
Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details:

Cross Party Group Title:	Climate, Nature, and Wellbeing
Group membership and office holders:	
Name of Group Chair:	Delyth Jewell MS
Names of other Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Name of Secretary and Organisation:	Antonia Fabian/ Oliver John Royal College of Psychiatrists Wales
Names of other external members and organisations represented:	Youth Climate Ambassadors Wales

Foreword by Delyth Jewell MS (Chair):

The links between the climate and nature emergencies and mental health are well-known, and the psychological toll which reading about disasters brought about by both these emergencies can be especially apparent in young people. But the opportunity to change the trajectory of the future is within our grasp, and we wanted this Cross-Party Group to bring together individuals and groups who are working to save our communities and our planet. It was important for us that youth voices should be central to our group, and so the Youth Climate Ambassadors co-convene the CPG alongside myself as a Member of the Senedd. The Royal College of Psychiatrists provides an excellent secretariat for our group.

We've made some adaptations to how the group is run to ensure that those youth voices are at the forefront of our discussions, including meeting at times after our younger members have got home from school or college. In recent months, we've been privileged to hear voices from across the globe in our meetings, from Pakistan to the USA, but Wales' perspective and leadership in this area is also focal to our work. By bringing together organisations and projects that focus on sustainability, health, technology, literature and the arts, we're able to look at issues from diverse perspectives, and I feel that we're each enriched by those perspectives. Every meeting of the CPG ends in me (and, I hope, all of our members) feeling revitalised, energised and even more impassioned about the need to save our planet's future. Perhaps most importantly of all, this group reminds us of the importance of defiant hope – a hope that overcomes whatever odds are stacked against it, and a hope that propels us into a fairer future.

Our group is still growing, and we're looking forward to holding more events in the future, to keep learning from international experiences (as well as those closer to home), and to redouble our efforts in bringing diverse voices to our meetings. Together, we will make a difference – and we'd love to have you be a part of our collective.

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1	
Date of Meeting:	27/01/2022
Attendees:	<p>Attendees: Alka Ahuja, Amber Howells, Anouchka Grose, Bryony Bromley, Caitlyn Williams, Carey Newson, , Cate Bailey, Catrin James, Dr Stacey Harris, , Dokubo Whyte, Emily Darney, Glenn Page, Gwenda Owen , Haf Elgar, Hannah Harvey, Ian Thomas, James Radcliffe, Jayne Bryant, Joe Rossiter, Joshua Whyte, Kathryn Speedy, Kevin Size, Kimberley Mamhende, Kirsten Shukla, Lewis Brace, Liz Williams, Lleucu Siencyn, Madelaine Phillips, Math Wiliam, Nel Hywel, Ollie John, Poppy Stowell-Evans, Rebecca Brough, Sandy Clubb, Shenona Mitra, Sophie Howe, Tom Downs</p> <p>MS in attendance: Carolyn Thomas MS, David Rees MS, Delyth Jewell MS</p>
Summary of the issues discussed:	<p>Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner, highlighted how Climate Change was a priority for her programme.</p> <p>Poppy Stowell-Evans, Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales, spoke to the group about the work of YCA, and the approach that the group advocates.</p>

Meeting 2	
Date of Meeting:	14/03/2022
Attendees:	<p>Attendees: Amber Howells, Anouchka Grose, Bryony Bromley, Dale Thomas, Daniel Rose, Dokubo Whyte, Stacey Harris, Emily Darney, Glenn Page, Gwenda Owen, James Radcliffe, Jennifer Huygen, Joe Rossiter, Joshua Whyte, Kathryn Speedy, Kevin Rahman-Daultrey, Kim Mamhende, Kirsten Shukla, Liz Marks, Liz Williams, Lleucu Siencyn, Madelaine Phillips, Marvin Thompson, Matthew Walker, Molly Hucker, Nel Hywel, Poppy Stowell-Evans, Sandy Clubb, Shenona Mitra, Tom Downs</p> <p>MS in attendance: Delyth Jewell MS (Chair), Carolyn Thomas MS, Heledd Fychan MS, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Mark Isherwood MS, Ryland Doyle (on behalf of Mike Hedges MS)</p>
Summary of the issues discussed:	<p>Liz Marks, from the University of Bath, provided an update on current research into climate change and wellbeing. She has been holding workshops with Sixth Form students; which have given students a sense of hope, a space to echo emotions, whilst the workshops have been a catalyst for action.</p> <p>Kim Mamhende, Youth Voice Advocate and Climate Change Activist, told us how it's harder to reach people from disadvantaged backgrounds who are most likely to be affected by climate change. She told us how climate action can be unattractive as people may have trauma from police violence and hostility, and there are also disproportionate arrests of people of colour.</p>

Meeting 3	
Date of Meeting:	12/05/2022
Attendees:	<p>Attendees: Andrew Bettridge, Antonia Fabian, Bryony Bromley, Catrin James, Daisy Noott, Dan, Emily Dafydd-Drew, Joe Rossiter, Kathryn Speedy, Kim Mamhende, Lewis Brace, Marvin Thompson, Miriam Sautin, Nel Hywel, Ollie John, Poppy Stowell-Evans, Rebecca Brough, Sam Ward, Sandy Clubb, Tom Downs</p> <p>MS in attendance: Llyr Gruffydd MS, Carolyn Thomas MS, Delyth Jewell MS, Ryland Doyle (on behalf of Mike Hedges MS)</p>
Summary of the issues discussed:	<p>Marvin Thompson, Literature Wales, told us how 'Time, emergency, participation, health and wellbeing, and writer development' are all key tenants of the new Literature Wales strategy. To complement the strategy, he highlighted a project which Literature Wales have been developing called '<u>Lit in Place</u>' or '<u>Llen Mewn Lle</u>', about writing about the climate emergency.</p>

Meeting 4	
Date of Meeting:	13/10/2022
Attendees:	<p>Attendees: Antonia Fabian, Anouchka Grose, Caitlyn Williams, Emily Darney, Gwenda, Joe Rossiter, Kate Lowther, Kathryn Speedy, Liz Williams, Madelaine Phillips, Maria Kett, Molly Hucker, Ollie John, Rhiannon Hardiman</p> <p>MS in attendance: Delyth Jewell MS, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Ryland Doyle (on behalf of Mike Hedges MS)</p>
Summary of the issues discussed:	<p>Maria Kett, UCL Institute of Epidemiology and Healthcare, told us how people with disabilities are more impacted by climate change and are more at risk of being injured or dying from climate related emergencies, all whilst receiving less advocacy.</p>

Meeting 5	
Date of Meeting:	19/01/2023
Attendees:	<p>Attendees: Anouchka Grose, Antonia Fabian, Catrin James, Owen, Judith Musker Turner, Justin John, Kate Lowther, Laura, Lewis Brace, Luke Jefferies, Madelaine Phillips-Welsh , Muhammad Qasim, Nicolas Webb, Ollie John, Poppy Stowell-Evans, Tahir Alam Awan, Zak Viney</p> <p>MS in Attendance; Delyth Jewell MS, Ryland Doyle (on behalf of Mike Hedges MS)</p>
Summary of the issues discussed:	<p>Muhammad Qasim, National University of Modern Languages in Islamabad, told us how existential choices are a step one can take to give meaning to life, managing eco-anxiety by putting into action to fight climate change. He has been using existential choices to successfully protest against the proposed redevelopment of his village.</p> <p>The group also held its Annual General Meeting.</p>

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:
Future Generations Commisioner Literature Wales Youth Climate Ambassadors	

Annual Financial Statement:

Cross Party Group Title:	Climate, Nature and Wellbeing
Date:	22/02/23
Name of Chair:	Delyth Jewell MS
Name of Secretary and Organisation:	Antonia Fabian/Oliver John Royal College of Psychiatrists Wales

Cross-Party Group Annual Financial Statement

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
Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.		
All hospitality paid for CPG Climate, Nature, and Wellbeing.		
Date	Description and name of provider	Costs
		£0.00
Total costs		£0.00