prizes awarded before hundreds of guests, designed to celebrate the achievements of pupils all over Wales.

Albany Primary School, in Cardiff, won £1,000 for its work on the

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Albany Road Military Hospital in the First World War, while Penboys VA Primary School, in Carmarthenshire, also took home £1,000 for its work on a very different subject - 'William a Mar' - 'y Wic' - 'y Ewngyfr' - 'Y ugraffwag ('r bob)' ('William and Mary and the Web; from the manuscript to the people's press').

A further 23 primary schools won prizes for work on a wide range of subjects, all of them interesting and worthy of an award in the judgement of the competition's experienced adjudicators.

Two secondary schools also shared the first prize of £1,000 each in their section: Ysgol Maes Garmon, in Flintshire, and Ysgol Dyffryn Taf, in Ceredigion, both of them for their work on the First World War.

Trenchy Comprehensive School, in Rhosbarba Cynon Taf, received a prize of £750 for its work in finding, safeguarding and honouring a memorial plaque from the First World War, and three of its pupils

will be representing Wales as a conference in Poland in September, joining other young people from across Europe, who have also been successful in their national history competitions.

The adjudicators also praised the work of 14 other secondary schools from all parts of Wales, which were also worthy prize-winners.

The excellent work being done in Welsh special schools was also recognised, and this year Ieol Mae Y Goed, in Meach, Port Talbot, won £1,000 for its work on the scaled glass in its area. Five other special schools also won prizes for their work on a variety of topics.

It is through the generosity of sponsors such as Admiral Insurance (the Moondance Trust), the Jane Hodge Foundation, the People's Collection, National Museums Wales, Cash, the National Library, the Welsh Rugby Union and many other institutions and individuals that the initiative is able to hold the competition and provide substantial prizes to the successful schools.

The initiative's trustees and committee said they were extremely

grateful for the sponsors' ongoing support.

Historian and author Catrin Stevens, the initiative's new chairwoman, led Friday's ceremony at the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre.

Mr. Andrews, Minister for Public Services and Education Minister for three years until 2013, was invited to address invited guests.

He said: "This competition measures a number of skills which are relevant to all kinds of critical thinking necessary in a range of disciplines and indeed a range of jobs.

"Wales is the home of its learners, and a map of their past should be as familiar to them as the way home from school... History is fundamental to understanding who we are.

"You cannot know where you are going unless you understand where you have come from. This competition helps in a major way to contribute to that ideal."

Lady Davauld, Treasurer-Dickson, the initiative's honorary president, said her personal greetings and other members of the competition's inaugural committee took part in the awards ceremony.

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Musical entertainment was provided by the talented pupils of Fitzalan High school, Cardiff under the direction of Rachael Morgan-Jones, Head of Music and tuition by Wahda.

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