

Cymru Can

Our plan for our work between now and 2030



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About the Future Generations Commissioner



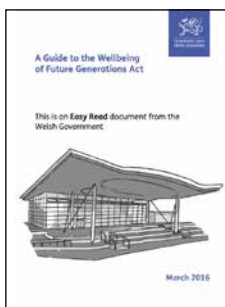
The job of the **Future Generations Commissioner** is to protect future generations.



Future generations are the people who live in Wales in the future.



The **Commissioner** helps public bodies think about how the decisions they make now will impact people in the future.



The Commissioner job was started alongside a law for Wales called the **Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)**.



This law says that public bodies must think about the future.

Public bodies must work with people, communities and each other to stop:



- **Poverty**

Poverty is when you cannot afford to live well. And have your basic needs met.



- **Health inequality**

Health Inequality means unfair differences in health between different groups of people.



- **Climate change**

Climate change is big changes in the weather. For example, places getting warmer, wetter, or drier. These changes cause things like storms to get worse, flooding and wildfires.

What we want to do



We want to make Wales a better place to live.



We want to help Wales be a great place in the future. This means:

- We look after the environment.
- People are happy, healthy and can live well.
- Everyone is included.



We want to work together to protect people who have not been born yet.



We want well-being and thinking about the future to be at the centre of all decisions.

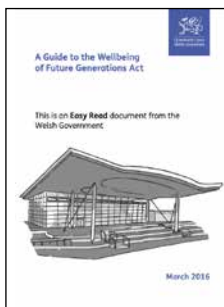
Our aim



We speak up for the future people of Wales.



We give advice.



We make sure decision makers follow the **Well-being of Future Generations Act**.



We work together and take action to put thinking about the future at the centre of everything we do.

Why do we do this work



To stay well, people in Wales need:

- Clean air
- Nature
- Strong communities
- Local food
- Safe spaces.



The world must be **net zero** by 2050.



Net zero means getting rid of the harmful impact some gasses have on the environment. We do this by:

- Lowering the amount of harmful gasses we let off.
- Finding ways to clean harmful gas from the air.



We must reach **net zero** to stop **climate change**.



1 in 5 children in Wales live in **poverty**.



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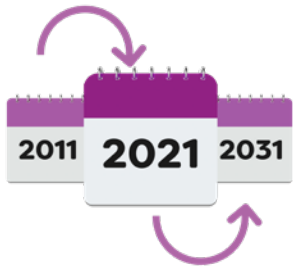
Poverty affect households with people from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds more.



1 in every 6 species in Wales is at risk of dying out completely. Species include types of animals, plants, and bugs. When the last one dies, they are gone forever.



We must make changes now and fast.



The **Well-being of Future Generations Act** is about improving lives now, next year, in 25 years, 50 years and 100 years into the future.



You can find out more about our work on our website: www.futuregenerations.wales

About this plan



Our plan called **Cymru Can** says what we will focus on over the next 7 years.



To write this plan we:

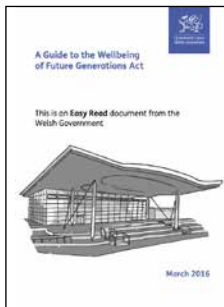
- worked with over 1400 people and organisations across Wales
- researched what was happening across the world.



Our 5 main goals



After speaking to people and researching, we came up with 5 main goals:



1. Well-being of Future Generations Act

We will make sure the Well-being of Future Generations Act is being used.



We will make sure this helps to improve the lives of people in Wales.



2. Climate and nature

We will make sure all Welsh public bodies meet their **net zero** goals by 2023.



3. Health and well-being

We will support making changes to the way we keep people healthy. We will focus on stopping issues early on.



4. Culture and Welsh language

Our culture is our shared traditions, behaviours, history, and language. We will make sure public bodies understand the importance of culture.



5. The economy

The economy is the way people spend money and the way people make money.



We will make sure Wales has an economy that put people and the planet first.

What next



Over the next 7 years we will focus on work that is linked to our 5 goals.



We are also going to look into **artificial intelligence**.

artificial intelligence is making machines that can think like humans do.



We want to look at the opportunities and risks of **artificial intelligence**. For people now and in the future.



We are going to work with organisations and people who can help us achieve our goals.



If you would like to work with us please email us at: contactus@futuregenerations.wales.

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