

Policy Forum for Wales policy conference

Next steps for R&D in Wales - funding, developing collaboration between Welsh HEIs, raising the international profile, and contributing to economic recovery

Timing: Morning, Friday, 14th May 2021

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Randerson, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson, Transport, and former Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Wales Office
- 9.05 **The R&D landscape in Wales in the wake of the pandemic**
Helen Cross, Head of Strategy Co-ordination, UKRI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Driving research and innovation, and improving collaboration between Welsh universities**
Professor Graeme Reid, Chair, Science and Research Policy, University College London and Author, Review of Government Funded Research and Innovation in Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Developing a collaborative culture amongst Welsh HEIs - joining up pools of research expertise, streamlining communications, sharing resources and managing intellectual property, and lessons learned during COVID-19**
Olivia Harrison, Head of Research, Innovation and Engagement, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Professor Rick Delbridge, Professor of Organizational Analysis, Cardiff Business School and Co-convenor, Centre for Innovation Policy, Cardiff University
Professor Martina Feilzer, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Business, Bangor University and Co-Director, WISERD
Professor Helen Griffiths, Pro Vice Chancellor, Research & Innovation, Swansea University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Randerson, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson, Transport and former Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Wales Office
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Virginia Crosbie MP, Co-Chair, Nuclear Development Group, Member, Welsh Affairs Select Committee and Member of the All Party Parliamentary Groups for Marine Energy and Nuclear Energy
- 11.05 **Harnessing Welsh research in the post-pandemic economic recovery**
Priorities for unlocking the full potential of the Welsh R&D system
Professor Dylan Jones-Evans, Assistant Pro-Vice Chancellor (Enterprise), University of South Wales
Next steps for collaboration between industry and research
Paul Byard, Managing Director, FSG
Levelling up and spreading the benefits of Welsh R&D locally
Kellie Beirne, Director, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal
The role of business-led innovation in boosting Welsh research
Matt Wordley, Chief Executive Officer, Rescape Innovation
'The central role of R&D in delivering a green recovery'
Professor Julia P G Jones, Professor of Conservation Science, Bangor University and Director, Low Carbon Energy and Environment Research Network Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 Break
- 12.00 **Improving the visibility of Welsh research in the international research landscape, fostering international partnerships, and harnessing the potential of international student mobility**
Professor Christian Kaunert, Director, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence and International Centre for Policing and Security (ICPS), University of South Wales
David Anderson, Director General, National Museum of Wales
Professor Serena Margadonna, Executive Director, Centre of Excellence, Circular Applications to Utilise and Retain Energy; and Chair, Engineering, Swansea University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The role of Welsh universities in supporting Wales' future**
Professor Julie Lydon, Vice-Chancellor, University of South Wales and Chair, Universities Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Virginia Crosbie MP, Co-Chair, Nuclear Development Group, Member, Welsh Affairs Select Committee and Member of the All Party Parliamentary Groups for Marine Energy and Nuclear Energy
Helen Crocker, Forum Lead, Policy Forum for Wales

