

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Tackling poverty in Wales: policy reform post-Communities First, implementation and best practice

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12th 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 - 9.45 **Opportunities and implications of the new socio-economic duty for Wales**
Ruth Coombs, Head, Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 10.30 **Priorities and challenges for policy implementation: early intervention, fuel poverty and education**
Sarah Crawley, Director, Barnardo's Cymru
Beverley Phillips, Headteacher, Blaenymaes Primary School
Carole Morgan-Jones, Director, NEA Cymru
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
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- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Siân Gwenllian AM, Member, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
- 11.05 - 11.20 **'Prosperity without Poverty': strategies and opportunities for poverty reduction**
Dr Victoria Winckler, Director, Bevan Foundation
- 11.20 - 11.40 **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
- 11.40 - 12.25 **Providing routes out of poverty: developing skills, addressing low pay and engaging communities**
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 Gwenllian AM, Member, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales