

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group on Universities

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Hefin David MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Hefin David MS (Chair)

Jayne Bryant MS

Mike Hedges MS

Laura Anne Jones MS

Sioned Williams MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Joshua Bell, Universities Wales

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Professor Elizabeth Treasure – Chair of Universities Wales and Vice-Chancellor of Aberystwyth University

Professor Maria Hinfelaar – Vice-Chancellor, Wrexham Glyndŵr University

Professor Paul Boyle – Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University

Professor Cara Aitchison - Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Professor Edmund Burke - Vice-Chancellor, Bangor University

Louise Casella – Director of Open University Wales

Professor Colin Riordan - Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University

Dr Ben Calvert - Vice-Chancellor, University South Wales

Professor Medwin Hughes - Vice-Chancellor, UWTS

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol - Dr Ioan Matthews

NUS Wales - Orla Tarn

Amanda Wilkinson - Director, Universities Wales

Kieron Rees - Assistant Director, Universities Wales

Joshua Bell - Public Affairs Advisor, Universities Wales

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

02 February 2022

Attendees:

Hefin David MS – MS for Caerphilly

Professor Elizabeth Treasure – Chair of Universities Wales and Vice-Chancellor of Aberystwyth University

Professor Maria Hinfelaar – Vice-Chancellor, Wrexham Glyndŵr University

Professor Paul Boyle – Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University

Professor Cara Aitchison - Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Professor Hywel Thomas - President of Learned Society for Wales

Alex Still - Senior Advisor to Hefin David MS

Sŵan John - Researcher for Cefin Campbell MS

James Davies – Industry Wales

Leigh Hughes – Cardiff City Deal

Rachel Bowen – ColegauCymru

David Hagendyk – Learning and Work Institute

David Blaney – HEFCW

Jane Lewis – Southwest Wales Regional Skills Partnership Manager

Huw Wilkinson – Cardiff Capital Region Manager

Aggie Caesar-Homden – Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership Manager

Sian Lloyd Roberts – North Wales Regional Skills Partnership Manager

Eluned Parrott – Institute of Physics

***job roles correct at time of CPG (Feb 2022)**

Summary of the issues discussed:

This CPG meeting looked at the shifting funding landscape for places in Wales and the role of university and business collaboration in securing investment.

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

12 July 2022

Attendees:

Hefin David MS – Chair of the CPG on Universities
Professor Maria Hinfelaar – Vice-Chancellor, Wrexham Glyndŵr University
Professor Paul Boyle – Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University
Professor Cara Aitchison - Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Professor Daniel Gartner - Professor of Operational Research, Cardiff University
Dr Ross Head – Cerebra Innovation Centre Design Manager, UWTSD
Professor Cathy Treadaway - Professor of Creative Practice, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Dr Matt Briggs - Head of Research Development at UWTSD and REF Manager
Professor Hywel Thomas - President of Learned Society for Wales
Mari Fleur - Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol
Harriet Barnes - Director of Policy and Funding, HEFCW
David Blaney - Chief Executive, HEFCW
Professor Sheldon Hanton - Cardiff Metropolitan University
Jena Quilter – Welsh Conservative Group in the Senedd
Sion Trewyn – Researcher for Sioned Williams MS
Alex Still - Senior Advisor to Hefin David MS
Amanda Wilkinson – Director, Universities Wales
Lewis Dean – Head of Wales Innovation Network, Universities Wales
Kieron Rees – Assistant Director, Universities Wales
Sophie Douglas – Policy Advisor, Universities Wales
Joshua Bell - Public Affairs Advisor, Universities Wales

***job roles correct at time of CPG (July 2022)**

Summary of the issues discussed:

This session focused on research and innovation (R&I). Three academics from Welsh universities were invited to present their research and discuss the future challenges facing R&I. Representatives from Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, and UWTSD respectively, gave insightful presentations on their research. Chaired by Hefin David MS, the session also included a contribution from Professor Maria Hinfelaar, Vice - Chancellor of Wrexham Glyndŵr, who updated CPG members and guests on behalf of Universities Wales.

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

23 November 2022

Attendees:

Hefin David MS - Chair of the CPG on Universities

Sioned Williams MS - Member of Welsh Parliament for South Wales West

Tom Giffard MS – Member of Welsh Parliament for South Wales West

Professor Paul Boyle - Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University

Professor Edmund Burke – Vice-Chancellor, Bangor University

Professor Elizabeth Treasure – Chair of Universities Wales and Vice-Chancellor of Aberystwyth University

Professor Damian Walford Davies - Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University

Professor Cara Carmichael Aitchison - Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Orla Tarn - NUS Wales President

Rachel Cable - Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Colleges Wales

Jamie Insole – Policy officer, UCU

Professor Hywel Thomas - President of Learned Society for Wales

Gwyneth Sweatman - Head of Media and Communications (Wales), FSB

Alastair Delaney - Director of Operations & Deputy Chief Executive, QAA

Harriet Barnes - Director of Policy and Funding, HEFCW

Hannah Peeler – Policy Officer, British Heart Foundation

Matt Eades - Welsh Conservative Group Office

Alex Still - Senior Adviser to Hefin David MS

Berwyn Davies - Welsh Higher Education Brussels

Catherine Marston - Welsh Higher Education Brussels

Amanda Wilkinson – Director, Universities Wales

Lewis Dean – Head of Wales Innovation Network, Universities Wales

Kieron Rees – Assistant Director, Universities Wales

Sophie Douglas – Policy Advisor, Universities Wales

Joshua Bell - Public Affairs Advisor, Universities Wales

***job roles correct at time of CPG (Nov 2022)**

Summary of the issues discussed:

Discussion topics included the cost-of-living crisis, relationship with Europe, and UK higher education infrastructure. The well-attended online session was the final meeting for the CPG this year, and included the AGM.

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:

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Date:

04/01/23

Name of Chair:

Hefin David MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Joshua Bell, Universities Wales

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	Lunch for CPG (In person) on July 12, 2022.	£259.50
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		£259.50

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