

# Bevan

FOUNDATION

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Changing Wales



## Who we are

The Bevan Foundation is an influential, independent think-tank which inspires social justice in Wales through research, publications and events.

## The need for action

There are high levels of poverty, inequality and injustice in Wales, made worse by continuing economic difficulties and considerable constraints on public spending.

- Nearly one in four people in Wales lives on incomes below the poverty threshold.
- One in eight people in Wales is unemployed or economically inactive and wants to work.
- Only half of 16 year olds leave school with 5 good GCSEs including English or Welsh and Maths.
- People from disadvantaged areas live about 5 years less than people from well-off areas.
- Women's hourly pay is 80% of men's.
- Disabled people are much less likely to be employed than non-disabled people and on average earn 7% less.
- Every week, ten racially or religiously-motivated crimes are prosecuted in Wales.

The Bevan Foundation aims to address social injustice through:

- research and inquiry into the underlying causes of social inequality,
- the development of proposals for effective policy and practice,
- persuading policy makers, practitioners and the public of the need for change.



## Activities and Impact in 2012/13

The Bevan Foundation focused its activities on four key themes to increase social justice in Wales

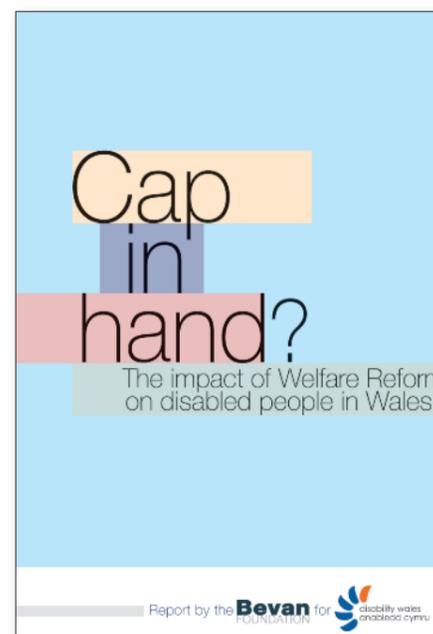
### Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion

The Foundation investigated the impact of changes to social security benefits through the **Cuts Watch Cymru** project and contributed its expertise to Silk Commission, the National Assembly for Wales and House of Commons as well as commenting in UK and Welsh press and broadcast media.

The Foundation also worked with **RNIB Cymru** and with **Disability Wales** on two projects to explore the links between disability, poverty and welfare reform, the findings from which are informing public health practice. The Bevan Foundation also supported the dissemination of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's work on **poverty and education**, establishing a network of interested professionals who are taking learning about best practice into their schools and colleges.

The Foundation shared its findings by publishing reports and articles on its website, and by organising high-profile conferences on welfare reform, education and poverty (in conjunction with Wales Council for Voluntary Action) and poverty and the labour market (in conjunction with Joseph Rowntree Foundation) as well as speaking at other forums

e.g. Citizens Bureaux conferences in Caerphilly, and Swansea / Neath Port Talbot, and to Neath Port Talbot Council's scrutiny committee. The Foundation's annual lecture, given by Sir Deian Hopkin, highlighted the role of public libraries in reducing poverty.



**“**  
I was really impressed ... [the report] has so much to offer, in a story so beautifully written and presented by Bevan Foundation.

*Anonymous comment on report on community co-operatives on Linked-In*

# Changing Wales

## Increasing Equality

On equality, the Foundation worked with **Age Alliance Wales** to develop 'headline' measures of the wellbeing of older people, and worked with **Age Cymru** on the impact of proposed changes to public transport on older people. The findings have raised awareness about the rights and needs of older people. The Foundation also analysed the impact of the recession on **women and the labour market** which resulted in a Ministerial statement and debate in the National Assembly for Wales. The Foundation worked with **Chwarae Teg** to draw together the findings of a major research project, which are now informing action on gender equality at work.

The Foundation published reports on these subjects, and shared the findings by speaking at Age Alliance Wales, Disability Wales, WLGA and Welsh Government/Cardiff University conferences on equality.

