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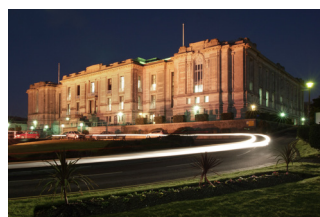
Bordered by sea and mountains, Aberystwyth Ceredigion has been steeped in literature and poetry for many centuries. People shared tales and poems of loss, gain, adventure and adversity long before they started to inscribe them on the area's stones in the 5th century. Literary culture, both Welsh and English, is at its heart and today Aberystwyth Ceredigion has a vibrant infrastructure of festivals, bookshops, theatres, cultural events, lectures, centres of literary excellence and research, publishing, poetry and writing that connects all parts of the county.

## What makes this UNESCO designation special?

The UNESCO designation brings together Aberystwyth and the wider county of Ceredigion to celebrate the centuries-old literary traditions of the area and the poetry and literature that surrounds us in our daily lives. As the first area in Wales to be recognised by the UNESCO Creative City network, the significance of the City of Literature designation goes beyond Aberystwyth and Ceredigion and on to a national and global stage. It's an opportunity to reinforce the vibrant literary heritage that we enjoy right here as we share it with the world.

Literature and creativity in many forms, and in both Welsh and English, are an integral part of everyday life here, for people of all ages and backgrounds. Literature is at our feet as we walk Aberystwyth promenade. It adorns quay-walks and woodland trails. Aberystwyth itself can claim a connection to over 300 poets and is the first Welsh town to employ a Town Poet. Ceredigion is home to a high concentration of publishers, as well as to Welsh literary institutions of national and international importance.

We live and breathe culture and creativity, and we look forward to inviting the world to delight in the democracy of our unique literary scene and, through new networks, expand our engagement in the joy and power of literature.



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