

New to Team Tredegar –

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I'm very glad to have this opportunity to say hello and introduce myself to you all. My first day with Tredegar House was September 5th and since then my diary has been jam packed with getting to know the property and the people who make it so special.

I have worked for the National Trust at Dyffryn Gardens for the past four years with the challenging role of opening up Dyffryn House to visitors. Those of you who have been to Dyffryn will have witnessed many of those challenges, mainly the predominately derelict situation of the house! It was an excellent Heritage Lottery Fund project and one I was proud to be involved in. Keen to share my skills and start a new challenge, I have now joined Team Tredegar.

My role wears a couple of hats. One is leading on Visitor Experience - programming, interpretation, volunteering and events. The other to back fill for Linda, freeing her up a little to focus more on the projects that we are starting up.

I have been finding out a lot about the up and coming programme of projects over the past few weeks, as well as how the site works day to day. Here are a couple of updates that I have found pretty interesting –

- *Lifting the Lid* is the title for our conservation focused projects that will run over the next few years. This includes the roofing project.
- The roofing contractors, Ellis and Co. have arrived on site this week and will begin by building their compound just outside the pay barrier.
- The scaffolding for the first roof works will start to be built from September 26th and will carry on into December! That's a lot of scaffolding. The removal of the first slates is currently scheduled for the first week of January.
- Last month we consulted with local Dyffryn residents about the development of the old Laundry building next to the Community Allotment. We need to pass the second round of funding approval before we can begin works here.
- There have been many changes in the team with people leaving, returning, new appointments and role changes. Although at the moment this means a lot of settling in it also means a strong team.