

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

Timing: Morning, Monday, 22nd April 2024

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



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 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, Purple Shoots
Dr Edward Jones, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Bangor University
Phil Sampson, Director, PwC UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Key priorities for R&I funding in Wales**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 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
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, union
Senior representative, training provider
Senior academic
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
Andrea Wayman, Group Chief Executive Officer, Elite Support Employment Agency
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**
Senior Member of the Senedd
Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Wales