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### TAFWYL 2020 - DATE AND NEW VENUE ANNOUNCED

Following positive discussions with Cardiff Council and the Welsh Government, Menter Caerdydd is pleased to announce Tafwyl 2020 will take place over the weekend of 19 - 21 June 2020; and the Festival will also move to a new home, in the beautiful surroundings of Bute Park, immediately behind Cardiff Castle. Tafwyl 2020 will again kick start a weekend of activities and celebrations on the Friday evening.

### Cardiff Council Leader, Cllr Huw Thomas, said:

*“Tafwyl is an outstanding showcase for Welsh language and Welsh culture and has grown into one of the most popular weekends in Cardiff’s events calendar. It attracts visitors from across Wales, the UK, Europe and the rest of the world who are given an unrivalled and free opportunity to enjoy an eclectic mix of music, literature, drama, comedy, and art. All displaying a living, breathing, dynamic language which points towards a bright future for Welsh culture.*

*“We’re committed to making sure the Welsh language is embedded in the everyday life of the city – from its schools to its street names – we believe Welsh belongs at the heart of this city, so I’m delighted that we have been able to work with our partners to find Tafwyl a new home in Bute Park. A home which will allow the festival to grow and prosper.*

*“Much like the Welsh language in Cardiff, Tafwyl has thrived in recent years, and I look forward with great pleasure to attending Tafwyl 2020 and to welcome it to its new location.”*

Today also sees the publication of the Tafwyl Evaluation Report 2019 highlighting our audience's positive response to this year’s Festival. Over 60 bands and artists performed on the Tafwyl stages across 3 nights; bespoke comedy and literature sessions, discussion panels reflecting contemporary Welsh culture, events for learners and children of all ages, and over 30 fringe events organised across Cardiff in the week leading up to the weekend.

Tafwyl is a partnership between the public, private and voluntary sectors that enables us through grants and funding to create a free, friendly and confident Welsh language event in the heart of the Capital City of Wales.

### Eluned, AM, Minister for Welsh Language and International Relations said:

*“Tafwyl is a fantastic family event which has been going from strength to strength. The addition of the Friday night added a new dimension to Tafwyl, and as such an accessible event, provides a great platform for Welsh learners and non-Welsh speakers to learn the language whilst experiencing Welsh culture in the heart of the Welsh capital”.*

98% of the audience felt that the Festival had a positive impact on the Welsh language, 95% thought the entertainment was excellent, and 95% said they would return in 2020.

**Manon Rees O'Brien, Chief Executive of Menter Caerdydd, says:**

*"Music, art and culture are great ways to bring people together to socialise and enjoy, whether they are fluent Welsh speakers, the less confident speakers, learners and non-Welsh speakers. It unites an audience and offers everyone access to the Welsh language in our Capital City. Nowhere is it more obvious than Tafwyl to show this - which is a very proud annual celebration of our language."*

Over the coming months the task of securing financial support and organising contemporary, innovative and appealing content in a new location will be a priority for the Tafwyl production team.

There will be further exciting announcements over the coming months.

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**Photos available on request**

**Notes to the Editor**

- Tafwyl is an annual festival celebrating the best of Welsh language, arts and culture. It was established in 2006 as part of the core activity of Menter Caerdydd, a charity that promotes and extends the social use of the Welsh language in Cardiff.
- Tafwyl's audience has grown impressively over the years from just over a thousand people who attended the Mochyn Du pub car park in 2006 to the 37,000 who attended this year's Festival.
- It is a free event open to all - Welsh speakers and non-Welsh speakers alike, appealing to families and people of all ages and backgrounds.
- In July this year Tafwyl and our main sponsor, Cardiff University in association with Cardiff and Vale College, won the top prize in the Arts, Business and Community category at the Arts & Business Cymru Awards ceremony.