

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar

The future of energy policy in Wales - renewables, cross-sector partnerships, regional approaches, and a low carbon economic recovery from COVID-19

Timing: Morning, Friday, 22nd January 2021

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Hain, former Secretary of State for Wales and former Minister of State (Energy and Competitiveness in Europe)
- 9.05 **Energy policy in Wales and priorities moving forward**
Ron Loveland, Energy Adviser, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **A low carbon recovery from COVID-19 - linking economic growth with green jobs and infrastructure development**
Mika Minio-Paluello, Energy Economist, Transition Economics
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Developing renewable energy projects in Wales**
Renewables in Wales - the current state of play
Rhys Jones, Director, RenewableUK Cymru
Next steps for hydrogen energy in Wales
Guto Owen, Director, Ynni Glân and Co-ordinator, HyCymru
Tapping into the potential for Welsh marine energy
Jess Hooper, Programme Manager, Marine Energy Wales
Securing the conservation of natural habitats whilst increasing the use of renewable energy
Claire Stephenson, Senior Conservation Planner, RSPB Cymru
Legal issues for the implementation of renewable energy in Wales
Elizabeth Dunn, Partner, Burges Salmon
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Hain, former Secretary of State for Wales and former Minister of State (Energy and Competitiveness in Europe)
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ruth Jones MP, Shadow Minister, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Member, Welsh Affairs Committee
- 11.20 **Implementing a flexible grid network and supporting the decarbonisation of transport**
Hëdd Roberts, Head of Customer Solutions, Electricity Transmission, National Grid
- 11.30 **Cross-sector partnerships and collaboration in fostering green choices and smart energy consumption - the role of businesses, local authorities and individuals**
Dr Matthew Lipson, Head of Consumer Insight, Energy Systems Catapult
Peter Allan, Managing Director, Surple Energy
Professor Chris Tweed, Head of School, Welsh School of Architecture, and Chair in Sustainable Design, Cardiff University
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Next steps for developing regional approaches to reaching Net Zero targets**
Councillor Andrea Lewis, Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member, Homes, Energy & Service Transformation, Swansea Council and Spokesperson, Housing, Welsh Local Government Association
Steve Keating, Lead, Milford Haven: Energy Kingdom and Sustainable Development and Energy Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council
Steve Jermy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, WaveHub
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Ruth Jones MP, Shadow Minister, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Member, Welsh Affairs Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales