

**Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Tackling poverty in Wales:  
policy reform, implementation and creating routes out of poverty**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017*

*Venue: Central Cardiff*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**John Griffiths AM**, Chair, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
- 9.10 - 9.20 **Assessing the current state of poverty in Wales**  
**Professor David Gordon**, Professor of Social Justice and Director, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, University of Bristol
- 9.20 - 9.50 **The new direction for policy on poverty**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.30 **Priorities and challenges for policy implementation: early intervention, housing and education**  
**Sarah Crawley**, Director, Barnardo's Cymru  
**Beverley Phillips**, Headteacher, Blaenymaes Primary School  
Senior representative, housing  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor David Gordon**, Professor of Social Justice and Director, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, University of Bristol
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**John Griffiths AM**, Chair, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
- 10.35 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Siân Gwenllïan AM**, Member, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
- 11.05 - 11.15 **'Prosperity without Poverty': strategies and opportunities for poverty reduction**  
**Dr Victoria Winckler**, Director, Bevan Foundation
- 11.15 - 11.35 **Lansbury Park: Local and national lessons from Wales' most deprived community**  
**Dr Mark Lang**, Consultant Social Economist and Honorary University Associate, Cardiff University  
**Christina Harrhy**, Corporate Director, Communities, Caerphilly County Borough Council
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Providing routes out of poverty: skills, addressing low pay and community engagement**  
**Jeff Greenidge**, Chair, Strategy Group Wales, Learning and Work Institute  
**Dr Sarah Lloyd-Jones**, Director, People and Work Unit  
**San Leonard**, Chief Executive, Social Firms Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Victoria Winckler**, Director, Bevan Foundation; **Dr Mark Lang**, Consultant Social Economist and Honorary University Associate, Cardiff University and **Christina Harrhy**, Corporate Director, Communities, Caerphilly County Borough Council
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for tackling poverty: economic growth, Brexit and welfare reform**  
Senior representative from the **Office of the Secretary of State for Wales**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Siân Gwenllïan AM**, Member, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales