

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar
Next steps for science and innovation policy in Wales

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 29th April 2020

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Priorities for developing the talent pipeline for science and technology in Wales**
Professor Peter Halligan, Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales
- 9.15 - 9.55 **Attracting and developing the skills and workforce to meet the needs of Welsh science**
Martin Pollard, Chief Executive, Learned Society of Wales
Professor David Thomas, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Impact; former Director, Sêr Cymru National Research Network for Low Carbon Energy and the Environment and Established Chair, Marine Biology, Bangor University
Sandra Busby, Managing Director, Welsh Contact Centre Forum and Lead, Welsh Data Science Graduate Programme
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Peter Halligan**, Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales
- 9.55 - 10.05 Break
- 10.05 - 10.40 **The future for Wales' international science partnerships post-Brexit**
Kieron Rees, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Universities Wales
Berwyn Davies, Head of Office, Welsh Higher Education Brussels
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
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- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.00 - 11.10 **The HEFCW vision for research - and what is needed to make it a reality**
Alyson Thomas, Director, Policy and Funding, HEFCW
- 11.10 - 11.50 **Funding Welsh science and innovation - increasing the share of UK-level funds, attracting private inward investment, and encouraging greater R&D spend by businesses in Wales**
David Notley, Chief Executive, Impact Innovation & Growth Service and Co-Chair, Innovation Advisory Council for Wales
Professor Diana Huffaker, Sêr Cymru Chair, Advanced Engineering and Materials and Scientific Director, Institute for Compound Semiconductors, School of Physics and Astronomy, Cardiff University
Senior representative, finance sector
Questions and comments from the floor with **Alyson Thomas**, Director, Policy and Funding, HEFCW
- 11.50 - 12.00 Break
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Wales and emerging technologies - supporting knowledge exchange and commercialisation**
Mark Gillan, Chief Technology Officer, Innovate UK
- 12.10 - 12.55 **How can R&D drive growth in the Welsh economy - supporting the green economy, coordinating industrial strategy, improving university-business collaboration, and priorities for IP management**
Tamsin Mann, Head of Policy, Praxis Auril
Professor Kathryn Monk, Group Manager for Integrated Evidence, Natural Resources Wales, and Honorary Professor, Research Impact, Swansea University
Steve Yianni, Vice President, Association for Innovation, Research and Technology Organisations
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor with **Mark Gillan**, Chief Technology Officer, Innovate UK
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales