

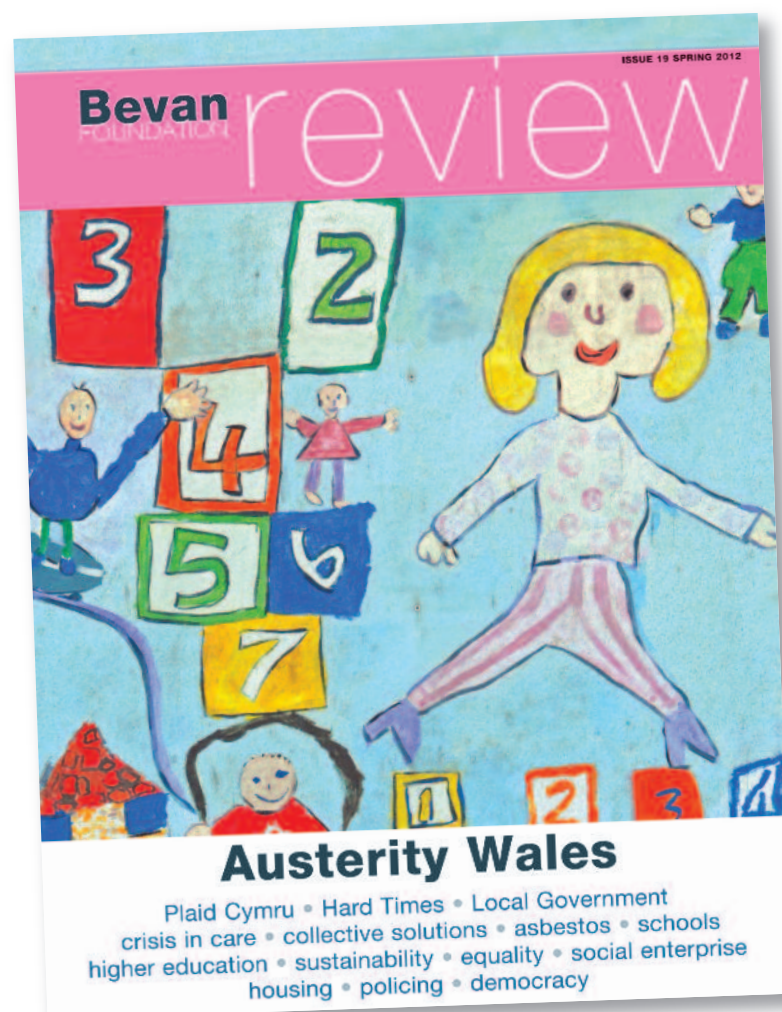
Changing Wales

REVIEW OF 2011/12

Who we are

The Bevan Foundation is an influential, independent think-tank which seeks to make Wales a better place through research, conferences and seminars, and publications.

It is a registered charity and operates as a social enterprise, generating its income through a mixture of membership subscriptions, grants and commissions, and events.



Reasons for action

People in Wales experience deep-seated poverty, inequality and disadvantage:

- 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.

What we did

In 2011/12 the Bevan Foundation helped to tackle poverty, inequality and disadvantage through publishing 3 research reports and more than 40 articles in its magazine, 4 pamphlets as well as daily comment and analysis of current affairs.

The Bevan Foundation encouraged the exchange of ideas and good practice through organising seven events that attracted about 400 delegates.

In addition the Foundation informed public policy and debate by commenting regularly in Welsh and UK media, and our work was often quoted in debates in the National Assembly for Wales and elsewhere.



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Activities in 2011/12

The year was as busy as ever with the Foundation completing several research reports and organising a number of conferences, seminars and lectures. Highlights of the year were:

Tackling Poverty

The Foundation stressed the need to tackle poverty in Wales and developed ideas for new ways to tackle it.

The **Cuts Watch Cymru** project highlighted the impact of changes to social security benefits, with more than 1 in 4 people in Wales being affected, and urged the Welsh Government to take action to mitigate its effects.

