



Curriculum Vitae Cardiff

A lively, upbeat city brimming with pride

Bio

I've soaked up a lot of history over the years, as I have more castles than any other city in the world. Cardiff Castle is a leading attraction and sits fairytale-like in the centre of the city. I love to get involved with the local community at the Riverside and Roath Farmers Markets, where you're guaranteed to find fresh produce and plenty of friendly faces.

You'll find everything you need here – if you're looking for picturesque countryside views, the district of Roath is the place to be. Students will prefer to be where the action is around Cathays. For a quieter way of life, the quaint buildings of Llandaff are a firm favourite.

I see over 18.3 million tourists each year and I will be one of the UK's fastest growing cities over the next 20 years, with a predicted 26% population growth. I have a strong standing across industries, including finance, creative arts, manufacturing and science.

Education

3 universities – Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan and University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

4 of the top secondary schools in Wales are in Cardiff, according to the Real Schools Guide.

43,000 students in Cardiff; international students make up a quarter of those studying.

Skills

13% of my residents can speak, read or write Welsh.

92% of my residents speak English or Welsh as a main language, but you can hear over 100 languages in total, including Polish, Somali, Urdu, Arabic and Bengali.

Timeline of Experience

2018 - 2019

Successful industries - Cardiff, UK

I've seen success across sectors, with job applications rising in Customer Service by **66%** and Sales by **53%** between May 2018 and January 2019.

2018 - 2019

Property investment - Cardiff, UK

My house prices have been growing strongly, showing positive investment and are up **5%** compared to 2017, with my average house price at £236,459.

2016

Proud heritage - Cardiff, UK

Cardiffians are very proud of where they call home – more so than the residents of any other major city in the UK, according to a 2016 survey. Residents are most proud of their caring nature, along with the community spirit and straight-talking honesty that distinguishes my residents.



Interests

Sci-fi:

Following the 2005 reboot of Doctor Who, Cardiff has been home to many of The Doctor's adventures, whether representing locations on Earth or in outer space. Backdrops include the Roald Dahl Plaza, the Millennium Stadium, Caerphilly Castle, Margam Country Park and Dyffryn Gardens.

Music and performing arts:

Saint David's Hall is a renowned venue, hosting everything from the Welsh Proms to stand-up comedy, to chart-topping artists, to the International Orchestral Series. The Welsh National Opera showcases eight operas annually and has a long-standing heritage both nationally and internationally.

Shopping:

My historical arcades date back to Victorian and Edwardian times, and now boast over 100 independent shops. You'll find everything from clothes, to crafts, to homeware, music and electronics here. When you need a break from the shops, you can settle down in one of the welcoming bars or cafes.

Sport:

It's no surprise I was crowned European Capital of Sport in 2014. I host a range of popular sports, including football, rugby, cricket, boxing, baseball, ice hockey and basketball to name a few. Between 2001-2006, the Millennium Stadium was the home of six FA Cup finals while Wembley Stadium was under construction.



References

Professional references available from:

Author Roald Dahl, singer Dame Shirley Bassey and television writer Terry Nation, who created Doctor Who villains, the Daleks.

Personal references available from:

Former football player and coach Ryan Giggs, composer Ivor Novello and current resident, actress and screenwriter Ruth Jones.

1999

Opening of the Millennium Stadium – Cardiff, UK

As the third largest stadium in the Six Nations rugby championship, the Millennium Stadium (known as the Principality Stadium since 2016) has hosted both rugby and football matches for crowds of up to 74,500 eager fans.

1987 – 2000

Regeneration of Cardiff Bay - Cardiff, UK

I reinvented myself by boosting investment into the Cardiff Bay area, contributing to over 16,000 jobs, almost 5000 new flats and houses and 26 miles of new roads.

1928

Accelerated my motor skills – Cardiff, UK

The first British FIM Speedway Grand Prix was launched. Visitors from far and wide visit Cardiff to watch riders race up to 70mph – without brakes or a clutch.

1905

Establishment – Cardiff, UK

Achieved city status.