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From Coal Capital To Modern Capital

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Cardiff Today

- Capital City for Wales
- Driver of the Welsh economy
- City-region population of 1.4 million
- A diverse cultural heritage

Over 100 different nationalities have lived in Cardiff for over 100 years





Cardiff Today

- Top 5 UK shopping destination
- Top 10 UK conference destination
- 12 million visitors last year
- Top 10 UK university (RAE)
- 60,000 students







Roman Cardiff

- Romans invaded Wales in 55AD and built a fort in Cardiff
- In the mid 3rd Century the fort was rebuilt to defend against Irish raiders
- In the 4th Century roman civilisation declined and by the end of the 4th Century the fort was abandoned







Norman Cardiff

- Town of Cardiff was founded when the Normans conquered Glamorgan
- Robert FitzHamon built a wooden castle inside the Roman fort
- Castle rebuilt in the early12th Century
- Cardiff had a population of 1500 –
 2000 in the Middle Ages





Early 1800s

World's first industrialised region

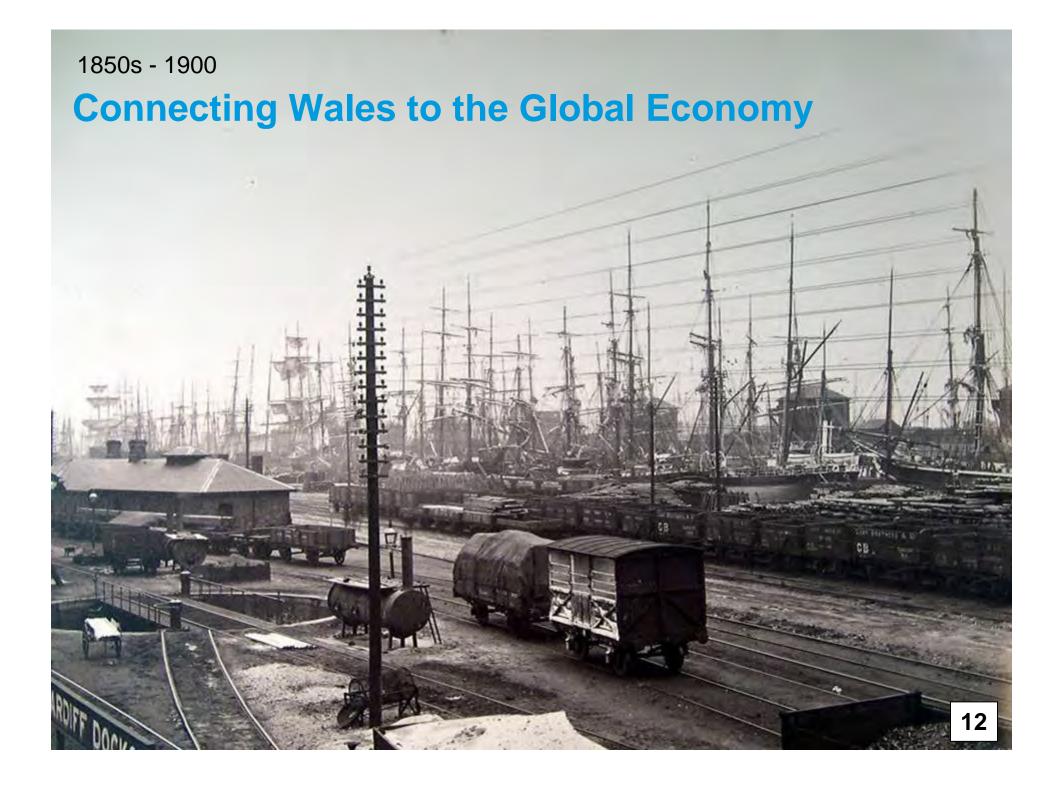




Industrial Revolution

- Iron and coal found in South Wales valleys
- 1794 Glamorganshire canal built
- 1796 docks built in Cardiff
- 1800 Trevithick first steam train between Merthyr and Cardiff
- 1839 Taff Vale Railway







Victorian Cardiff

- World's largest exporter of coal
- Cardiff Coal Exchange set the world price for coal
- First £1million cheque
- 10 million tons of coal exported per annum at Cardiff's peak



