

Cross Party Group on Climate, Nature and Wellbeing
Grŵp Trawsbleidiol ar Hinsawdd, Natur a Lles

17:00 – 18:00
16.03.2023

Virtual Meeting over Zoom
Cyfarfod ar-lein dros Zoom

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Lewis Brace, Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, 'Effeithiau iechyd a lles newid hinsawdd yng Nghymru' - Asesiad Effaith ar Iechyd
5. Llysgenhadon Hinsawdd Ieuenctid Cymru
Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales
6. Any other business and date of next meeting
Delyth Jewell AS/MS
Busnes arall

Attendees: Antonia Fabian (AF), Becky Nicholls (BN), Catrin James (CJ), Delun Gibby (DG), Emily Darney (ED), Judith Musker Turner (JMT), Kathryn Speedy (KS), Kirsty Campbell (KC), Laura Haig (LHa), Laura Hudson (LHu), Lewis Brace (LB), Luke Jefferies (LJ), Madelaine Phillips (MP), Molly Hucker (MH), Ollie John (OJ), Oscar Williams (OW), Zak Viney (ZV)

MSs in Attendance: Delyth Jewell MS (DJ), Ryland Doyle (RD) – on behalf of Mike Hedges MS

Croeso a chyflwyniad / Welcome and introduction - Delyth Jewell AS/MS

Delyth Jewell MS welcomed the group and introduced new members to the group.

Cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf / Minutes of the last meeting - Delyth Jewell AS/MS

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by CJ and seconded by Delyth Jewell MS. There were no amendments made.

Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru, Diweddariad ar waith cyfiawnder hinsawdd a Rhaglen Natur Greadigol gyda Chyfoeth Cenedlaethol Cymru / Arts Council Wales, Update on climate justice work and Creative Nature Programme with National Resources Wales - Judith Musker Turner,

The Arts Council Wales (ACW) has a memorandum of understanding with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) called the Creative Nature Programme which aims to deliver mutual objectives within the partnership and bring communities across Wales together. The aim is to build a more sustainable future through engagement with key issues such as the climate and nature emergency.

The arts provide creative ways of engaging people and communities. With sustainable management of natural resources, the arts can help increase awareness, find new ways to express and find solutions to the problems that we're facing. Nature is also a major source of inspiration for artists.

The partnership wants to improve access to natural environments and the arts for people, especially underrepresented groups so that they can benefit from the health and wellbeing benefits of these.

The two main aspects of the programme over the last year have been the Future Wales Fellowship and the development of a plan for climate justice and the arts for Arts Council.

The Future Wales Fellowship is a grant for eight artists to undertake a yearlong fellowship around the themes of disrupting current thinking around food, energy and transport systems, and engaging people with the need to change lifestyles to reduce emissions.

This phase of the programme is now coming to a close and Arts Council Wales will be looking to do another iteration of Future Wales Fellowship, dependent on confirmation of funds.

The focus of ACW's partnership with NRW this year has been the development of a plan for climate justice and the arts.

This had led to the inclusion of climate justice as one of the six stated principles in ACW.

ACW are reviewing their new strategic plan and have brought together a diverse group of around 100 people to help develop the strategy using elements of co –

design. Over the last three months they have run 7 workshops with the co - design group.

The strategy goals are:

1. supporting the arts sector to become environmentally sustainable and adapted to climate change.
2. To enable the arts to play a key role in inspiring the societal and economic transformation needed to tackle the climate and nature emergencies and to reach a safe, just and resilient and 0 carbon future.

The next steps on this are incorporating the feedback from the final co-design workshop and continuing to review the draught internally until it is ready for sharing more publicly.

There's an event on the 30th of March at the Centre for Alternative Technology, which is celebrating the end of this year of the Creative Nature Programme.

OW introduced himself as Youth Climate Ambassadors. MH introduced herself as climate activist with Fridays for Future.

lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, 'Effeithiau iechyd a lles newid hinsawdd yng Nghymru' - Aseiad Effaith ar Iechyd / Public Health Wales, 'The health and wellbeing impacts of climate change in Wales' – a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment – Lewis Brace

LB spoke on the work of the Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit and on the Climate Change in Wales Health Impact Assessment which was initiated by Public Health Wales in 2019 and guided by a multi-agency Strategic Advisory Group.

The full report is expected to be published in May of this year. Evidence utilised to inform the HIAC included a systematic literature review, population health data, interviews and workshops with a range of stakeholders held in 2020.

The aim is to inform policymakers, public bodies, 3rd and private sector agencies about the potential positive and negative impacts on health and well-being and structural inequality which may emerge from climate change in Wales.

The objectives were to identify how climate change will affect people's lives, focusing on impacts on the social determinants of health, population groups affected and inequalities.

The slides will be shared with the minutes of the meeting.

DJ reflected on the interconnections between the global effects of climate change and the effects on an individual level.

OJ voiced that the Health Impact Assessment will be a very useful resource.

DJ brought up the work of the Youth Climate Ambassadors who are currently looking into the status of climate refugees.

Llysgenhadon Hinsawdd Ieuenctid Cymru / Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales – Emily Darney & Oscar Williams

The 3 priorities for the year are:

1. Climate action, focussing on individual action people can take
2. Indigenous people and how to amplify their voices, sharing the importance of their work globally
3. Climate refugees, this isn't a status which is currently recognised so a petition will be launched for parliament to try and legitimise the status to allow refugee status on the basis of climate change. The petition will need 100,000 signatures to get a debate in parliament.

The Youth Climate Ambassadors (YCA's) have recently launched a newsletter, [sign up here.](#)

OW mentioned that he has recently joined and was very impressed how much the group has achieved since it was formed.

DJ voiced her support of 'Climate Refugee' becoming a recognised status and that through sharing stories can get people to feel a sense of empathy.

ED mentioned that people will also have to move from areas of Wales due to rising sea levels.

JMT voiced that the Arts Council Wales would be keen to support the campaign.

DG voiced support of the work of the YCA's.

LJ updated the group on the work of Swansea University who are establishing a research group specifically focused on the well-being and the sustainability of people, communities, places, and planet. He mentioned that the university is good at liaising with other groups to collect data if any groups needed support with this. The website for the group will be online at around Easter time.

Busnes arall / Any other business and date of next meeting - Delyth Jewell AS/MS

There was no other business.

The date for the next meeting has been set for the 4th May 5.00pm – 6.00pm.