

Cross Party Group Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Cross Party Group on Wales International

1. Group membership and office holders:

Heledd Fychan MS – Chair

Rhun ap Iorwerth MS

Alun Davies MS

John Griffiths MS

Darren Miller MS

Secretariat – Ruth Cocks, Director, British Council Wales

2. Previous Group Meetings **since the last AGM.**

Meeting 1

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 8th of March 2023**

Attendees:

Heledd Fychan MS	Chair
Rhun ap Iorwerth MS	
Huw Irranca Davies MS	
Jane Dodds MS	
Ruth Cocks	British Council
Rebecca Gould	British Council
James Hampson	British Council
Ian Gwyn Hughes	FAW
Mali Thomas	Urdd
Haleema Khan	Plaid Cymru Support Staff

Brooke Webb	Heledd Fychan Support Staff
Mathilda Manley	British Council
Tracey Marengi	Global Wales
Matt Eades	Welsh Conservatives
Brian Davies	Sport Wales
Owen Hathaway	Sport Wales
Lleucu Siencyn	Arts Council of Wales
Nick Davies	Producer of Gwyl Cymru
Eluned Haf	Wales Arts International
Susie Ventris-Field	Welsh Centre for International Affairs
Susana Galván	Taith
Hayley Richards	Welsh Centre for International Affairs
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Summary of issues discussed:

Presentations and updates were given by James Hampson (British Council) Ian Gwyn Hughes (FAW) and Eluned Haf (Wales Arts International) about Wales' participation in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and the impact in showcasing Wales on the world stage. An update was also given by Jane Dodds MS on Wales's Response to the ongoing situation in Iran.

Meeting 2

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 17th of May 2023**

Attendees:

Heledd Fychan MS	Chair
Luke Fletcher MS	
Alun Davies MS	
Ruth Cocks	British Council Wales
Mathilda Manley	British Council Wales
Brooke Webb	Heledd Fychan MS support Staff
Nguyen Hoang Long	Ambassador of Viet Nam to the United Kingdom and Ireland.
Maija Evans	British Council Wales

Rebecca Gould	British Council Wales
Alexandra Buchler	UWTSD
Keiron Rees	Global Wales Unis Wales
Sarah Moran	Researcher, Senedd
Elin Jones	UWTSD
Ian Cooke Tapia	Cooked Illustrations
Rob Humphreys	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Susana Galvan Hernandez	Taith
Sarah Horner	Hijinx
Richard Huw Morgan	Good Cop / Bad Cop
Laura Fergusson	Global Wales
Richard Davies	Parthian
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As part of the 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations celebrations between UK and Vietnam, we look at the lessons and opportunities arising from a continued and concerted effort of international cross sector engagement using the Wales-Vietnam long standing partnership as a case study. The Vietnamese Ambassador to the UK, HE Mr. Nguyen Hoang Long was also in attendance to listen to the discussion. Speakers included Rob Humphreys from Global Wales, Rebecca Gould Head of Arts, British Council Wales and Richard Davies publishing Director, Parthian

Annual General Meeting

Members reelected Heledd Fychan MS as chair of the Wales International Cross-Party Group and the British Council were reconfirmed as Secretariat for the year.

Meeting 3

Meeting Date: **Tuesday 3rd October 2023**

Please note that this meeting was cancelled due to diary conflicts.

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year

None, but stakeholders from the organisations (listed above) have attended the Cross-Party Group meetings.

Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group on Wales International

Chair – Heledd Fychan MS

Secretary – Ruth Cocks, British Council

Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual members from outside bodies	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support	No financial support received.	£0.00

Services provided to the group such as hospitality.

All refreshments paid for by: no refreshments provided

Paid for by the British Council Wales

Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
	None	£0.00
	Total cost	£0.00