

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title: School Food

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Jenny Rathbone MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

- [Cefin Campbell MS](#)
- [Luke Fletcher MS](#)
- [Peter Fox MS*](#)
- [Heledd Fychan MS](#)
- [Laura Anne Jones MS](#)
- [Carolyn Thomas MS](#)
- [Sioned Williams MS](#)
- [Carolyn Thomas MS*](#)
- [Jane Dodds MS*](#)
- [Sian Gwenllian MS*](#)

* attended meetings in 2024

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Andrew Tuddenham – Soil Association Cymru (SAC)

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Karen Coombs, Welsh Government*
Ella Davidoff, Welsh Government
Michael Maragakis, Welsh Government
Matthew Thomas, Welsh Government
Jason Rawbone, Welsh Government
Gemma Roche-Clarke, Welsh Government*
Alex Cook, Carmarthenshire County Council*
Christopher Pugh, Carmarthenshire County Council

Gareth Ayers, Carmarthenshire County Council
Yvonne Cole, Carmarthenshire County Council
Judith Gregory, Cardiff City Council*
Ian Evans, Caerphilly County Council
Rhys James, Caerphilly County Council*
Jen Griffiths, Flintshire County Council
Huw Griffiths Gwynedd Council
Caroline Campbell, Gwynedd Council
Marianne Elliot, Monmouthshire County Council
Helen Cottle, Monmouthshire County Council*
Gareth Thomas, Wales Local Government Association*
Cara Mai Lewis, Wales Local Government Association*
Gwar James, Wales Local Government Association*
Niki Keegan, Well-Fed*
Robbie Davies, Well-Fed / Can Cook
Edward Morgan, Castell Howell Foods*
Matt Lewis, Castell Howell Foods*
Mark Lawton, Harlech Food Service
Gavin Davies, Harlech Food Service*
Fran Thomas, Holdsworth Foods
Proff Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University*
Samara Zuckerbrod, Cardiff University*
Simon Wright, Cegin y Bobl*
Lauren Price, Farmers' Union of Wales*
Elin Jenkins, Farmers' Union of Wales*
Katie Palmer, Food Sense Wales*
Pearl Costello, Food Sense Wales*
Holly Tomlinson, Landworkers Alliance
Shea Buckland-Jones, WWF Cymru
Clare Sain-Ley-Berry, Cynnal Cymru
Sarah Hopkins, Cynnal Cymru
Will Rahman-Daultrey, Size of Wales
Angie Kirby, Size of Wales*
Barbara Davies-Quy, Size of Wales
David Smith, Coops & Mutuals Wales*
Rachel Bath, Public Health Wales*
Beth Preece, Public Health Wales*
Lucy Jayne, Public Health Wales*
Emma Holmes, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board*
Phoebe Nicklin, Cynnal Cymru*
Oona Buttafoco, Soil Association*
Hannah Caswell, Soil Association

* attended meetings in 2024

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

1st May 2024

Attendees:

Jenny Rathbone MS (chair), Carolyn Thomas MS, Jane Dodds MS, Sian Gwenllian MS, Amy Thomas (Office of Cefin Campbell MS), Judith Gregory (Cardiff City Council), Rhys James (Caerphilly County Council), Cara Mai Lewis (Wales Local Government Association), Gareth Thomas (Wales Local Government Association), Gwawr James (Wales Local Government Association), Matt Lewis (Castell Howell Foods), Gavin Davies (Harlech Food Service), Proff Kevin Morgan (Cardiff University), Samara Zuckerbrod (Cardiff University), Lauren Price (Farmers' Union of Wales), Elin Jenkins (Farmers' Union of Wales), Katie Palmer (Food Sense Wales), Pearl Costello (Food Sense Wales), Angie Kirby (Size of Wales), Barbara Davies-Quy (Size of Wales), Niki Keegan (Well-Fed), Helen Cottle (Monmouthshire County Council), Alex Cook (Carmarthenshire County Council), Oona Buttafoco (Soil Association), Andrew Tuddenham (secretariat) (Soil Association Cymru)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Annual General Meeting

Gareth Thomas, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Food in Schools Manager outlined what WLGA had heard from primary schools on what's working well, and what needs to change. The presentation described the work of the Food in Schools Manager, the WLGA Certificate of Compliance and Welsh Government's role in regulating school lunches. The presentation touched on factors beyond food that are important in reviewing the healthy school food regulations.

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

10th July 2024

Attendees:

Jenny Rathbone MS, Peter Fox MS, Sian Gwenllian MS, Alex Cook (Carmarthenshire County Council), Judith Gregory (Cardiff City Council), Gavin Davies (Harlech Food Service), Edward Morgan (Castell Howell Foods), Barbara Davies-Quy (Size of Wales), Karen Coombs (Welsh Government), Gemma Roche-Clarke (Welsh Government), Simon Wright (Cegin y Bobl), Phoebe Nicklin (Cynnal Cymru), Oona Buttafoco (Soil Association), Niki Keegan (Well-Fed), Andrew Tuddenham (secretariat) (Soil Association Cymru)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Alex Cook Food Systems Development Project Manager for Carmarthenshire County Council delivered a presentation on Carmarthenshire County Council's catering operation and delivery of UPFSM. Alex also provided an update on their Future Generations Menu Pilot project

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

27th November 2024

Attendees:

Jenny Rathbone MS (chair), Rachel Bath (Public Health Wales), Beth Preece (Public Health Wales), Lucy Jayne (Public Health Wales), Rhys James (Caerphilly County Council), Gwar James (Wales Local Government Association), David Smith, Coops & Mutuels Wales, Proff Kevin Morgan (Cardiff University), Gavin Davies (Harlech Food Service), Angie Kirby (Size of Wales), Helen Cottle (Monmouthshire County Council, Judith Gregory (Cardiff City Council), Ed Morgan (Castell Howell Foods), Pearl Costello (Food Sense Wales), Emma Holmes (Cardiff & Vale University Health Board), Niki Keegan (Well-Fed), Lauren Price (Farmers' Union of Wales), Andrew Tuddenham (secretariat) (Soil Association Cymru)

Summary of the issues discussed:

Rachel Bath, Public Health Consultant, Public Health Wales shared PHW's perspective of school food and the challenges and opportunities in Wales to improve children's health and well-being through nutritious food.

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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:

see above for list of attendees

Name of Group:

None

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Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

School Food

Date:

/12/24

Name of Chair:

Jenny Rathbone MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Andrew Tuddenham / Soil Association Cymru

Title	Description	Amount
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	See below	£
Any financial support or other support.	No financial support was received.	£0.00
Total		£0.00

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
01.05.24	CPG meeting lunch – paid for by	£
10.07.24	CPG meeting lunch – paid for by	£
27.11.24	CPG meeting lunch – paid for by Soil Association	£282.00

Total	£0.00
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