## Empowering People and Communities

Co-operatives were an important area of work during the year, with the Foundation researching the role of **community co-operatives** in Wales, working with the Co-operative Group Membership Wales to highlight the benefits of 'co-operative education' and publishing a pamphlet on the history and potential role of co-operatives. This work has



Top: Sarah Dickens, BBC Wales Economics Correspondent, at our conference on poverty and the labour market. Bottom: Rob Barnett speaking about his experience of dementia at a seminar.



“ I wanted to say a huge thank you for the report and your well-aimed presentation, you got us off to a brilliant start and we are very grateful. The press interest was amazing and the follow up interest the same - Roy Noble mentioned it again on his programme today.

Chair of Age Alliance Wales on the Bevan Foundation's report and presentation



The Robert Owen Awards with (l-r) Jeff Cuthbert, Deputy Minister for Skills, with Young Co-operator Danielle Seiwright and Brian Rees.

contributed to the Welsh Government's Commission on Co-operatives and Mutuals.

In addition, the Foundation addressed the needs of disadvantaged communities in Wales, supporting the **Big Lottery Fund Wales's** proposed place-based funding programme, due to be launched in 2013/14, completing a study of the labour market of the **south Wales valleys** and undertaking an investigation of **adult learning in Merthyr Tydfil and Blaenau Gwent**.

As well as reports and articles setting out the findings, the Foundation organised a lunchtime discussion and presentation of the inaugural **Robert Owen awards**, and spoke at several seminars on regeneration of disadvantaged communities.

## Improving Public Health

The Bevan Foundation researched public attitudes to and experience of quitting smoking, funded by Pfizer. The findings have been presented to leading decision makers in public health, featured at Ash Wales annual conference and in a conference organised by the Bevan Foundation. They are helping to re-shape the support offered to smokers wanting to quit. We were also delighted to disseminate the pioneering work of the **Joseph Rowntree Foundation** at a seminar on dementia.



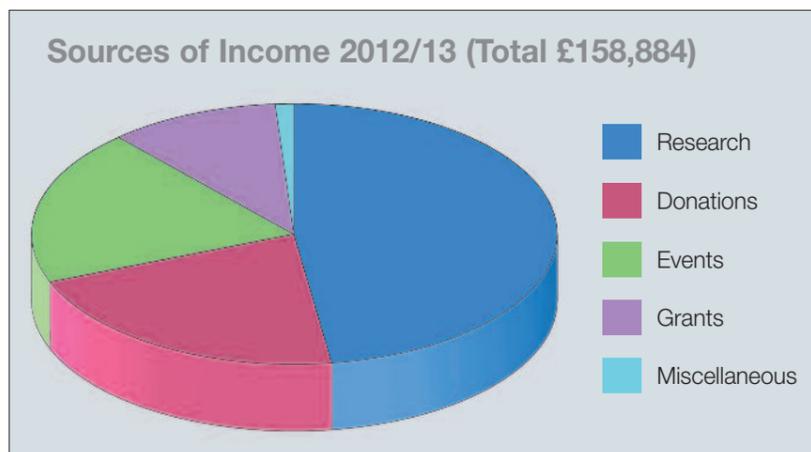
Gay Sutherland, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Maudsley NHS Trust, talks about smoking cessation

## Finances

The Bevan Foundation operates in a challenging financial climate and, overall, the Foundation made a loss of £12,774 in 2012/13 against total income of £158,884. This was due entirely to expenditure of £24,023 restricted funds received in the previous finance year. The underlying trend was more positive generating an unrestricted surplus during the year of £11,249. The Trustees nevertheless responded to the difficult climate by relocating to cheaper premises in Merthyr Tydfil and consolidating staffing to just two permanent employees.

### Income

Total income in 2012/13 was £158,884, from a mix of membership and donations, grants, and research and events.



### Membership and donations

During the year Trustees reviewed the structure and cost of membership subscriptions, although the changes were effective later than envisaged. Partly as a consequence and also reflecting the difficult economic climate, income from membership fell to £29,977. Three issues of the members' magazine, Review, were published and well received. In addition, a network of members and other interested individuals was established in London.

