

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar
Poverty and deprivation in Wales - next steps for welfare reform, employment strategies, and tackling child and fuel poverty

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 14th July 2020

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Understanding the key drivers of poverty and supporting communities across Wales**
Senior academic
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Identifying desired outcomes and measuring performance over time**
Councillor Dimitri Batrouni, Monmouthshire County Council and Author, *Tackling Poverty And Inequality Action Plan: Monmouthshire*
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Addressing the underlying causes of poverty**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.00 Break
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Next steps for tackling child poverty following the Welsh Government review**
Ellie Harwood, Wales Development Manager, Cost of the School Day, Child Poverty Action Group
Senior representative, food poverty
Senior representative, early intervention
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 10.35 - 10.45 Break
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 10.50 - 11.15 **Completing the roll-out of Universal Credit**
Andrew Latto, Deputy Director, Devolution, Pensioner Benefits & Carer's Allowance, Department for Work and Pensions
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 - 11.25 Break
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Key challenges for implementing the new fuel poverty plan**
Mark Jeffs, Audit Manager, Wales Audit Office
- 11.35 - 12.20 **Local and national employment strategies: higher-paid employment, developing income security and reducing in-work poverty**
Gwennan Hardy, Senior Policy Officer, Citizens Advice
Senior speaker to be confirmed, **Residential Landlords Association Wales**
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, women in work
Questions and comments from the floor with **Mark Jeffs**, Audit Manager, Wales Audit Office
- 12.20 - 12.30 Break
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for tackling poverty in Wales**
Maureen Howell, Deputy Director, Prosperous Futures, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales