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Canal & River Trust in Wales

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Charity launches children's poetry competition celebrating Llangollen Canal

Waterways and wellbeing charity, Glandŵr Cymru – the Canal & River Trust in Wales – is today launching a children's poetry competition celebrating the Llangollen Canal to mark ten years since it became a World Heritage site.

Called 'Go with the Flow', the competition is open to young writers aged five – 11 with the focus being on poems that have been inspired by visiting the Llangollen Canal.

There are three age categories and the winner from each category will win a special experience as a Very Important Person (VIP) on their own horse drawn boat trip along the World Heritage Site. Each winner will have their own 45-minute boat trip that will leave from Llangollen Wharf, having the whole boat to themselves to invite friends and family to join them on Saturday 17 August.

Ani Sutton, from the Canal & River Trust, said: "The Llangollen Canal is a really beautiful waterway and is busy with visitors throughout the year. We want our younger canal explorers to really let their imagination flow and come up with a poem to highlight how being next to water makes them feel and why our canals are so special to them.

"Recent research shows that being by water is good for your mental and physical health so what better reason do you need to come and visit. With lots of water, nature, history and boats all around its bound to offer some inspiration - and you never know you could be the next Canal Laureate."

Entries need to be received by 18 June and all poems should be no longer than 200 words. Poems should be posted to Canal & River Trust, Go with the Flow Competition, Trevor Basin Visitor Centre, Off Station Road, Trevor, Wrexham LL20 7TY. Full terms and conditions are on the website at <https://www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk/> or can be picked up at Trevor Basin Visitor Centre.

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Notes to Editors

There are three age categories: five to seven, eight to nine and ten to 11. All entries MUST have the following

information included:

- Your name and age
- Parent/guardian name, email address & phone number for contacting winners.

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