The Bevan Foundation was delighted to be the charity partner of Green Man festival, featuring in Green Man's publicity and enabling the Foundation to raise £5,000 from donations. We were pleased



“  
...they do exactly what they commit to do and deliver on deadlines. Given the size of their organisation their capacity is limited but when they commit to something they deliver.”

*Anonymous, from market research*

to work with the Prinhaus, an artists' collective, and two students on work experience who designed a flag, t-shirts and badges for the festival. The Foundation also sponsored Billy Bragg's performance at the 2012 Hay Festival and was a partner in the Busk on the Usk festival, the Wales contribution to the London 2012 Olympics celebrations, both at negligible cost.

The Foundation revamped its website in anticipation of increased traffic, integrating its 'blog' and making the site more attractive and stable. The revamp was informed by independent research, extracts from which are quoted in this Annual Review.

### Grants

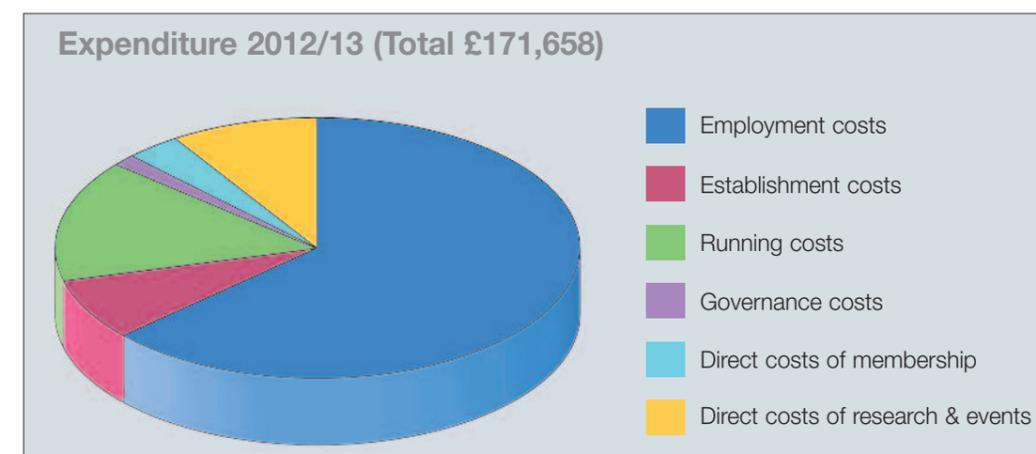
Income from grants in 2012/13 totalled £25,666, a relatively small proportion of total income. The Bevan Foundation gratefully acknowledges support from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Jobs Growth Wales and Go Wales.

### Research and Events

The majority of the Bevan Foundation's income, £75,688, came from research, and a further £24,295 was generated by events. All this income was generated by trading consistent with the Foundation's primary purpose.

### Expenditure

Total expenditure in the year was £171,658. Of this nearly two-thirds was employment costs, 16% was direct costs of membership, research and events, and the rest was establishment and running costs.



## Essential information

The Bevan Foundation was registered as a company limited by guarantee, number 4175018, in 2001 and as a charity, number 1104191, in 2004. It is managed by a board of Trustees.

### Trustees

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Daran Hill  
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Timothy Palazon  
Simon M Pickthall  
Jaselle D Williams

### Resignations

Mick Antoniw *resigned May 2012*  
Hywel Francis *resigned May 2012*  
Taha Idris *resigned Dec 2012*

### Staff 2012/13

Victoria Winckler (Director)  
Anne-Marie Carpenter (Office Manager  
from August 2012)

Catherine Davies  
(Research Assistant September 2012 -  
October 2013)  
Michael Donnelly  
(Research Officer to July 2012)  
Daneka Norman  
(Communications Manager to December 2012)  
Rachael Simmonds  
(Finance and Admin Officer - maternity leave  
from July 2012)



**...they are a trusted partner, a go-to, safe pair of hands, interesting and influential.**

*Anonymous, from market research*

*Victoria Winckler speaks at a conference on smoking cessation'*



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