

MORGAN, IWAN JAMES (1904 - 1966), extra-mural tutor and politician

Name: Iwan James Morgan
Date of birth: 1904
Date of death: 1966
Spouse: Esme Morgan (née Lewis)
Parent: John James Morgan
Gender: Male
Occupation: extra-mural tutor and politician
Area of activity: Education; Politics, Government and Political Movements
Author: John Graham Jones

Born 1904 at Tondy, Glamorganshire, the son of John James Morgan (1870 - 1954), the head teacher of Garw secondary school, 1909-35. He was educated at Bridgend County School and the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where he graduated with honours in economics in 1926. He was awarded the degree of M.A. in 1929 for a thesis on the 'Origins and Development of the University Movement in Wales in the Nineteenth Century'. Morgan lectured in night classes and extra-mural courses in several places in Wales, including Coleg Harlech, until his appointment in 1935 as tutor-in-charge of the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University College, Cardiff. He remained in this position until his death. He became a popular lecturer and broadcaster on historical, international, economic and social subjects. He was a member of Plaid Cymru in the 1930s, but a disagreement with **Saunders Lewis** over his attitude towards Socialism led him to join the Labour Party. He was chosen as the Labour prospective parliamentary candidate for Cardiganshire in 1940, and stood against **Roderick Bowen** in 1945 and 1950. Morgan published in 1943 the pamphlets in *Attlee's Reply* following the response of the Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee to the demand for a Secretary of State for Wales. Throughout his life he was vehemently opposed to Communism. He edited the volume *The college by the sea* (1928), a collection of reminiscences of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He also published a large number of articles in journals and newspapers on matters of national interest. In 1944 he was elected a member of the court of governors and council of the National Library of Wales.

He married Esme Lewis, Caerau, Maesteg. He died 1 April. 1966 at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

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