

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
Next steps for the energy sector in Wales**  
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023  
\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Sam Rowlands MS**
- 9.05 **The outlook for the energy sector in Wales - assessing progress toward the Government's renewable energy targets and net zero ambitions**  
**Ed Sherriff**, Deputy Director for Energy, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Establishing a sustainable energy sector in Wales - what will be required to meet national energy needs**  
**Rhian Elston**, Investment Director, Development Bank of Wales  
**Meysam Qadrdan**, Professor, School of Engineering, Cardiff University  
**Matthew Hindle**, Head of Net Zero, Wales and West Utilities  
**Stew Horne**, Head of Policy, Energy Saving Trust  
**Sasha Wynn Davies**, Chair, Wales Nuclear Forum; and Committee Member, Nuclear Institute  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 Break
- 10.30 **Meeting Wales' future energy needs with renewables - key challenges and opportunities, managing grid capacity, meeting the skills needs of the sector, ensuring a just energy transition, and streamlining the planning process**  
**Paul Wakeley**, Head of Strategic Network Development, ESO  
**Victoria Robinson**, Chief Planning Inspector, Welsh Government  
**Peter Bingham**, Director, System Planning, Engineering & Technology, Ofgem  
**Graeme Power-Hosking**, Future Port Talbot Head of Programme, Associated British Ports  
**Celia Anderson**, Offshore Wind Skills Strategy Adviser, RWE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Sam Rowlands MS**
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Holly Atwell**, Senior Researcher, Policy Forum for Wales
- 11.40 **'Enabling Green Energy in Wales: Opportunities and Challenges'**  
**Ben Lewis**, Project Director, Bute Energy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **The prospects for community-owned renewable energy developments - how Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru can best integrate into the existing energy sector and contribute toward renewable energy roll out**  
**Richard Evans**, Chief Executive, Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru
- 12.20 **Progress toward the goal of a green energy transition - strategies for collaboration to meet current and future power needs for Wales, and implementing the renewable energy generation rollout**  
**Ben Ferguson**, Co-Executive Director, Community Energy Wales  
**Rebecca Williams**, Director for Wales, The Crown Estate  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Holly Atwell**, Senior Researcher, Policy Forum for Wales