

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Reducing poverty in Wales - welfare reform, local approaches and long-term strategies

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th March 2019

Venue: Central Cardiff



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Isherwood AM, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Themes and priorities from the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's inquiries**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.45 **Assessing the scale and nature of poverty in Wales**
Dr Victoria Winckler, Wales Adviser, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 9.45 - 10.30 **The impact of welfare reform and housing policy on poverty in Wales**
Gareth Morgan, Chair, Welfare Rights Advisers Cymru
Councillor Mary Sherwood, Cabinet Member, Better Communities, Swansea Council and Joint Spokesperson for Equalities, Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty, WLGA
Simon Green, Chairperson, Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People and Elected Director, Disability Wales
Lisa Charles, Interim Head, Inclusion and Support, Bron Afon Community Housing
Academic
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Victoria Winckler**, Wales Adviser, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Isherwood AM, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government
- 10.35 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Leanne Wood AM, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Social Justice
- 11.05 - 11.15 **Policy priorities for tackling poverty and welfare reform**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 11.15 - 12.00 **Tackling the root causes of poverty and building a long-term strategy - the role of non-traditional work arrangements, early intervention post-Communities First and supporting women and families**
Dr Martin Elliott, ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Children's Social Care Research and Development Centre, Cardiff University
Sarah Mutch, Early Years Manager, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Eleri Butler, Chief Executive, Welsh Women's Aid
Senior representative, public service board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.45 **Local approaches to reducing poverty - developing skills and creating 'good quality local jobs'**
Councillor Matthew Brown, Leader, Preston City Council
Senior speaker confirmed from **Cardiff Capital Region Regional Skills Partnership**
Senior representative, welfare to work provider
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Concluding remarks**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Leanne Wood AM, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Social Justice
James Hart, Researcher, Policy Forum for Wales