

What we did from 2021 to 2022

A report about the work of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales



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About my job



My name is **Sophie Howe**. I am the **Future Generations Commissioner for Wales**.



Future generations means the people who will live in Wales in the future. They have not been born yet.



My job is to make sure we think about how the decisions we make now might impact people in the future.

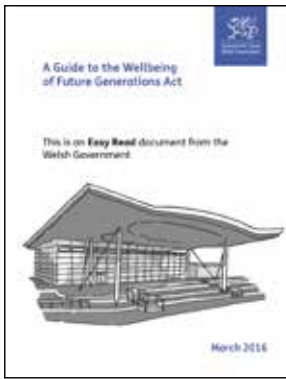


Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

I work with the Welsh Government and **public bodies**.



Public bodies are organisations that run public services. For example, the NHS and local councils.



I make sure they are working towards achieving the goals in the law called **The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act**. We will call this the **Act** in this document.

I help Welsh Government and **public bodies** by:



- giving advice



- checking the decisions made by **public bodies**



- telling them what I think they should do next.



My job is to help them think about the well-being of Wales. And to think of the future of Wales. For example, how we can make sure Wales is a better place to live. Now and in the future.

What is changing?



The Welsh Government have made plans for the next 5 years. This is called their **Programme for Government**.



I think these plans follow the **Act** in many ways.



And **public bodies** are doing a lot of good work to make sure they follow the **Act**.



Businesses in Wales have also been thinking more about well-being.



And about being more **sustainable**.

Sustainable means something can keep going.

What happened in 2021 to 2022

These are some of the things me and my team achieved in 2021 to 2022:



- The Welsh Government listened to many things I said about their plans in their **Programme for Government**.



- I had a say about a lot of new plans for Wales. For example, working shorter hours. And looking after the planet.



- We supported 32 young people in our Academy called **Future Generations Leadership Academy**. This is to help develop future leaders.



- I supported the **United Nations** and some countries around the world to set up departments like mine – to look after future generations.



- I gave training about the **Act**. And about working in a **sustainable** way.



- I made my workforce more **diverse**.

Diverse means including people from different backgrounds.



- We tried out working fewer hours. And in a smaller building.



- I worked with a lot of other organisations.



- I checked what is being done by Welsh Government since our last report.

Work being done by public bodies

Some examples of good work being done by **public bodies** are:



- **Cardiff Council** is doing work to make the air cleaner.



- **Brecon Beacons National Park Authority** gave people the chance to have a say about their plans.



- **Hywel Dda University Health Board** has looked at their land and buildings and how to use it well.



- **Museum Wales** got more young people involved in a lot of their work.



- **Snowdonia National Park Authority** worked with the Woodland Trust to plant 8 thousand trees.

What I will do in 2022 to 2023



This will be my last year as the **Future Generations Commissioner for Wales**.



I want to make sure that the **Act** is still being used in Wales.

To do this I will:



- keep talking about the issues that our future generations will face. And help make a difference.



- support public bodies to use the **Act**.



- do what I say I will do and set a good example of carrying out the **Act**.



- make sure my office has what it needs to run well.

Hard words

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