

Genetic testing to map Welsh ancestry to 9,000BC

It's a question as old as the mountains and valleys of our nation – who are the Welsh?

And the launch of a ground-breaking new project in Cardiff looks set to finally solve that riddle.

CymruDNAWales will carry out an unprecedented mass survey of Wales's ancestry to trace the origins of its people – back beyond written records to the end of the last ice age around 9,000 BC when colossal glacial shifts gouged out our landscape and allowed the first immigrants to settle here.

By using some of the most advanced genetic testing to date, scientists are able to track the roots of those people who would come to be known as Welsh, revealing a hidden history of Wales.

In an exclusive new partnership, the [Daily Post](#), along with Media Wales, S4C, CymruDNAWales and production company Greenbay Media, will collaborate to create the first “genetic map” of the entire country.

When the same programme was carried out in Scotland in 2012 there were some surprising results, like the revelation that more than 1 percent of all inhabitants there were directly descended from Saharan tribesmen.

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