

## Girlguiding UK's Annual Event - Swansea 2009

### FAQ's for Annual Event Attendees

#### Date and Times

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Event starts at **2pm**  
Doors will open at **1.30pm**  
Event will end at **4.30pm**

#### Location

Brangwyn Hall  
The Guildhall  
Swansea  
SA1 4PE

Travel directions can be found at - [www.swansea.gov.uk](http://www.swansea.gov.uk)

If they don't have access to the internet, there are travel directions to help them at the end of these notes. Or alternatively the address above may help them.

#### Who can attend?

This event is open to:

- Leaders
- Prospective leaders
- New Leaders

#### How many people can attend?

There are a total of **400** tickets available inclusive of guests.  
Council members are not included in this count. They can attend after the council meeting should they wish without registering.

#### Price

This event is **free** but ticket holders are asked that all un-used tickets are returned so that they may be re allocated.

#### How to get tickets

To apply we have asked people to email their name, address, to [mercy.kaggwa@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:mercy.kaggwa@girlguiding.org.uk) writing Annual Event - SWANSEA in the subject line

Deadline of Thursday 14 May 2009 for last minute tickets

### **When the tickets will be sent out?**

Tickets will be posted out in April.

### **What sort of things are happening?**

The theme of this year's event is "Changing the World" - Thank You

There will be two parts to the event, a dinner and dance style presentation from the stage and a market place where Girlguiding UK staff can showcase their projects

There will be tea and afternoon refreshments

### **What to wear?**

Members do not have to wear Guide wear to this event, however they can if they would like to.

## **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS**

### ***TRAVELLING BY BUS***

Express coaches run direct to Swansea Bay from Central London, Gatwick & Heathrow Airports, West & South Yorkshire, the West Midlands and Cardiff.

- Traveline Cymru - your one-stop shop for travelling by bus, coach, rail, ferry or plane : 0871 200 2233 or [www.traveline-cymru.org.uk](http://www.traveline-cymru.org.uk)
- Swansea - Cardiff Shuttle: First Cymru 01792 572255 or [www.firstcymru.co.uk](http://www.firstcymru.co.uk)
- TrawsCambria - a long distance bus service connecting major parts of Wales, incl. Swansea to Aberystwyth, Lampeter, Aberaeron, Carmarthen and Cardiff (Service X40): [www.trawscambria.info](http://www.trawscambria.info)
- National Express: 08705 808080 or [www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk)
- Arriva Coaches: [www.arriva.co.uk](http://www.arriva.co.uk)
- Mega Bus (low-cost intercity bus travel): [www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com)

Once you have arrived, there is an extensive bus service covering the whole Swansea Bay area and stewards will be in the vicinity to assist you.

### ***TRAVELLING BY CAR***

The M4 runs directly to Port Talbot, Neath and Swansea. The M6, M5, M42 and M50 connect the area to Southern Scotland, North and South West England, and the English Midlands.

Exit junction 42 for Swansea City Centre. Follow Bragwyn Hall attraction signs.

## ***TRAVELLING BY PLANE***

For travellers arriving by air, there are good rail / bus links to Swansea Bay from Bristol & Cardiff International Airports.

Cardiff International Airport is only 50 minutes away from Swansea Bay by road or rail and offers scheduled flights from major UK cities such as Manchester, Newcastle, Belfast & Cork. Airlines operating from CIA include KLM, Ryanair, bmibaby and other low-cost airlines.

**Cardiff International Airport**  
01446 711111  
[www.cardiffairportonline.com](http://www.cardiffairportonline.com)

## ***TRAVELLING BY TRAIN***

Fast and frequent services link major UK cities to Swansea Bay.

Frequent trains run direct from London Paddington, Bristol, Manchester and Cardiff to the Swansea Bay area, and there are good connections from north-east, south and south west England.

Arriva Trains Wales provide a direct service to Swansea from Cardiff, Newport, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Manchester, with connections at Cardiff to services from the South West of England.

When buying your train ticket from any UK mainland station, ask for a **Swansea Plus Bus Ticket**. You can use this on all bus services in Swansea, Mumbles and Gower and is valid for one day.

Once you arrive in Swansea, the train station is located in the heart of the City Centre - only a 15-minute walk to the 5-mile sweep of Swansea Bay, 15 minutes drive to the Victorian seaside resort of Mumbles and 25 minutes drive to the heart of the spectacular Gower Peninsula.

