



Creating Great Communities

National 1-day conference



3rd July 2024 – Leonardo Hotel, Cardiff City Centre
10.00am – 3.30pm

Programme*

Join us for our relaxed and informal event, with a big focus on giving you lots of ideas to take away and the time and space to connect with each other.

Making a difference with communities and in communities: the impact of The Well-being of Future Generations Act in Wales



The Well-being of Future Generations Act is unique to Wales and requires public bodies to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems in communities such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

So, what difference has been and is being made as a result of the Act through involvement and collaboration with communities in all areas of Wales?

Hear the latest from our keynote speaker about the progress of The Future Generations Act and what it means to you and your community going forward.

Sandy Clubb, Policy Advisor: Involvement, Collaboration & Culture Office of the Future Generations Commissioner

How do we continue to create great communities in the current challenging times?? Panel Discussion



The effects of a combined cost of living crisis, increasing cuts to public support services and changes in wider society have a real impact on communities and the work of community projects. So how can we continue to create communities during the current challenging times?

Hear from our panellists below, who will share a range of different thoughts, perspectives and ideas.

- **Gareth Clubb** - Gareth is Director of WWF Cymru, leading a team of experts in the field of communication and environmental policy. Gareth is passionate about making the world a better place for future generations.
- **Sophia Mico** - Sophie volunteers for a non-profit organisation called Single Parents Well-being (SPW) helping to empower single parents and working to ensure there is a community to support, share knowledge and help single parents navigate their new family dynamic.
- **Lowri Evans** – is a Community Officer for Grŵp Cynefin based in Denbigh, north Wales. Lowri has many years experience of working with the rural communities of north Wales where the Welsh language and culture are an integral part of society.
- **Ella** - Ella is a former Welsh Youth Parliament member for Swansea East. She is now at university studying Politics, Philosophy & Economics and has focused her research on geographical-income inequality. Growing up in a rented property, Ella has both the lived experience and the knowledge of the housing crisis.

Motivators & Crusaders out in the community!

Amazing things happen in communities when people come together, sharing their skills, interests, ideas, and enthusiasm. Find out how the award-winning Monmouth Motivators community group have come together and done amazing things to make their community a better place to live.



Hear about how the group's passion to help local people make their money go further, help with health and wellbeing and provide activities for children has led to some incredible intended and unintended outcomes. Find out how they have poured their energies into helping to establish and sustain a local community hub to deliver their objectives and how the increased confidence and aspiration within the volunteer group has empowered members to take on jobs and start educational journeys for personal growth.

The Monmouth Motivators has now given birth to the exciting Caldicot Crusaders, so what's next!?!.....

Value in the Vale: Incentivising community involvement & engagement



The 'Value in the Vale' project is bringing people, organisations and businesses together to help enhance community connections, health, wellbeing and prosperity and includes a local rewards scheme to encourage people to get involved.

Find out how the reward scheme operates, and how it is successfully incentivising people to volunteer in communities and to have their say in improving and designing services.

Creating Great Communities: how we can all play our part.

Hear from Janet Beauchamp who is a Chartered Town Planner and a Senior Lecturer at Cardiff Metropolitan University, with considerable experience of working in the public sector, master planning new communities and community regeneration projects.



As a champion for community coproduction, empowerment and participation, Janet will share her thoughts on how we can all play our part in creating great communities and will highlight some case studies showing how this is possible, even during these challenging times.

Bridging the Generations

Hear about the fantastic Bridging the Generations project which is all about creating new connections between children and people of all ages. Find out how the project is helping to develop positive relationships, respect and understanding between the generations leading to stronger communities as well a bringing to smile to people's faces! You'll also get to hear about the projects Wales-wide plans for the next few years.



A People's Economy for communities in Wales

The vision of People's Economy is of local economies that are democratic, equitable and liveable, and enable communities to meet their needs and priorities. Find out all about their work in Wales on community economics education, growing and sustaining community-benefitting enterprises, a project with young people to collectively imagine a better economic future and their role in a new community-research and action project.



Creating inclusive communities for all

Autistic Minds is a registered charity based in Wales supporting the autism and autistic community. Hear from its Founder & CEO about their passion for creating inclusive communities for all and how the charity has grown to what it is today.



Find out how the services provided come from the lived experience of colleagues including support at the grassroots in the community to enterprises providing skills training in design, printing and carpentry. The wide-ranging scope of what Autistic Minds achieves creates a lasting positive impact on communities and the people it serves.

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