

# 1911 WEEK

## CELEBRATING LLANELLI'S WORKERS FIGHT FOR FAIR WAGES

*In 1911 a National Railway Strike was called as railway workers suffered from starvation wages, many working over 70 hours a week and unable to feed their families.*

*The UK Government mobilised 57,000 troops to keep the railways open.*

*Only in Llanelli were the trains stopped by many towns people joining the pickets in support of their impoverished neighbours. Threats, bayonet charges and the reading of the Riot Act did not stop the protests. The army then fired into the crowds watching the tracks from the back gardens of High Street, killing 2 men and injuring others.*

*Rather than running away the crowds rushed at the troops, who were forced to hide in the station buildings. The strike was settled that day.*



## Events:

### POEMS & PINTS

Free Event, all welcome

**Wednesday August 15th**

**Carwyn James' Pub** (formerly Old Station Inn)  
**Station Road, Llanelli 7:00pm**

### HISTORY FORUM

Sponsored by Llanelli Rural Council -learn more about the history of 1911

**Thursday August 16th**

**Council Chamber, Vauxhall, Llanelli.**  
**5:00pm**



Presentations on the history and why we should remember it. Free Entry. Civic Reception afterwards with snacks and drinks.

### 1911 MARCH SATURDAY 18th AUGUST

A walk through history from the station where the trains were stopped, to the street where the men were killed and into the town centre.

Gather at 1:30pm at station for 2:00pm start. Stopping at No 6 High Street where the shooting took place. Town centre arrival around 2:30pm.