

## **Emyr Humphreys Centenary Symposium**

**Saturday, 13th April 2019**  
**Swansea University**

In April, 2019, Emyr Humphreys will celebrate his hundredth birthday. He is the pre-eminent novelist of anglophone Wales, a major cultural figure who has operated on several different fronts, and a principled ethical activist. He has enjoyed a career that began when he was talent-spotted and mentored by Graham Greene, continued during the fifties through a creative friendship with Saunders Lewis and pioneering radio and television productions featuring the young Richard Burton, Peter O'Toole and Sian Phillips, diversified further from the early eighties onwards with his seminal contributions of plays and documentaries for the new Welsh-language channel S4C, and culminated with his remarkable late achievements in poetry and in fiction. His has therefore been a unique achievement, one without parallel in the long history of Welsh culture.

CREW (the Centre for Research into the English Literature and Language of Wales), with AWWE (the Association for Welsh Writing in English), is hosting a one-day symposium and evening lecture to assess and celebrate the literary and cultural legacy of Humphreys. A programme will follow in January. For more information contact Kirsti Bohata: [k.bohata@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:k.bohata@swansea.ac.uk)

## **Symposiwm Canmlwyddiant Emyr Humphreys**

**Dydd Sadwrn, 13 Ebrill 2019**  
**Prifysgol Abertawe**

Yn Ebrill, 2019, bydd Emyr Humphreys yn dathlu ei ben blwydd yn gant. Ef, yn ddi-os, yw nofelydd pwysicaf y Gymru Saesneg. Ond ar ben hynny, fe fu'n un o arweinyddion deallusol a diwylliannol mwyaf dylanwadol yr ugeinfed ganrif. Cysegrodd ei ddoniau amryddawn i wasanaethu Cymru, ac ni fu'n brin o weithredu'n heriol yn ôl yr angen. Graham Greene oedd y cyntaf i ddarganfod ei ddoniau, ac yna yn y pum-degau fe ddaeth yn ffrind mynwesol i Saunders Lewis, a chyd-weithiodd yn agos ym myd radio a theledu gyda sêr ifainc megis Richard Burton, Peter O'Toole a Siân Phillips. Yn sgil sefydlu S4C yn yr wyth-degau, daeth cyfle i'w ran i gyfrannu dramâu a rhaglenni dogfen i'r sianel newydd. Ac yna, ac yntau bellach yn prysur heneiddio, fe gyhoeddodd ychwaneg o nofelau, o gerddi ac o gasgliadau o storïau byrion hynod gyfoethog. Wele, felly, yrfa gwbl unigryw, gyrfa na welwyd ei chyffelyb yn holl hanes diwylliannol Cymru.

Mae CREW (Y Ganolfan Ymchwil i Lên ac Iaith Saesneg Cymru), gyda AWWE (Cymdeithas Llên Saesneg Cymru), yn trefnu cynhadledd undydd, ynghyd â darlith gyda'r nos, i ddathlu bywyd a gwaith Emyr Humphreys. Ceir manylion y gynhadledd ym Mis Ionawr. Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch Kirsti Bohata: [k.bohata@abertawe.ac.uk](mailto:k.bohata@abertawe.ac.uk)