

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report

## Cross Party Group Details:

Cross Party Group Title:	Cross-Party Group on Faith
<b>Group membership and office holders:</b>	
Name of Group Chair:	Darren Millar MS
Names of other Members of the Senedd:	Rhys ab Owen MS Jane Dodds MS Mike Hedges MS
Name of Secretary and Organisation:	Jim Stewart
Names of other external members and organisations represented:	None

## **Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM**

**Meeting 1 - God and the Climate Emergency: Faith Communities and Environmental Stewardship**

Date of Meeting:

14/07/2021

Attendees:

1. Adrian Allabarton
2. Ainsley Griffiths, Church in Wales
3. Alan Lansdown
4. Altaf Hussain MS for South Wales West, Welsh Conservative Party
5. Carol Wardman, Church in Wales
6. Christine Abbas, Baha'i community
7. Colin Harris, Cardiff Watch
8. Colin Heyman, Jewish community
9. Curtis Shea, Darren Millar's office
10. Darren Millar MS for Clwyd West, Welsh Conservative Party (Chair)
11. David Brownnutt
12. David Emery, Salvation Army
13. Gareth Edwards, Christian Institute
14. Gavin Smith, Senior Chaplain for Wales, British Army
15. Gethin Rhys, Cytûn
16. Jane Dodds MS for Mid and West Wales, Welsh Liberal Democrats
17. Jason Askew, United Reformed Church
18. Jim Stewart (Secretary and note-taker)
19. Julia Edwards, Climate Change Champion, Church in Wales
20. Katy McColgan, Interfaith Council for Wales
21. Lee Gonzalez, Researcher, Office of Joel James MS
22. Eluned Morgan MS for Mid and West Wales, Welsh Labour
23. Mantriraja Dasa, Tŷ Krishna Cymru
24. Mari McNeill, Christian Aid (speaker)
25. Mavis Harris, Cardiff Watch
26. Mike Hedges MS for Swansea East, Welsh Labour and Co-operative Party (Vice-Chair)
27. Molly Conrad, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
28. Nathan Munday
29. Peredur Owen Griffiths AS for South Wales East, Plaid Cymru
30. Peter Harrison, Welsh Brigade, British Army
31. Rebecca Evans MS for Gower, Welsh Labour
32. Rhys ab Owen AS for South Wales Central, Plaid Cymru

	<p>33. Russell George MS for Montgomeryshire, Welsh Conservative Party</p> <p>34. Ryland Doyle</p> <p>35. Sam Rowlands MS for North Wales, Welsh Conservative Party</p> <p>36. Sasha Perriam, Cytûn</p> <p>37. Sian Rees, Evangelical Alliance</p>
Summary of the issues discussed:	
<p>Mary McNeill, Head of Wales for Christian Aid, gave a presentation. After this, a discussion time on faith communities and environmental stewardship was held, chaired by Darren Millar MS Darren, in which a wide range of views were expressed by the stakeholders present.</p>	

## Meeting 2 – Faith in Housing

Date of Meeting:

20/10/2021

Attendees:

1. Adrian Allabarton
2. Ainsley Griffiths, Church in Wales
3. Altaf Hussain MS
4. Andrea Adams, Welsh Government (Observer)
5. Andrew Misell, Alcohol Change UK
6. Bonnie Navarra, Housing Justice Cymru (Speaker)
7. Carys Moseley, Presbyterian Church of Wales
8. Christine Abbas, Baha'i Council for Wales
9. Curtis Shea, Office of Darren Millar MS
10. Darren Millar MS (Chair)
11. David Emery, The Salvation Army and Chaplain to the Senedd
12. Dr Maryyum Mehmood, University of Birmingham
13. Gareth Davies MS
14. Gethin Rhys, Cytûn
15. Jane Dodds MS
16. Jim Stewart (Note taker)
17. Joel James MS
18. John Davies
19. Lee Gonzales, Office of Joel James MS
20. Mike Hedges MS
21. Molly Conrad, Partnerships and Public Affairs Officer for the Catholic Church
22. Nathan Sadler, Evangelical Alliance Wales
23. Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
24. Peter Harrison, British Army
25. Professor Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham
26. Russell George MS
27. Sam Rowlands MS
28. Sarah Jones, Church in Wales

Summary of the issues discussed:

Bonnie Navarra, Director of Housing Justice Cymru, gave a presentation of her work. After this, there was a wide-ranging discussion on faith communities and

housing, chaired by Darren Millar MS, that included Housing Justice Cymru's 'Faith in Affordable Housing' project, supporting people with housing needs through the pandemic, housing needs and asylum seekers and volunteering.

### Meeting 3 - Ukraine: Are Wales' faith communities doing enough?

Date of Meeting:

04/05/2022

Attendees:

1. Aled Edwards, Cytûn (presenter)
2. Ali Ussery, Link International (presenter)
3. Altaf Hussain MS South Wales West
4. Bonnie Williams, Housing Justice Cymru
5. Carwyn Graves, Baptist Union of Wales
6. Carys Moseley, Church and Society Officer for the Presbyterian Church of Wales
7. Chris Carling
8. Christine Abbas, Baha'i Council for Wales
9. Colin Harris
10. Curtis Shea
11. Darren Millar MS Clwyd West (chair)
12. David Oliver, City Church Cardiff
13. Jim Stewart (note-taker)
14. Katie McColgan, Interfaith Council for Wales
15. Laura Purves, CAFOD Senior Emergency Response Officer (presenter)
16. Louise Abraham, CAFOD
17. Mari McNeill, Christian Aid
18. Mavis Harris
19. Mike Hedges MS Swansea East
20. Nathan Sadler, Evangelical Alliance Wales
21. Sam Rowlands MS North Wales
22. Siva Sivapalan, Hindu Council for Wales
23. Stephen Lodwick
24. Therese Warwick
25. Tim Hall, Link International
26. Zuzka Hilton (OFM Justice Policy)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Aled Edwards (Cytûn), Laura Purves (CAFOD) & Ali Ussery (Link International) gave presentations of their work with Ukrainian refugees. After the presentations, Darren Millar MS chaired a discussion in which a wide range of views were expressed by the stakeholders present on various aspects of Ukrainian refugees

in Wales, including links between different local authorities, maintaining standards, safeguarding and community support.

### Meeting 3 – Safer streets: Are faith groups making a difference?

Date of Meeting:

14/07/2022

Attendees:

1. Darren Millar
2. Dean Fryer-Saxby
3. Siva Sipalavan
4. Molly Conrad
5. Dai Hankey
6. Ainsley Griffiths
7. Altaf Hussain
8. Heather Payne
9. Nathan Sadler
10. Curtis shea
11. Emma Roach
12. Thoma Haigh
13. Ryland Doyle
14. Peter Harrison
15. Yasmin Zahra
16. Katie McColgan
17. Ioan Bellin

Summary of the issues discussed:

Dai Hankey (RED communities) and Dean Fryer-Saxby (Cardiff Street Pastors) gave presentations on their respective work. After this, a wide-ranging discussion was held, facilitated by Darren Millar, on the work that faith groups are doing in Cardiff's streets and in the night-time economy.

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

[names of lobbyists/organisations/charities should be included as follows, e.g.]

Name of Organisation:	Name of Group:
[There were no meetings arranged with lobbyists, voluntary organisations or charities during the period covered by this report]	



Name of Organisation:	Name of Group:

## Annual Financial Statement:

<b>Cross Party Group Title:</b>	Cross-Party Group on Faith
<b>Date:</b>	Click or tap to enter a date.
<b>Name of Chair:</b>	Darren Millar MS
<b>Name of Secretary and Organisation:</b>	Jim Stewart

# Cross-Party Group Annual Financial Statement

<b>Group's Expenses.</b>	None.	£0.00
<b>Costs of all goods.</b>	No goods bought	£0.00
<b>Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies.</b>	No benefits received.	£0.00
<b>Any financial support or other support.</b>	No financial support was received.	£0.00
No services were provided to the Group		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description and name of provider</b>	<b>Costs</b>
		£0.00
<b>Total costs</b>		£0.00