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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 August regarding the petition calling on the Welsh Government to recognise the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Williams, Pantycelyn this year.

The Welsh Government channels funding for the arts through the Arts Council of Wales working within the strategic framework set by Government. The Welsh Government's Major Events Unit (MEU) has previously funded events and activities, which were organised by partners, as part of the centenary celebrations of literary Welsh greats such as Roald Dahl and Dylan Thomas. Both these authors have international profiles and the associated programmes met the advertised criteria (<http://gov.wales/topics/culture-tourism-sport/major-events/?lang=en>).

The MEU would, of course, consider approaches from other groups/partners to commemorate other iconic figures, such as William Williams, Pantycelyn – particularly during the 2017 *Wales Year of Legends*. However, it should be noted that the Roald Dahl and Dylan Thomas centenary events were some years in the planning.

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