

# Live your language: Increasing the use of minority and official languages



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 The Parkgate Hotel, CF10 1DA

**9:30** Registration and refreshments

**10:00** Welcome

Efa Gruffudd Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner and Chair of the International Association of Language Commissioners

**10:15** Opening address

Bethan Webb, Deputy Director  
– Welsh Language, Welsh Government

**10:30** Panel session: How are the Welsh language standards driving change in the workplace?

Chair: Osian Llywelyn, Deputy Welsh Language Commissioner

Dylan Hughes, First Legislative Counsel, Wales

Ffreuer Owen, Policy and Welsh Language Manager, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Prys Davies, Director of Corporate Strategy and Development, Natural Resources Wales

**11.15** Tea and coffee break

**11:45** Transforming learning Welsh in the workplace and beyond

Dona Lewis, Chief Executive, The National Centre for Learning Welsh

**12:15** Panel session: How are the Welsh language standards driving wider change?

Chair: Efa Gruffudd Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner

Ffion Gruffudd, Head of Bilingual Cardiff, Cardiff Council

Ben Screen, Welsh Language Lead, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Gwyneth Ayres, Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council

**13:00** Lunch

**14:00** Recent developments in UK language policy from a council of Europe Perspective

Professor Rob Dunbar, UK representative on the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

**14:30** Our Languages, Our Communities: necessary steps for recognition, protection and promotion

Dr Fernand de Varennes, Former UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

**15:00** Tea and coffee break

**15:30** Official languages in Canada: a new chapter in the making

Raymond Th  berge, Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada

**16:00** Closing remarks

Efa Gruffudd Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner

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