

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
Next steps for research and innovation in Wales**

*Timing: Morning, Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024*

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*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Nicholas Shilton**, Head of Food Technology, Innovation and Clusters, Welsh Government
- 9.05 **Assessing priorities for the innovation landscape in Wales - spin-outs, cluster mapping, and diversity**  
**Professor Jas Pal Badyal**, Chief Scientific Advisor, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Challenges and opportunities for innovation in Wales**  
*Increasing business participation in innovation | Opportunities following re-entry to Horizon Europe | The role of the third sector | Increasing citizen participation in innovation*  
**Councillor James Gibson-Watt**, Powys County Council  
**Louise Harris**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Tramshed Tech  
**Emma Musgrave**, Operations Director, PurpleShoots  
**Dr Edward Jones**, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Bangor University  
**Phil Sampson**, Director, PwC UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **'R&I priorities for the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research'**  
**Harriet Barnes**, Director of Policy and Funding, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Dr Nicholas Shilton**, Head of Food Technology, Innovation and Clusters, Welsh Government
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Robert Hoyle**, Head of Science, Welsh Government
- 11.10 **Key priorities for clustering, spin-outs and the R&I workforce in Wales**  
*Commercialisation, adoption and real-world application | Assessing the potential for start-ups, clustering and regional partnerships | Next steps for action in the Net Zero Skills Plan*  
**Professor Peter Dunstan**, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor for Entrepreneurship, Knowledge Exchange and Partnerships, Swansea University; and Founder and Director, CanSense  
**Pryderi ap Rhisiart**, Managing Director, M-SParc  
**Dr Louise Bright**, Pro Vice Chancellor Enterprise, Engagement and Partnerships, University of South Wales  
**Jamie Insole**, Senior Policy and Political Officer, University and College Union Cymru  
**Dr Andy Sellars**, Strategic Development Director, CSA Catapult  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Diversity and Inclusion in R&I**  
*Increasing diversity and representation from different backgrounds, perspectives, economic circumstances and experiences | Priorities for ensuring equality of opportunity and utilising diversity to enhance performance and commercial success*  
**Ele Hicks**, Engagement, Research, Policy and Influencing, and Training and Consultancy Manager, Diverse Cymru  
**Sarah Kocianski**, Chief Executive Officer, FinTech Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future of the Innovation Strategy for Wales**  
**Abigail Phillips**, Head of Innovation, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Dr Robert Hoyle**, Head of Science, Welsh Government  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Policy Forum for Wales