



News Update

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Plaque Sales

To date sales have been very steady and really indicate just how important that this memorial is to people. The equivalent of 380 single plaques have been purchased so far. Our target for the first stage is 500, so anyone considering a plaque should move as soon as possible.

Construction

At this stage, the sculptured trunk section and the 29 horizontal stainless steel leaves have been completed and are now in safe storage until final assembly. The detailed drawings of the copper branches are complete and have been passed on to the prison who have commenced fabrication. This partnership with the prison gives the inmates a way to be part of this project while also assisting us in containing the overall cost making the project viable without relying on external funding from Government bodies or sponsorships.

Opening Day

There was an optimistic discussion to have the monument completed and open to the public by May, however it is more likely that the committee will aim for an October or November completion. There are still new plaque orders coming in and we don't want people to miss out. Also, the time is needed to complete all the fabrication of the various pieces, prepare the onsite foundations and assemble the sculpture. Once in place, there are then landscaping details that need to be completed by council to bring the project to fruition. Over the next few months, the committee will determine the best date for the official opening and will let everyone know in plenty of time, so people can make their arrangements to attend.

As part of the official opening, we are putting together a booklet to mark the occasion. This record will touch on the story surrounding the planning and construction



process as well as to commemorate some of the achievements and contributions of migrants in the South West.

Migrant Stories

If you have any interesting photographs or stories that you think would be of interest, please send them in so they can be included on our website and Facebook page as part of a wider record of migrants and their influence in the South West. Email to penelope.martella@gmail.com

We thank everyone for their involvement and interest in this great project. It has been a long time in the planning and it is very exciting that it is now coming together in reality.