

Regular conference goers will have noticed that although we have a packed agenda of conference sessions and visits around the city, we have not organised any “official” evening entertainment offerings. Usually, the ISWNE conference offers the opportunity to visit the theatre or other attractions. To be honest, attempting to organise group bookings proved difficult, however I thought I would list some options here where, if you are interested, you can make contact online and book tickets should you wish.

* Those who arrive on the Monday - July 13 - there is to be a stunning performance of Ballet and Opera in the historic Cadeirlan Llandaf Cathedral. More information is available at serenynosoperaballet.my.canva.site. The cathedral, set in an historic part of the city region, is a short taxi ride away from the hotel.

* The Wales Millennium Centre - a huge entertainment complex at Cardiff Bay - is staging a West End production of Annie. There is availability for all of the nights of the conference when I checked today. Bear in mind, we will be at Cardiff Bay on the afternoon of Friday July 17 visiting the Welsh Senedd and exploring the area. The Wales Millennium Centre is just a short walk from the waterfront. More details: www.wmc.org.uk/en/whats-on/2026/annie

* The Sherman Theatre in the city centre is the stage for a thought-provoking play Amnesia. Full details are available here www.shermantheatre.co.uk/event/amnesia/

* For those seeking a spooky end to the evening on Friday there are places left on the Cardiff Walking Ghost tour - either 7pm or 9pm. www.getyourguide.com/en-gb/cardiff-l449/cardiff-ghost-walk-with-paranormal-investigation

* For those rockers among you, Richard Ashcrof is in concert at Cardiff Castle on the evening of Thursday, July 16 The castle is a 30 minute walk from the hotel. Tickets aren't cheap but seem to be still available. www.cardiffcastle.com/events/richard-ashcroft

* The Affinity Female Voice Choir are at the Dora Stoutzker Hall at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in the city centre on Tuesday, July 14 www.rwcmd.ac.uk/events/affinity-female-voice-choir-pure-imagination

* Cardiff Queer Comedy is hosting a night at The Queer Emporium at the Royale Arcade on Thursday July 16 starting at 8.30pm - more details queeremporium.co.uk/products/cardiff-queer-comedy-with-jessica-fostekew

* More laughs at The Glee Club at Cardiff Bay (reminder we are there Friday afternoon/early evening) where there is a regular laugh-a-thon on Friday July 17. More details www.glee.co.uk/cardiff/

These are a few ideas. Of course there is plenty to do in the city - bars, clubs, exhibitions - and we'll do our best to provide more information when you arrive so you are well armed to get out there and enjoy the city - or you can just stay in the wonderful bar at the hotel which will be our official Hospitality Suite.