



As the new General Manager of Tredegar House I look forward to meeting you over the forthcoming months as I get to you know you and your committee. I am intrigued by the stories and people who have touched Tredegar over its long history and would like to hear from you as I know many of you have a long standing attachment with Tredegar House. I have been asked to tell you a little about myself, I could write a book but will try and keep it relatively short.

Career wise I have worked extensively in the museum and heritage sector in both the U.K. and New Zealand, specialising in capital redevelopment projects, interpretation and visitor experience. I have my mother to thank for introducing me to historic houses, gardens and museums and my first paid job was actually with the National Trust at Shugborough Hall in Staffordshire. With three other colleagues I undertook an extensive landscape survey of this extraordinary, early neoclassical garden while developing a passion for trees and gardens which remains with me to this day.

I embarked on my museum career as a curator at the Science Museum in London, and then moved to the West Country to develop three new museums in Wiltshire, Bath and Somerset. After a further spell in London as Director of the Garden History Society and a number of consultancies, I ventured overseas to New Zealand to lead the national Coalmining Museum project.

Having moved around New Zealand my husband Johnny and I ended up in Dunedin, the 'Edinburgh of the South', famous for being the last port of call for Antarctic explorers. Here I directed the £19m redevelopment of Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, a five year project which was awarded Museum of the Year for its innovation and relevance, something I am especially proud of.

Moving back to the north of New Zealand - by which time my cat was particularly confused, I landed the job of Director of the National Maritime Museum, in charge of a fleet of working vessels and was often seen aboard one of my fleet sailing out into the sunset!

After 14 years on the other side of the world, it was time to return home for family reasons and I am thrilled to be the new General Manager of Tredegar House. I am very excited by the endless possibilities Tredegar has to offer, in particular ensuring that we achieve something special, challenging, innovative and meaningful to those that love the place. I look forward to working with you in achieving this goal and only hope I can also find a little time to pursue my other passions which are textiles, travel and playing competitive table tennis.