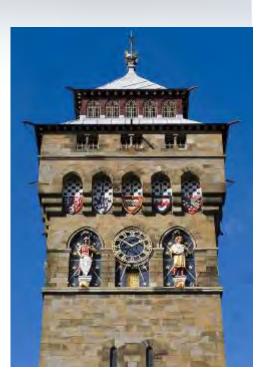


Early 1900s Global Centre of Commerce World's first £1m cheque



Victorian Castle

- Castle redeveloped by Marquis of Bute as a stately home
- Interior designs by Burgess
- Creation of a civic centre



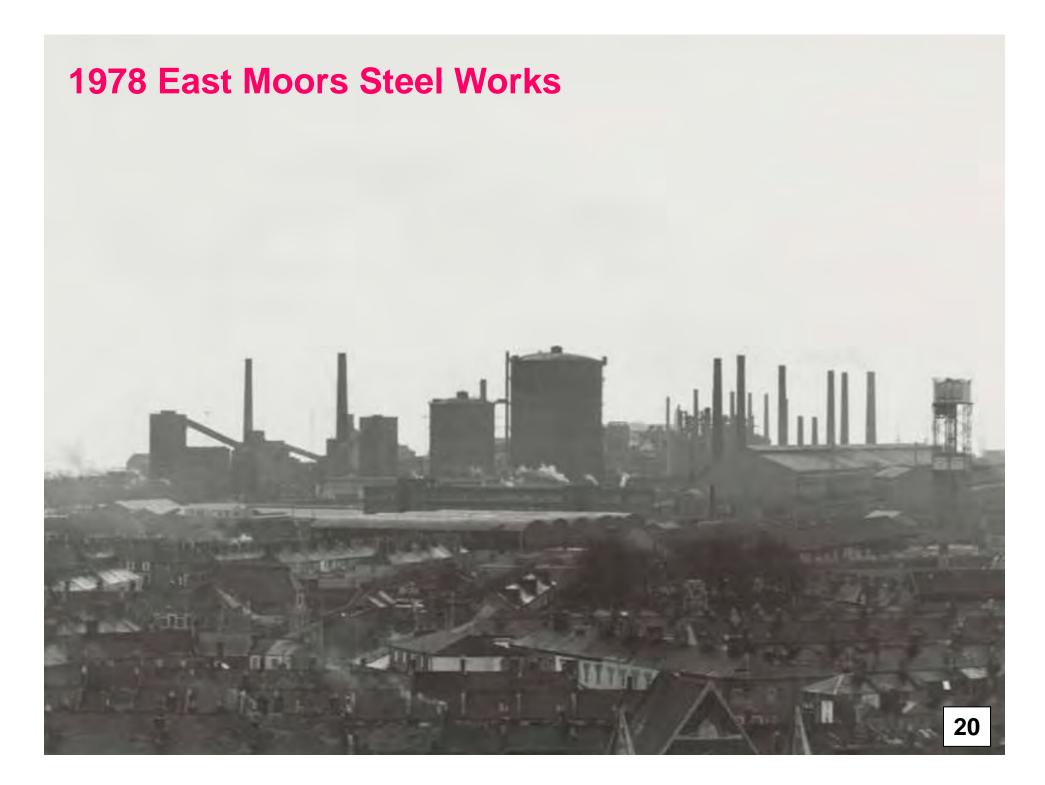






Early 20th Century Heavy Industry

1945 – Most productive British steelworks 450,000 ingots per annum





Late 1970s Economic Decline & Dockland Dereliction



Re-invention: Cardiff Bay A vision of how things could be different

1987

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International Event Capital

Rugby World Cup; FA Cup; 6 Nations Rugby; Heineken Cup Finals; Ashes 1st Test 1999





Capital City for Wales

- 1905: City Status
- **1955: Capital City Status**
- 2005: Opening of Senedd in Cardiff Bay



