

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:
Next steps for the children's care system in Wales**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th April 2024

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



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Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

Dr Emily Lowthian, Lecturer in Education, Swansea University

9.05 **Next steps for improving service provision**

Addressing levels of children entering care | Improving early intervention measures | Enhancing support for parents and carers

Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services, Swansea Council

Harvey Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer, Nationwide Association of Fostering Providers

Fiona MacLeod, Project Lead, Parent Advocacy, PAN West Glamorgan

Gaia Bell Davies, Member, PAN West Glamorgan

Questions and comments from the floor

09.55 **'Care and support for children in Wales - key messages from CIW's inspection programme'**

Gillian Baranski, Chief Inspector, Care Inspectorate Wales

Questions and comments from the floor

10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**

Dr Emily Lowthian, Lecturer in Education, Swansea University

10.30 Break

10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**

Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Wales

11.00 **Options for improving the care experience for children in Wales and securing better outcomes**

Improving educational attainment for children in care | Mental health and wellbeing support | Legal rights | Reducing data gaps for care | Building the workforce

Professor Colette McAuley, CASCADE Research Centre, Cardiff University

Dr Emily Lowthian, Lecturer in Education, Swansea University

Dr Karen Kenny, Senior Educator Developer, Academic Personal Tutoring, University of Exeter

Elisa Jenkins, Education and Children's Rights Solicitor, Simpson Millar

Deborah Williams, Headteacher, Cardiff Virtual School

11.30 Questions and comments from the floor

12.00 **Supporting care leavers**

Improving outcomes | Access to education and employment opportunities | Assessing responsibilities of local authorities | Priorities for ensuring access to safe and adequate housing

Helen Davies, Director, Sunflower Lounge

Hannah Kirkbride, Chief Executive Officer, Career Matters

Councillor Ash Lister, Cabinet Member for Social Services (Children), Cardiff Council

Julian Pike, Executive Director, Housing, Support and Communities, United Welsh Housing Association

12.25 Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**

Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Wales