



**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**



Well-being of Future Generations Act

What people told us

What this booklet is about



We are the **Equality and Social Justice Committee**.

This is our easy read summary about the

Well-being of Future Generations Act.



This is a law about how the wellbeing of people in Wales will happen in the future.

We wanted to find out how well the Act is working.

This booklet tells you

- ✓ how we involved people
- ✓ who took part
- ✓ what people told us



How we found out information

Our team spoke to people across Wales.



We had meetings with

- focus groups
- interviews
- creative activities



We wanted to

- listen to real stories from people
- find out if life is getting better in Wales

We asked two big questions



1. How much is the Act meeting the Aims?
2. What should change to make the Act better?

How we collected information



Our focus groups were made up of

- young people
- adults
- community groups



We also tried to talk to people who are

- from rural, urban, coastal places and the Valleys
- disabled



We worked with

- schools
- charities
- third sector and voluntary organisations

We wanted to hear from as many different people as we could.

Talking to people

We talked to young people in



- education
- apprenticeships
- training
- not in any education, job or training – we call this group **NEETS**

We talked to adults from lots of different backgrounds and areas.



We wanted to talk to people from difficult backgrounds.

324 people spoke to us

21 engagement sessions

151 people took part

173 sent postcards



Climate and nature

People told us they could see things had got better with



- ✓ recycling
- ✓ community clean-ups
- ✓ green schemes
- ✓ renewable energies
- ✓ sustainable transport

But people were concerned about



- waste collection being confusing and not reliable
- losing green spaces
- flooding and pollution
- sewage
- not enough transport – this was worse for disabled people and people in rural areas in the country



Health and wellbeing

What is going well

- ✓ children's hospitals and community are kind and supportive.
- ✓ accessible services can change lives.
- ✓ parks, leisure centres, sports clubs and community gardens were good for physical and mental health

What is not working so well

- People waiting for appointments and support.
- People in rural areas have long, expensive journeys – this is worse for disabled people
- It is more expensive to do leisure, travel and healthy food.
- Some places aren't kept well. This means teenagers and older people don't have safe and welcoming spaces.



Culture and Welsh language

What is working well



People are proud to be Welsh.

The Eisteddfod and education helped to keep Welsh part of daily life.



What is not going so well

People were worried about events being too expensive.

Some people who speak Welsh felt left out.

Adults find it hard to get into classes to learn Welsh.



Money and jobs

What is going well

Apprenticeships are a good thing.

Volunteering and part-time work helped people to learn new skills and feel confident.



What is not going so well

Apprenticeships were sometimes

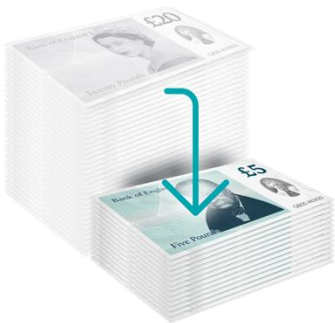
- **hard to find** - this is harder in rural places or if you don't know people



Confused

Money made life hard in

- local places
- tourist places
- farming
- town centres



Disabled people found harder to find a job and travel to work and other places.

What has the Act made happen



Most people we spoke to hadn't heard of the Wellbeing Act. When we told them they said it was a good thing.

What people want

People said the Act only works if they feel listened to. They want to be involved in decisions that affect their lives.



What people didn't want

People said they weren't listened to. They were asked but nothing changed.

For example, big decisions about

- housing
- the environment
- local services made without asking the community



People worry that pressures on schools, councils and health boards will get worse.

7 Goals for Wales

We want to make Wales more



Resilient

This means staying strong and doing things like

- ✓ planting trees
- ✓ looking after woods and parks
- ✓ having renewable energy

Healthier

This means giving people more chances to be healthy by



- ✓ having access to parks and leisure centres
- ✓ making safe routes to cycle and walk
- ✓ taking care and looking after people locally

Equal

This means being fair and equal to everyone including



- ✓ disabled people
- ✓ people in the country
- ✓ carers and older people

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Prosperous

This means find more chances for people to work and do things like

- ✓ apprenticeships
- ✓ supporting disabled people into work
- ✓ learning new skills



Cohesive

This means working closely together so people can take part in

- ✓ youth clubs
- ✓ festivals
- ✓ building trust and support



Globally responsible

This means doing what we can to take care of the planet and each other by having

- ✓ promoting science and clean energy
- ✓ showing how Wales is part of the wider world



7 Goals for Wales

We want to make Wales have a

Vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language

This means valuing Welsh and what it means for

- ✓ culture
- ✓ education
- ✓ traditions
- ✓ festivals
- ✓ every day life by speaking Welsh



Cymru Can priorities

Priorities are what matter to people most.



People told us they wanted

- ✓ **Strong flood defences** to keep communities safe
- ✓ Homes people can afford
- ✓ **Welsh education** so more people can learn and use Welsh
- ✓ **Investment in culture** such as arts, heritage and local events
- ✓ **Stable local economies** with good jobs and secure businesses



Welcome



Cymru Can priorities



People told us they wanted to

- ✓ See a **GP** more quickly
- ✓ Get **mental health** support early
- ✓ Afford **leisure activities**
- ✓ Afford **healthy food**
- ✓ Keep **community spaces** and parks safe
- ✓ Go to leisure centres



Cymru Can priorities

People told us they wanted

- ✓ **Apprenticeships** to build skills and bring money in
- ✓ To work together as **equal partners** across the community
- ✓ **To get more involved** – lots of disabled people didn't think anyone was listening

Fairness and inclusion mattered most to everyone.