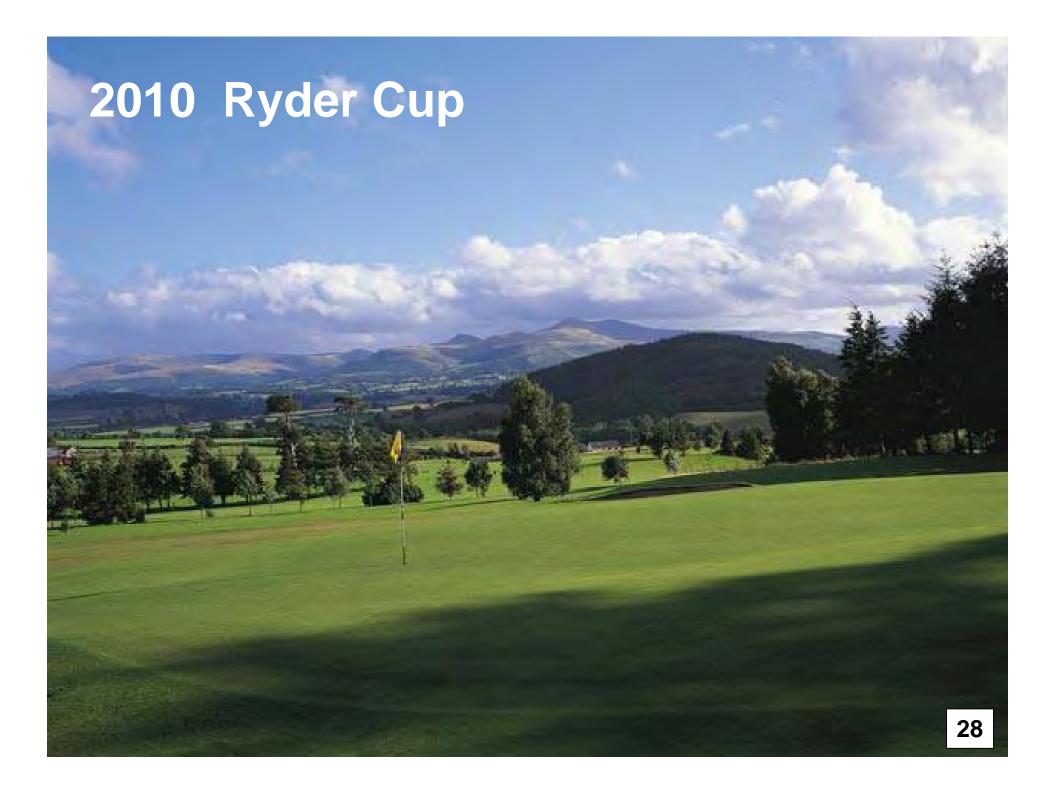
A New Parliament for Wales

- 1999 Welsh Parliament established
- First since 1540s
- Powers over health, education, economic development, transport, culture



