

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 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor Tom Crick, Professor of Digital Education & Policy, Swansea University, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission for Wales and former Chair, Science & Technology Curriculum Reform, Welsh Government
- 9.05 **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
- 9.50 Break
- 10.00 **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
Mary Kent, Member, Wales Advisory Committee, British Council and Director, DERW Consulting
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Steve Yianni, Vice President, Association for Innovation, Research and Technology Organisations
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Karen Cherrett, Business Development Wales, PA Consulting and former Panel Member, Review of Digital Innovation for the Economy and the Future of Work in Wales
- 11.00 **The HEFCW vision for research - and what is needed to make it a reality**
Alyson Thomas, Director, Policy and Funding, HEFCW
- 11.10 **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
Senior representative, finance
Questions and comments from the floor with **Alyson Thomas**, Director, Policy and Funding, HEFCW
- 11.45 Break
- 11.55 **Wales and emerging technologies - supporting knowledge exchange and commercialisation**
Professor Mark Gillan, Chief Technology Officer, Innovate UK
- 12.05 **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, PraxisAuril
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
Dr Berndt Müller, former Panel Member, Review of Digital Innovation for the Economy and the Future of Work in Wales, Chair, Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour and Senior Lecturer, Computer Science, Swansea University
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Mark Gillan**, Chief Technology Officer, Innovate UK
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Karen Cherrett, Business Development Wales, PA Consulting and former Panel Member, Review of Digital Innovation for the Economy and the Future of Work in Wales
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales