



Project Overview

Take the lead ...

Welcome to Snowdogs: Tails in Wales, a new and exciting event taking place across Cardiff in Autumn 2017 – this is your chance to be part of it!

For ten weeks from September to November 2017, the streets, iconic buildings and open spaces in Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan will become home to a trail of individually designed giant Snowdog sculptures, each with its own story to tell. Families and communities will be able to come together to follow the trail, learning about the culture and heritage of the city whilst spending special time together. Our pack of Snowdogs will showcase the wealth of artistic talent in the area, whilst giving a boost to the thriving economic, cultural and social life of the city.

At the end of the event, each Snowdog will be auctioned to raise significant funds, helping Tŷ Hafan to continue supporting children and young people with life-limiting illnesses and their families across Wales.

Learning programme

What is it?

Integral to the main event will be a Learning Programme, open to all schools, youth groups and community projects across south Wales.

The Learning Programme will feature a mini trail of smaller Snowdog “Pup” sculptures (122cm long x 102cm tall), which will be decorated by learning groups of all ages and abilities. The mini ‘Pup’ trail will be planted in “Packs” within shopping and cultural centres and visitor attractions across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The Mini Trail of Snowdog Pups will complement the main Snowdogs. Tails in Wales trail from September to November 2017.

The Tails in Wales Learning Programme will challenge and inspire the future artists, designers and creative minds across south Wales and comes complete with lesson plans, educational resources and co-ordination support. At the end of the trail, ‘Pups’ are returned to their Learning Project to keep and display as a legacy to their involvement in the project.

Paws for thought

What is Tŷ Hafan and what do they do?

Tŷ Hafan is one of the UK’s leading paediatric palliative care charities and offers the only children’s hospice service in South Wales.

Although our hospice is based in Sully, our dedicated team offers comfort, care and support to life-limited children, young people and families throughout Wales so they can make the most of the time they have left together.

We allow parents and carers to relax and to recharge their batteries during short breaks at the hospice, where the demands of 24/7 care are met by our staff. And we also make sure the needs of brothers and sisters are never forgotten. We also provide services such as Family Support, Complementary Therapy, Music Therapy and Outreach Play both within the hospice and in the family home.

Tŷ Hafan provides support to the whole family almost anywhere, whether it is at the hospice, their own home or in hospital.

The children and young people who access Tŷ Hafan’s services suffer from a broad range of conditions, including rare generic disorders, congenital abnormalities, progressive neurological conditions or even clusters of symptoms as yet undiagnosed. For example, it cares for children with irreversible organ failure; Cystic Fibrosis, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Batten’s Disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis, severe Cerebral Palsy and children with multiple disabilities.

It costs £4million every year to provide Tŷ Hafan’s services to those families that need them. Tŷ Hafan’s income is generated by public donations, fundraising and its commercial activities, principally its lottery and shops.

