

**The Welsh Language Partnership Council
(Cyngor Partneriaeth y Gymraeg)**



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Appointment of Members

Duration 3 years with possibility to extend.

This is an unpaid appointment – Members will be expected to attend a minimum of 3 meetings per annum and will be reimbursed for Travel & Subsistence and other reasonable expenses.

At the 2016 National Eisteddfod, the First Minister and the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language launched a consultation on the long term vision for the Welsh language. The consultation paper set out the ambitious target of increasing the number of Welsh speakers to 1 million by 2050.

Responses to the consultation will help to develop a new strategy for the Welsh language that will replace the current strategy - *A living language: a language for living 2012-2017*.

The Welsh Ministers wish to appoint a new Partnership Council by May 2017 in order to contribute to the work of implementing the new strategy as soon as possible.

Having an effective Partnership Council will depend on its Members having a wide range of experience of matters relating to the Welsh language, from across all areas and sectors in Wales. The Members, between them, should also reflect the varying extent to which the Welsh language is used by those living in Wales. This includes persons working within the public, private and third sectors. Applications are also welcomed from individuals from different parts of Wales.

Members will be expected to attend three Partnership Council meetings a year. Members may also be expected to contribute to progressing the Partnership Council's work between meetings, for example, by contributing to the work of sub-groups or task and finish groups. In addition, Members will be expected to discuss matters relating to the strategy – and promote its implementation - with the organisations and sectors they represent. The Partnership Council's meetings are likely to be held in various Welsh Government offices across Wales.

It is the policy of the Welsh Government to promote and integrate equality of opportunity into all aspects of its business including appointments to public bodies. Applications are welcomed and encouraged from all groups and we ensure that no eligible candidate for public office receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, sex, race, religion or belief, or pregnancy and maternity. The principles of fair and open competition will apply and appointments will be made on merit.

The ability to speak Welsh is **essential for 1 Member** of the Council, and **desirable** for the remaining Members.

For further information regarding the selection process, please contact:



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For further information regarding the role of the Welsh Language Partnership Council and the role of Members please contact the:

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If you need any further assistance in applying for this role, please contact the Welsh Government's Corporate Shared Service Centre Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 or SharedServiceHelpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 March 2017. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

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