

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*

Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **The R&D landscape in Wales in the wake of the pandemic**  
Senior representative, policy  
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**  
**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  
**Olivia Harrison**, Head of Research, Innovation and Engagement, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales  
**Professor Helen Griffiths**, Pro Vice Chancellor, Research & Innovation, Swansea University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Virginia Crosbie MP**, Member, Welsh Affairs Committee and Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Marine 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, Reshape Innovation  
*Dovetailing economic recovery with net zero aims through R&D*  
Senior representative, environmental organisation  
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**, Member, Welsh Affairs Committee and Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Marine Energy  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales



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