

**Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar:
Addressing inequalities in Wales - realities, options and challenges for delivery**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th July 2016

Venue: Park Inn Hotel, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2JH



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Gale of Blaenrhondda, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Parkinson's and President, National Association of Old Age Pensioners of Wales
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Is Wales Fairer? The current state of equalities and human rights in Wales**
Kate Bennett, National Director for Wales, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **The realities of inequalities in Wales: community viewpoints**
- Problems facing children and young people*
Margaret Jervis, Operational Director, Valleys Kids
- Housing inequalities in Wales*
Will Atkinson, Policy and Research Officer, The Wallich
- Mental health and inequality*
Sara Moseley, Director, Mind Cymru
- Access to justice and the impact of restrictions on legal aid*
HHJ Seys Llewellyn QC, Chair, Reaching Justice Wales and Designated Civil Judge for Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Gale of Blaenrhondda, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Parkinson's and President, National Association of Old Age Pensioners of Wales
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dusty Kennedy, Director, Youth Justice Board Cymru
- 11.15 - 12.10 **Finding solutions: leading by example in Wales**
- Supporting women in the workplace and tackling the gender pay gap*
Mair Rigby, Co-Director, WEN Wales
- Experiences from BME diversity projects in Wales*
Martyn Jones, Chief Executive, Diverse Cymru
- Raising pupil attainment - best practice in improving life chances*
Professor David Egan, Professor of Welsh Education Policy and Director, Wales Centre for Equity in Education, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Meeting the challenges of delivery**
- Local authorities and inequality on the frontline*
Councillor Hailey Townsend, Chair, Cabinet Committee Equalities and Member, Children's Social Services & Equalities, Bridgend County Borough Council
- The role of education in equalising opportunities*
Huw Duggan, Strategic Adviser - Closing the Gap, Central South Consortium Joint Education Service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Dusty Kennedy, Director, Youth Justice Board Cymru
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor, Policy Forum for Wales