



What we did from 2022 to 2023

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



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What we did from 2022 to 2023



There is a law in Wales called the **Well-being of Future Generations Act** that came out in 2015.



The aim of this law is to make Wales a better place to live now and in the future.



The **Future Generations Commissioner** is **Derek Walker**. It is his job to make sure the Welsh Government and other organisations in Wales follow this law. He has a team of staff working with him.



Derek started this job in March 2023. He took over from Sophie Howe, who was doing the job for 7 years before him.



This is a report of what we did from April 2022 to March 2023. Our work focused on 4 main areas.

1. The big issues facing Wales and its future

We gave advice to the Welsh Government about things like:



- Dealing with **climate change**. This is to do with our planet getting hotter because of the things like oil and gas, that we use for power.



- Treating people fairly. For example, some people are treated unfairly because of where they were born or where their ancestors were born.



- What the Welsh Government should spend money on.



- Cost of living. This is to do with the costs of food, heating and other daily living costs.



We think the Welsh Government are doing a lot of good things, but there is a lot more to be done.

2. Supporting and challenging public bodies to follow this law



Public bodies are organisations that run public services in Wales. For example, health services, bus and rail services, education and many others.



We helped these organisations work together more and share ideas.



We have given them advice about a lot of different topics. For example, housing, food and **climate change**.

3. Worked with others to make changes



We worked with other organisations, like businesses and community groups to give advice.



They also gave advice to us.



We talked to young people and ran a training programme for them called the Future Generations Leadership Academy.



We had an event to celebrate the work of 100 people who have done things to help make Wales a better place.



We have also spoken to some other countries who have wanted to learn from us. Like Canada, Ireland and Germany.

4. Make sure we run our organisation well



The Future Generations Commissioner is made up of a team of people.



We try to make sure we are run in a way that is kind and that helps Wales.



We made videos about what we are doing on topics like:



- Health and well-being



- Speaking Welsh



- Spending money wisely



The videos can be found here: www.futuregenerations.wales/our-culture



We wrote an **anti-racist action plan**. This is a plan about what we are doing to treat people fairly, no matter where they are from, where their family is from or what they believe.



When Sophie Howe, the first Commissioner, passed her job over to Derek Walker, the current Commissioner, we looked at some of the things that have been achieved in the last 7 years. Some examples are:



- Wales has good recycling rates and we are trying to become zero-waste by 2050.



- Wales is working to prevent health issues.



- Wales is educating children in new ways to prepare them better for the future.



Here is a video about this work: www.futuregenerations.wales/impact/impact-of-the-act