

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar

Tackling poverty in Wales - early intervention, welfare reform and routes out of poverty

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 15th September 2015

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



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Isherwood AM, Member, Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee, National Assembly for Wales
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Poverty in Wales - key findings**
An overview of the Welsh Assembly Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's four strands of inquiry - 'Poverty and inequality', 'Impact of welfare reform', 'In-work poverty' and 'Community-based approaches to tackling poverty'
Christine Chapman AM, Chair, Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee, National Assembly for Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **Early intervention and tackling the root causes of poverty**
Sue O'Brian, Families First Programme Manager, Newport City Council
Alison Prowle, Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood, University of Worcester
Catriona Williams, Chief Executive, Children in Wales
Rhian Rees, Flying Start Manager, Ceredigion County Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.05 **The impact of welfare reform in Wales and addressing public finance challenges in a time of austerity**
Tony Graham, Wales Foodbank Network Manager, Trussell Trust
Cath Stenson, Head of Inclusion and Support, Ty Bron Afon Community Housing
Stephen Grey, Manager, Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit
Robert Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, EEESafe
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Isherwood AM, Member, Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee, National Assembly for Wales
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- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Randerson, Spokesperson for Transport, Liberal Democrats, and former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Wales Office
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Skills, work schemes and community-based approaches**
Emyr Williams, Senior Research Officer, Public Policy Institute for Wales
Dr Paul Sissons, Senior Research Fellow, Coventry University
Phil Fiander, Director of Programmes, Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Jenny Jarvis, Executive Director, Rehab JobFit
Deri ap Hywel, Director Wales, Working Links
Lesley Kirkpatrick, Director, The Prince's Trust Cymru
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for tackling poverty in Wales**
Kate Cassidy, Director for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Baroness Randerson, Spokesperson for Transport, Liberal Democrats, and former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Wales Office
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor, Policy Forum for Wales