No tax raising powers





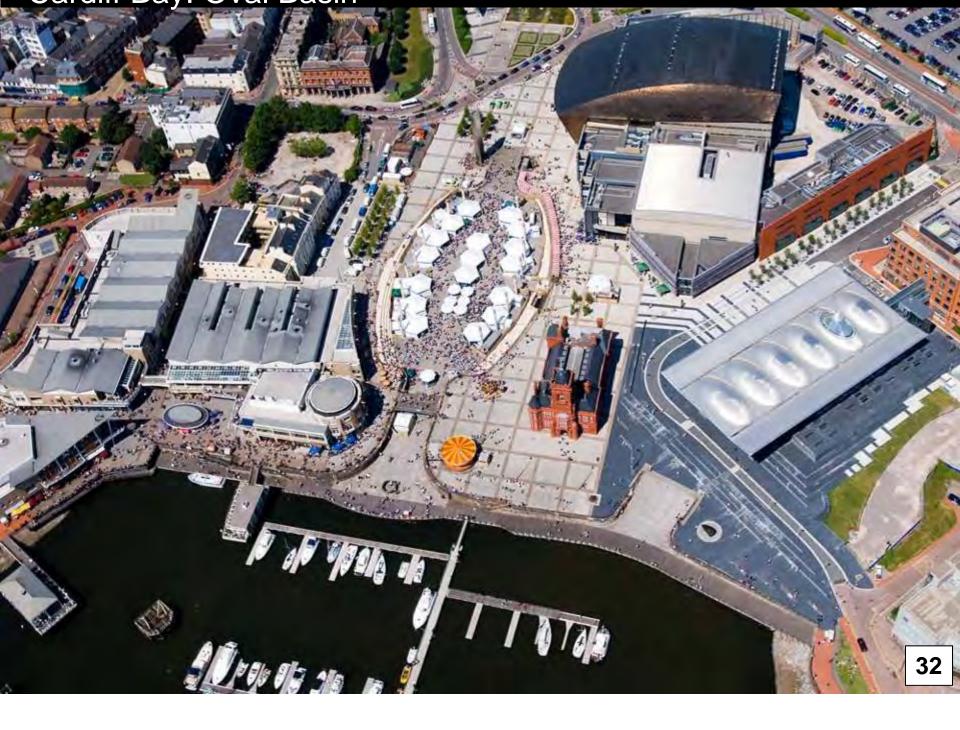




Cardiff Bay at night



Cardiff Bay: Oval Basin











Cardiff: A Capital Opportunity

Key Priorities

- Business Culture
- Connectivity
- Quality Capital



Key Projects

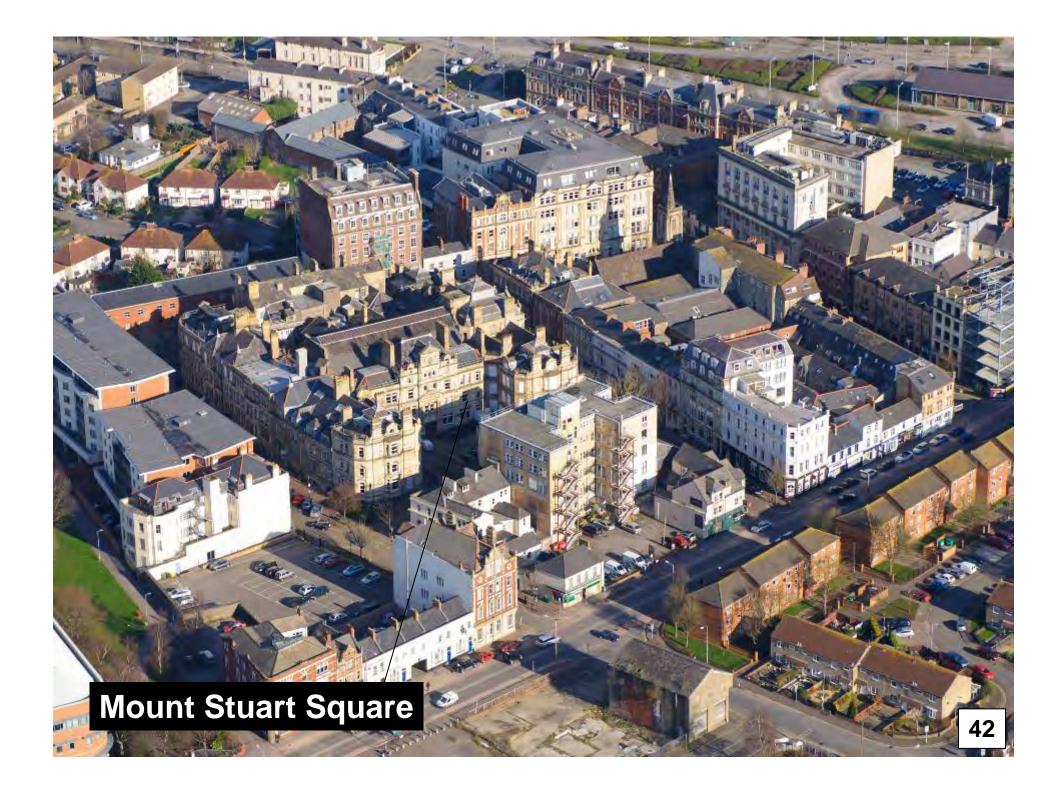
- Cardiff Enterprise Zone
- Porth Teigr Media Capital
- International Sports Village
- Mount Stuart Square
- Maindy Park
- Completion of Cardiff Waterside (Cardiff Bay)

















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