
 **ISWNE Conference Cardiff 2026**

International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors

 *Cardiff, Wales*

 **July 15–19, 2026**

Pre-Conference Event: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 — Pre-Conference Event: Visit to Caerphilly

Location: Departing from Conference Hotel

Theme: Welsh History & Community Journalism

Time	Activity
7:30–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast – Conference Hotel
9:20 a.m.	Depart for Cardiff Rail Station
9:45 a.m.	Train departs for Caerphilly
10:00 a.m.	Arrive Caerphilly Rail Station
10:30 a.m.	Welcome to Caerphilly – <i>Richard Gurner</i>
11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	Caerphilly events including Castle Visit
12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.	Conference Check-In – Conference Hotel
5:00 p.m.	Return to Cardiff
7:00 p.m.	Dinner – Conference Hotel

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 — Opening Day

Time	Activity
8:30–11:30 a.m.	ISWNE Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Opens
12:00 noon	Lunch – Conference Hotel

Time	Activity
2:00 p.m.	Conference Opening: Welcome & Housekeeping – <i>Ian Murray, Emma Meese, and ISWNE President</i>
2:30 p.m.	Opening Keynote Address
3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Coffee/Tea
4:00 p.m.	Conference Session – Panel Discussion (After Google- exploring life after the tech giants remove support).
5:00 p.m.	End of Day
7:00 p.m.	Dinner – Conference Hotel
Evening	Freetime / Networking Hospitality Suite Open (Venue TBC)

Thursday, July 16, 2026 — Cardiff in Focus

Time	Activity
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome – <i>Ian Murray / Emma Meese</i>
9:15 a.m.	Session 1 Panel: Subject TBC.
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.	Session 2 Panel AI: How to make it work for you.
12:30 p.m.	Lunch – Conference Hotel
2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Schedule in Cardiff Visits to <i>BBC Wales, Cardiff Castle and Historic City Centre.</i>
Free Time	Explore Cardiff
7:00 p.m.	Dinner – <i>Conference Hotel</i>
Evening	Hospitality Suite (Venue TBC)

Friday, July 17, 2026 — Cardiff Bay Experience

Time	Activity
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome – <i>Ian Murray / Emma Meese</i>
9:15 a.m.	Session 1 Panel- TBC
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.	Session 2 Panel: Government Funding – Essential Support of In League with the Devil?
12:30 p.m.	Lunch – Conference Hotel. ISWNE/ICNN Networking event.
2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Schedule: Cardiff Bay Water taxi to Bay, Welsh Senedd Government Building tour, explore Cardiff Bay waterfront.
Free Time	Return by train to hotel
7:00 p.m.	Evening at leisure – <i>Dinner on your own at hotel or Cardiff Bay.</i>
Evening	Hospitality Suite (Venue TBC)

Saturday, July 18, 2026 — ISWNE Annual Day

Time	Activity
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon	Editorial Critiques
1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00–2:30 p.m.	ISWNE AGM – Member discussion on board and future direction
2:30–3:00 p.m.	Greenslade Bursary Presentation
3:00–4:30 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion: Hot Issues in Local Journalism on Both Sides of the Pond.
Afternoon	Free Time in Cardiff

Time	Activity
7:00 p.m.	Gala Dinner – <i>Conference Hotel.</i>
Evening	Hospitality Suite (Venue TBC)

Sunday, July 19, 2026 — Conference Closing

Time	Activity
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Conference Closing Session
10:00 a.m.	Departures
