

Cross Party Group Annual Report 2023 – 2024

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: 27th February 2024

Attendees:

Name	Title
Heledd Fychan MS	Chair of CPG Wales International
Peredur Griffiths MS	Member of Senedd
Ruth Cocks	Director Wales – British Council Wales
Abigail Doyle	Project Support Officer – British Council Wales
Professor/Dr Claire Gorrara	Dean of Research and Innovation – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Cardiff University
Lucy Jenkins	Project Director – MFL Mentoring Project
Kate Barber	Research student - School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Cardiff University
Tallulah Holley	Education Consultant and Researcher
Naomi Taylor	Subject Officer for German - WJEC
Claire Bellamy	MFL Subject Officer - WJEC
Victoria Ucele	Wales China Schools Project Manager - Cardiff Confucius Institute, Cardiff University
Dr Catherine Chabert	Reader in French, Executive Director of Confucius Institute – Cardiff University
Najma Hashi	Change Maker Support, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Carlos Sanz Mingo	Senior Lecturer in Hispanic Studies and Translation Studies – Cardiff University
Sioned Harold	EAS Consortium
Elin Arfon	Research student – Cardiff School of Modern Languages, Cardiff University
Jeremy Jones	Founder member of the All-Wales Network of German Teachers
Dr Ian Collen	Director of Initial Teacher Education – Queen’s University Belfast
Brooke Webb	Heledd Fychan MS Senedd Staff
Niamh Salked	Plaid Cymru Senedd Staff
Gareth Llewellyn	Senedd staff Peredur Owen Griffiths
Alex Sims	Senedd Staff Jenny Rathbone
Gerard Pitt	Welsh Government
Anna Miller	Welsh Government
Kerry Bevan	PGCE Secondary Modern Foreign Languages Programme Leader – Cardiff Metropolitan University
Susana Galvan Hernandez	Executive Director – Taith
Nazaret Perez-Nieto	Senior Lecturer in Spanish – Cardiff University
Liz Wren-Owens	Dean of Postgraduate Education for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Reader in Italian, and Translation Studies – Cardiff University
Bethan Mumford	Education and Mentoring Project Officer - Modern Foreign Languages Mentoring Project – Cardiff University
Bethan Spencer	Qualifications Manager – Cymwysterau Cymru/Qualifications Wales
Claire O’shea	Head of Partnership – Hub Cymru Africa
Elen Davies	Senior Journalist Reporter – BBC Cymru
Elham Gharib	Consultant Schools Global Programme – British Council
Glynn Downs	Chair - Global Futures Steering Group

Vicky Gough	Senior Consultant, Schools global programme – British Council
Rosalind Gould	Media and Campaigns Manager, UK – British Council
Dr Jayne Duff	Research Assistant, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work – Queen’s University Belfast
Marina Saez Lecue	Project Support Officer - CSC
Aobh Mcanulty	Assistant Consultant – British Council
Jenni Tabea Rall	Project Co-ordinator for Educational Services – Goethe Institut
Rebecca Beckley	Region Co-ordinator Language Horizons Student Mentoring Project – Cardiff University

Summary of issues discussed:

This meeting was the first meeting of 2024 and focused on **International Language Learning in Wales**, drawing on the results of recently launched research by British Council Wales on [Language Trends in Wales](#) followed by a discussion on the current situation with regards to language learning in Wales. Speakers in attendance include Dr Ian Collen, Director of the Language Trends research; Professor Claire Gorarra, Professor of French, Cardiff University; Jeremy Jones, a founder member of the All-Wales Network of German Teachers and other prominent contributors from the international language learning community.

Meeting 2

Meeting Date: 2nd July 2024

Please note this meeting was cancelled due to diary conflicts.

Meeting 3 - Annual General meeting

Meeting Date: 1st October 2024

Attendees:

Name	Job Title
Heledd Fychan	Member of Senedd chair

Ruth Cocks	Country Director, British Council Wales
Abigail Doyle	Project Support Officer, British Council Wales
Brooke Webb	Communications and Parliamentary Affairs Officer, Senedd Cymru
Howard Batey	Consultant, HE Systems and Internationalisation, British Council
Thomas Davies-Lyons	Education Manager, British Council Wales
Alexandra Long	Welsh Government
Amanda Morgan	Project Manager, International Links
Andrew Cornish	Chief Executive Officer, Coleg Sir Gar
Angharad Penny Evans	International Education, Welsh Government
Anna Christoforou	Senior Media and Campaigns Manager, British Council
Anna Dukes	Director of Global Engagement, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Anna Lohse	Postdoctoral researcher, Technical University Berlin
Anna Miller	No job title or organisation provided
Anne Morgan	Head of International Partnerships, Cardiff University
Barbara Ryan	Deputy Head of School, Optometry and Vision Sciences, Cardiff University
Berwyn Davies	Welsh Higher Education Brussels, Universities Wales
Carol Weighell	International Education, Welsh Government
Catherine Marston	Welsh Higher Education Brussels, Universities Wales
Christine Monks	International Exchanges Officer, Bangor University
Christy Anson Harries	Director of Learner Recruitment, Progression and Partnerships, Coleg Sir Gar
Claire Gorrara	Dean of Research and Innovation
Claire Richardson	Project Officer for Adult Education and Schools, Taith Programme
Clare Naylor	Head of Innovation & Programmes, University of South Wales
Daniel Mapatac	WCIA
David Warren	Head of International Engagement, Welsh Government
Elid Morris	Head of Operations, Taith Programme
Elin Arfon	Research Fellow (Language Subject Leadership), University College London
Ellie Bevan	Head of Programmes, Policy and Engagement, Taith Programme