There is a bus stop outside the train station, which will take you into the Quadrant bus station to link up with buses for the whole Swansea Bay area.

National Rail Enquiry Service (24 hours): 0845 7 48 49 50  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **LOCAL TRAVEL**

### ***BY LOCAL BUS***

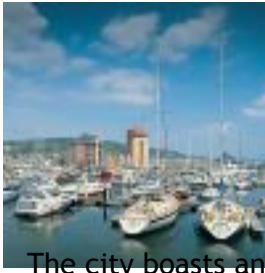
Traveline Cymru - 0871 200 2233

### ***BY TAXI***

DATA CABS - 01792 474747

YELLOW CABS - 01792 644446

## Local Information



The City of Swansea is well known for its vibrant nightlife, consisting of a wide range of clubs, bars and restaurants to suit every age and taste. The **Wind Street** area has become the modern café quarter by day, and by night, is the liveliest street in the city!

The city boasts an award winning Marina and Maritime Quarter, which is home to the **National Waterfront Museum** and the **LC leisure complex & Waterpark**, both must-see attractions located within a few yards from each other!

Back in the city centre, you'll find the **largest indoor market in Wales**, where you can sample and buy many of our local delicacies such as cockles and laverbread, and of course our traditional welshcakes. Locally caught fresh fish can also be bought along with local souvenirs including Welsh dolls, rugby shirts and lovespoons.

Swansea also boasts top-of-the-range sporting facilities such as the **Wales National Pool**, the only 50m swimming-pool in Wales, and the fantastic **Liberty Stadium**, a 20,000 seat venue home of **Swansea City Football Club** and the **Neath - Swansea Ospreys Rugby Team**.

So, if you have ever wondered why Dylan Thomas wrote so passionately about his hometown, why King Arthur left his mark on Gower or why Catherine Zeta Jones heads for home in Mumbles, then visit Swansea Bay and find out for yourself!



## **Mumbles**

Mumbles is a haven for style-conscious shoppers, art-lovers and foodies, hosting a wide range of independent shops, cozy cafés, great restaurants, and galleries showcasing local arts and crafts.

Less than 15 minutes from the City of Swansea, the Gower Peninsula is home to around 50 unspoilt beaches, coves and bays. Their beauty and variety are striking - from the jaw-dropping vastness of Rhossili, to the tiny, secluded Pwll Du; the wild ponies and cockle-beds of Penclawdd, to the superlative views across Three Cliffs Bay.

Gower beaches receive regular acclaim in the press; for example, Rhossili is:

- 'The supermodel of British beaches' (*The Independent*)
- One of the '25 best beaches in the world' (*The Sunday Times*)
- One of the '20 Greatest Rural British Walks' (*The Times*)
- One of the 'Top 10 Coastal Walks' (*The Times*)
- The UK's No.1 dog-friendly beach (*The Times*)



## Accommodation in Swansea

### **West Glamorgan Guide Activity Centre Parkmill, Gower.**

Bed & Breakfast.

Ideal for group bookings on a budget.

Contact Mary Knill - 01792 229113

### **Ibis Swansea**

**Fabian Way**

01792 638800

<http://www.ibishotel.com>

### **Morgans Hotel**

Visit Wales Grade 4-star

01792 484848

<http://www.morganshotel.co.uk>

### **Premier Inn**

01792 634940

<http://www.premierinn.com>

### **Swansea Marriott Hotel**

01792 642020

<http://www.swanseamarriott.co.uk>

### **The Dragon Hotel**

Visit Wales Grade 4-star

01792 657100

<http://www.dragon-hotel.co.uk>

[reservations@dragon-hotel.co.uk](mailto:reservations@dragon-hotel.co.uk)

### **The Grand Hotel**

Visit Wales Grade 4-star

01792 645898

<http://www.thegrandhotelswansea.co.uk>

[info@thegrandhotelswansea.co.uk](mailto:info@thegrandhotelswansea.co.uk)

### **Village Hotel & Leisure Club**

Visit Wales Grade 3-star

01792 479930

<http://www.village-hotels.co.uk>

[village.swansea@village-hotels.com](mailto:village.swansea@village-hotels.com)

