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Dear Heledd,

Thank you for your written question (WQ92370) tabled on 27/3/2024, regarding the Welsh Government's work to promote public awareness of the history of the Welsh volunteers during the Spanish Civil War. I apologise for the delayed response to the question asked.

It is very important we preserve and tell the stories of the c.200 volunteers from Wales who travelled to Spain to fight fascism during the Spanish Civil War.

Many of our cultural institutions hold collections and exhibitions related to International Brigade Volunteers. The National Library of Wales and Amgueddfa Cymru, along with local museums and archive services such as Swansea University Richard Burton Archives, South Wales Miners Library, Rhondda Heritage Park Museum, North East Wales Archives, Cynon Valley Museum, Glamorgan Archives and Anglesey Archives all hold collections relevant to the volunteers.

Last year, with Welsh Government Transformation Capital Grant funding, the Rhondda Heritage Park Museum created a digital exhibition space, which includes a 'Radical Rhondda' section, featuring the story of the International Brigade Volunteers. People's Collection Wales, funded by Welsh Government, makes items from several organisations relating to the International Brigade Volunteers accessible on its website. Amgueddfa

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Cymru has also digitised the items associated with the Spanish Civil War which are available on its Collections Online website.

Local museums and archives who wish to undertake activities to mark the 90th anniversary of the start of the Spanish Civil War in 2026 could be eligible for Welsh Government small grants funding, which is administered by the Federation of Museums and Art Galleries of Wales or Archives and Records Council Wales.

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