

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

Timing: Morning, Monday, 28th March 2022

Taking place online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Priorities for the Welsh R&I system moving forward**
Kieron Rees, Head of External Affairs and Policy, Universities Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Facilitating system-wide cooperation and improvement - next steps for joint working between Welsh universities, including in knowledge exchange and bids for research projects and funding, and developing effective partnerships with businesses**
Professor Rick Delbridge, Co-Convenor, Centre for Innovation Policy Research, Cardiff University
Craig Jones, Tooling and Process Development Manager, Fibrax Group
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, HE body
Senior representative, research group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Increasing the visibility of Welsh R&I on the world stage and next steps for international partnerships**
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 **Funding Welsh R&I and securing an equitable share for Wales of UK government investment in R&I**
Olivia Harrison, Head of Research, Innovation and Engagement, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Harnessing Welsh innovation to support post-pandemic recovery and other goals**
David Notley, Chief Executive, Impact Innovation & Growth Services; and co-Chair, Innovation Advisory Council for Wales
- 11.45 **Welsh R&I and place - spreading the benefits of research to regions and local areas, utilising partnerships for levelling up, and facilitating economic growth**
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, business
- 11.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Key policy priorities for Welsh research**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales



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