

# Celebrating 10 years



The **Bevan Foundation** was launched on St David's Day, 2001 to develop ideas and policies that reflected the needs and concerns of ordinary people in post-devolution Wales.



## Origins

Founded by more than 100 people from all walks of life, with the then Archbishop of Wales, Rowan Williams, as its President, the Foundation had bold ambitions to 'think the unthinkable'.

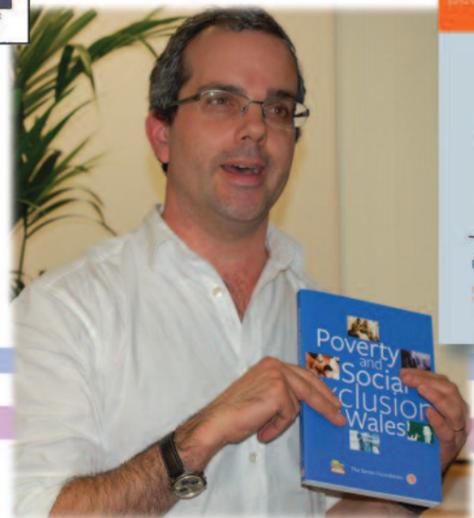
Ten years on, the Bevan Foundation has championed the cause of social justice and equality on all fronts. It has argued for the need to tackle poverty amongst children, people in work, and older people alike. It has pressed for action to regenerate the Heads of the Valleys. It has highlighted the persistent inequality between women and men, disabled and non-disabled people, ethnic minority and white groups and more. And it has done so with sound evidence, exciting ideas for action and invigorating debate.

Recently described as Wales's 'top think-tank', the Bevan Foundation is a respected source of innovative and challenging ideas which are shaping debate and public policy.

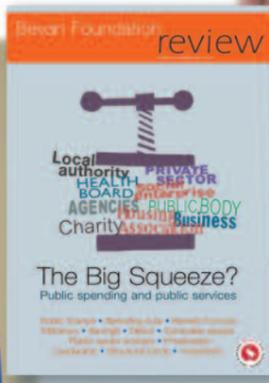


**The next ten years look tough. The need for action to promote social justice continues. The Bevan Foundation is ready for the challenges ahead.**

*Bevan Foundation Honorary Patron The Most Rev & Rt Hon Dr. Rowan Williams comments on social justice issues*



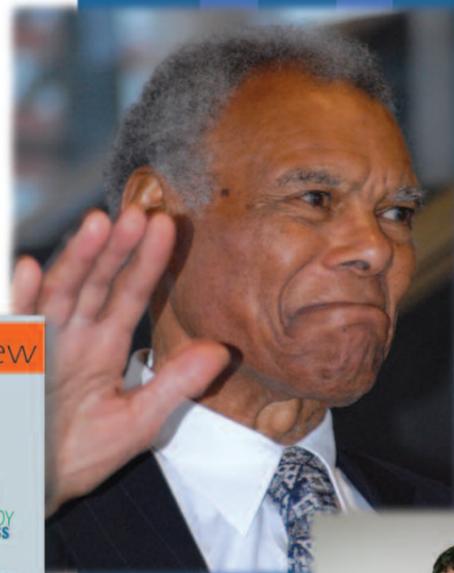
*Dr. Gideon Calder helping launch 'Poverty and Social Exclusion in Wales'*



## The People

The Bevan Foundation has had great success developing and sharing ideas through **conferences, lectures, seminars and discussion groups**. Our distinguished speakers have included:

- Leading UK political figures such as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown MP; Financial Secretary to the Treasury, John Healy MP, Secretaries of State for Wales Paul Murphy MP, Peter Hain MP and Cheryl Gillan MP.
- Leading Welsh politicians such as First Ministers Rhodri Morgan AM and Carwyn Jones AM; leaders of all opposition parties – Kirsty Williams AM, Nick Bourne AM and Ieuan Wyn Jones AM and many, many more.
- Distinguished academics such as Professors Ruth Lister, Phil Routledge, Sir Michael Rawlins and many more.
- Key public figures such as Sir Trevor Phillips, Greg Dyke, Martyn Jacques and Ed Mayo



*Paul Robeson Jnr.*



*Gordon Brown MP delivers the 2002 Annual Lecture*



*L-R Billy Bragg, Martyn Joseph and Beverley Humphreys*



*Kirsty Williams AM*

**In all our work we have included people whose voices are unheard, from learning-disabled people, to young people, older people and people experiencing poverty.**



*Filmmakers at Merthyr Tydfil College celebrate International Women's Day'*



## The issues

Throughout the last 10 years our books, articles, reports and pamphlets have shaped and informed public opinion and policy including:

- publishing 17 issues of our acclaimed magazine, Review, which has featured contributors ranging from the Archbishop of Canterbury, to David Cameron, Prof Julian Tudor Hart and Gillian Clarke.
- Books and reports on poverty, regeneration, carers and much more.
- Articles and commentary in UK and Welsh media, and on our own 'blog' thisismytruth.org
- Short videos, such as 'Two Sisters'

## Reflections

The Foundation has reflected on key events in Wales's history including:

- the 60th anniversary of the NHS;
- the 170th anniversary of the Chartist uprising in Newport and the 10th year of the opening of the National Assembly for Wales;
- 25th anniversary of the 1984/85 miners' strike;
- International Women's Day.

## Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, the challenges facing the people of Wales in 2011 are no less than in 2001.

Unemployment, poverty and inequality continue to damage the quality of life of too many people. The Assembly has greater powers over devolved matters, while the UK Government's spending cuts are transforming the welfare state.

The need for social justice is as pressing as ever.

**With your support, the Bevan Foundation is ready to argue for a fair and just Wales.**

## Thank You

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Young People's Question Time event



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