Gerard Pitt	Senior Policy Manager, Welsh Government
Gill Peace	Senior Institutional Funding Officer, British Red Cross
Glynn Downs	Chair of Global Futures (by Welsh Government)
Richard Gordon	Senior Manager for Funded Programmes & Bids, Cardiff and Vale College
Gundija Zandersona Gough	Executive Director, Kokoro Arts LTD
Gwilym Roberts-Harry	External Affairs and Policy Manager, Amgueddfa Cymru
Hannah Clayton	International Mobility Officer, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Héloïse Perrin	Scientific Advisor Higher Education, Movetia – Exchange and Mobility
Huw Davies	Senior Consultant HE Partnerships, Innovation and Business Development, British Council
Ioan Teifi	Senior Consultant, Wavehill
Jaime de Villota	Head of Citizens, Social and JHA, EU Delegation to the UK
Jane Racz	Director Erasmus+ National Agency, British Council
Jonathan Morgan	Principal & Chief Executive, Coleg Y Cymoedd
Karen Jones	Head of International, Wrexham University
Kay Smith	Head of Research, Development and Campaigns, Learning and Work Institute
Kerry Bevan	Senior Lecturer in Teacher Education & Professional Learning (MFL), Cardiff Metropolitan University
Kirsty Williams	Chair of Taith Advisory Board
Laura Davies	Director of Communications, Marketing and Student Recruitment, Cardiff University
Laura Shanahan	Project Manager Global Outreach, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Leah Doherty	Senior Project Manager, International Learning Exchange Programme, Cardiff University
Lisa Davies	Associate Director Internationalisation and Admissions, University of South Wales
Luce Dayle	Senior Youth Development Officer, Cardiff Youth Service
Maddalaine Ansell	Director of Education, British Council
Mali Thomas	Director of International Affairs, Urdd
Manon Edwards	Welsh Government
Marina Sáez Lecue	Central South Consortium

Morgan Rhys	Online but no job title/organisation
Noelia Cantero	Director, European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning
Paul Stock	Finance Manager, International Links
Pauline Wick	Project Coordinator, Goethe-Institut London
Rachel Cable	Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Colegau Cymru
Ramakanta Patra	Senior Lecturer, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Rebecca Booker	Senior Associate, Equal Education Partners
Rebecca Wilson	WCIA
Rhodri Huws	Welsh Government
Rob Humphreys	Chair, British Council Wales Advisory Committee
Rosalind Gould	Media and Campaigns Manager, UK, British Council
Rose Matthews	Head of Global Opportunities, Cardiff University
Rowena Kidger	Global Opportunities Manager, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Rubén Chapela-Orrí	MFL Student Mentoring Departmental Lead LFA Tutor Coordinator, Bangor University
Samantha Vallin	Regional Manager, International Recruitment and Development, Aberystwyth University
Sara Morgan	Senior Research Officer, Welsh Parliament, Welsh Government
Sarah Bradney	International Mobility Officer, University of South Wales
Sharon Davies-Smith	College Director, Swansea University
Sharon Flint Wood	Co-Executive Director, Dolen Cymru (Lesotho)
Sian Edwards	Director of International, School of Modern Languages, Cardiff University
Sian Holleran	Project Manager, Colegau Cymru
Susana Galván Hernández	Director, Taith Programme
Tom Weiser	Volunteer Projects Manager, WCIA
Vicky Thomas	Online but no job title/organisation
Walter Brooks	Programme Manager – Further Education, Vocational and Higher Education, Taith Programme

Summary of issues discussed:

Members re-elected Heledd Fychan MS as chair of the Wales International CPG Chair and the British Council as secretariat for the year.

The rest of this meeting focused on the future of international mobility for Wales, looking at local and international options for young people and the sector followed by a discussion on Wales' future direction with regard to international mobility programmes in the post- Brexit era. Speakers included Kirsty Williams, former Minister of Education for Wales, and Chair of the Taith board and representatives from the EU Delegation to the UK, followed by a Q&A.

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