

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group on Deaf Issues

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Mark Isherwood MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Rhun Ap Iwerth MS, Mike Hedges MS, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Callum Mclean – Wales Council for Deaf People

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Sarah Angove - British Association for Teachers of the Deaf, Jonathan Arthur - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, George Baldwin - National Deaf Children's Society, Jacqui Bond - Social Worker for the Deaf, Stephen Brattan-Wilson - Association of Sign Language Interpreters, Michael Britland - Hearing Link, Alison Bryan, Anthony Evans - Association of Sign Language Interpreters, Michelle Fowler-Powe - British Deaf Association, Jonathan Joseph - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, Cathie Robins-Talbot - Talking Hands, Louise Sweeney - Wales Council for Deaf People, Debbie Thomas - National Deaf Children's Society, Sarah Thomas - Centre of Sign Sight Sound, Dr Rob Wilks - University of South Wales, Nigel Williams - South Wales Cochlear Implant Support Group

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

Thursday, 27th January 2022

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS – Chair, Callum Mclean – Secretariat, Wales Council for Deaf People, Alison Bryan, Anthony Evans – BSL Interpreter / member of NRCPD, Debbie Thomas – Head of Policy & Influencing in Wales, National Deaf Children’s Society, Jacqui Bond – Social Worker, John Day – BC UHB Audiology, Karen Robson – Director, Wales Royal National Institute for Deaf People, Lee Gonzales – on behalf of Joel James MS, Lisa Wilcox – BATOD Cymru, Louise Sweeney – CEO, Wales Council for Deaf People, Lyndsey Stringer – BATOD Cymru, Martin Griffiths – Senior Employment Advisor, JobSense, Naila Noori – Policy Adviser, RCSLT Wales, Nicola George – Audiologist, Cardiff & Vale UHB, Nigel Williams – South Wales Cochlear Implant Support Group, Robin Ash – Line Manager, British Deaf Association, Stuart Parkinson – Researcher and Development Officer, ABSLTA, Hilary Maclean – Speech to Text Reporter, Julie Doyle – BSL Interpreter, Hannah Wilson – BSL interpreter

Summary of the issues discussed:

Update on the BSL Act in Wales, the Recognition of the Communication Access Symbol, BSL Teaching & Standards, Additional Learning Needs Reforms & Audiology Waiting Times & All Wales Mental Health & Wellbeing Group Update

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

Thursday, 28th April 2022

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS – Chair, Callum Mclean – Secretariat, Wales Council for Deaf People, Alison Bryan, Anthony Evans – BSL Interpreter / member of NRCPD, Debbie Thomas – Head of Policy & Influencing in Wales, National Deaf Children’s Society, Emma Lliffe – ABSLTA, Helen Faulkes – BSL Translator, Jacqui Bond – Social Worker, Jill Hipson – ABSLTA, John Day – BC UHB Audiology, Karen Robson – Director, Wales Royal National Institute for Deaf People, Louise Sweeney – CEO, Wales Council for Deaf People, Mark Davies – Trustee, COS / NWDA, Nigel Williams – South Wales Cochlear Implant Support Group, Rhun Ap Iwerth – MS, Rob Wilks – Lecturer, University of South Wales, Sarah Angove – BATOD Cymru, Sheila Squire – BATOD Cymru, Stuart Parkinson - Researcher and Development Officer, ABSLTA, Hilary Maclean – Speech to Text Reporter, Julie Doyle – BSL Interpreter, Rachel Williams – BSL interpreter

Summary of the issues discussed:

Update on BSL Act in Wales, Update on BSL Interpreters & Qualified Tutors, ABSLTA Presentation and a General Update from the NDCS

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

Thursday, 21st July 2022

Attendees:

Mark Isherwood MS – Chair, Callum Mclean – Secretariat, Wales Council for Deaf People, Rhun Ap Iwerth MS, Anthony Evans – BSL Interpreter / member of NRCPD, Gareth Foulkes, George Baldwin – NDCS, Helen Foulkes, Jill Hopson, John Day – Audiology, Karen Robson - Wales Director, RNID, Louise Sweeney – CEO, Wales Council for Deaf People, Martin Griffiths – Senior Employment Advisor, JobSense, Michelle Fowler-Powe – BDA, Nigel Williams – South Wales Cochlear Implant Support Group, Robin Ash – BDA, Sarah Angove – BATOD Cymru, Stuart Parkinson - ABSLTA

Summary of the issues discussed:

General NDCS Update, Request on Information regarding the new Disability Taskforce, Use of Makaton in Early Years & the Call for Evidence from the Standards of Conduct Committee

Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year

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Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group on Deaf Issues

Date:

28/09/22

Name of Chair:

Mark Isherwood MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Callum Mclean, Wales Council for Deaf People

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods bought	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any financial support or other support.	No financial support was received.	£0.00
Total		£0.00

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
		£0.00
Total		£0.00