

Rydym yn adnabod stadia modern yn syth fel lleoliad pwrrpasol gweithgareddau chwaraeon o'r radd flaenaf yn yr ugeinfed ganrif ar hugain. Nid oedd yr un stadiwm yn bodoli hyd chwarter olaf y bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg pan ddechreuodd clybiau adeiladu standiau er mwyn denu noddwyr a oedd yn barod i dalu mwy. Câi'r rhain eu codi ar hyd y llinell ystlys fwyaf agored, gan atal pobl nad oedd am dalu rhag gweld y gêm. Erbyn dechrau'r ugeinfed ganrif, roedd penseiri fel Archibald Leitch wedi dechrau cynllunio stadia go iawn a oedd yn canolbwytio ar brofiad y gwyliwr.

Modern stadiums are instantly recognisable as the quintessential venue of twenty-first-century top-flight sporting activity. Stadiums were unknown until the last quarter of the nineteenth century when clubs began to construct grandstands in order to attract higher-paying patrons. These usually appeared along the most exposed touchline thereby blocking the view of those who wanted to watch the match for free. By the early twentieth century, architects such as Archibald Leitch began to dedicate themselves to designing genuine stadiums with a focus on the spectator experience.

De: Y stadiwm pêl-droed rhwngwadol hynaf yn y byd. Mae Cae Ras Wrecsam wedi bod yn lleoliad chwaraeon pwysig ers y 1870au.

Right: The world's oldest international soccer stadium, Wrexham's Racecourse ground has been a major sporting venue since the 1870s.

Isod: Bellach yn stad o dai, daeth Parc Somerton yng Nghasnewydd yn gartref i glwb pêl-droed Newport County ym 1912. Câi ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer rasio milgwn a rasio beiciau modur hefyd.

Below: Now a housing estate, Newport's Somerton Park became Newport County FC's home ground in 1912. It was used for greyhound racing and speedway.



Uchod: Mae Parc Penydarren ym Merthyr Tudful yn edrych dros y dref ac ers canol y bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg mae wedi cael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer chwaraeon megis pêl-droed, beicio a rasio milgwn.

Above: Penydarren Park in Merthyr Tydfil sits overlooking the town and since the mid-nineteenth century has been used for sport including soccer, cycling and greyhound racing.



Stadiwm y Mileniwm, a agorwyd ar gyfer Cwpan Rygbi'r Byd ym 1999, yw lleoliad chwaraeon mwyaf eiconig a phwysig Cymru.

Opened for the 1999 Rugby World Cup, the Millennium Stadium is Wales's most iconic and most important sporting venue.