A conference on **Poverty in Education** brought 80 delegates together to discuss how to offset the effects of poverty on achievement.

The Foundation completed its report on **Digital by Default** (for Welsh Government) which focused on the risks of marginalising people on low incomes who do not have access to the internet if more public services are put online. The Foundation also completed research for Pfizer on attitudes to **smoking cessation**. Both these

projects were funded in the previous financial year.

Reducing Inequality

Work on **How fair is Wales?** with the Equality and Human Rights Commission identified the major inequalities that persist in the Welsh economy and society and urged action to address them.

An **Equality Festival** in

Ebbw Vale in half-term in February 2012 celebrated the six 'protected characteristics' through theatre, music, film and debate. It raised awareness of diversity within the Heads of the Valleys area and reached many people who do not normally engage with these issues.

People and Communities

The Foundation explored the importance of all-Wales and community action to improve the quality of life in Wales's most disadvantaged communities.

Working with Big Lottery Wales, we developed the rationale for **place-based intervention** and criteria to be used for targeting activity.

Our conference on the **Heads of the Valleys** focused on how the area is changing and urged the Welsh Government to maintain its commitment to the area's regeneration.

Strengthening the Economy

The Foundation put co-operatives in the spotlight in 2011/12. Our overview of the **co-operative economy** for the Wales Co-operative Centre, launched in January 2012, demonstrated the economic, social and environmental benefits of the sector.

Working with Co-operative Membership, we commemorated Robert Owen, founder of the co-operative movement, with a lunch and Ministerial address in November 2011.

Making a Difference in 2011/2012

The Foundation had a major impact on public policy and debate during the year, helping to inform public opinion and encouraging action to increase social justice.

Sharing Ideas

The Foundation provided an invaluable forum for people and organisations to share ideas about social justice in Wales in 2011/2012.

Its magazine, **Review**, included more than 40 articles by experts on poverty, equality, regeneration, the economy, education, housing, policing and crime, public services, health, social care, sustainability, devolution, and more.

The Foundation's **blog** offered daily news, comment and analysis on a range of themes, attracting more than 2,000 readers a month.

The Foundation's **website** was improved with help from Communities 2.0 and, despite some teething troubles, now offers more user-friendly access to the Foundation's activities for those online.

The Foundation also published four **pamphlets** – on part-time working, on democracy at work, on the future of the Social Fund and on Aneurin Bevan's legacy.

The Foundation was delighted to continue its partnership with the **Joseph Rowntree Foundation**, helping to share its work on alcohol use by young people, poverty and social exclusion and community regeneration.

The Foundation also established a network in London to provide a forum for debate outside Wales.

Shaping Debate

The Foundation made a significant contribution to informing the public, through the **Welsh and UK media**. The Foundation's Director, Victoria Winckler, was a regular commentator on BBC Radio Wales's **Good Morning Wales** programme and also appeared on BBC Wales's **Wales Today**, Radio 4 and Channel 4 News.

Victoria also made presentations to numerous conferences and seminars, addressing in total more than 600 people during the year.

Inspiring Action

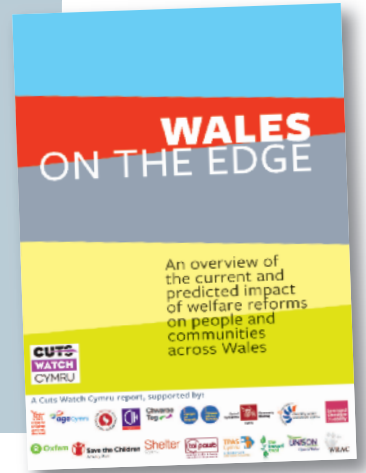
The Foundation's ideas were taken forward by policy-makers in a number of Welsh public bodies.

Its research findings were mentioned in several plenary debates in the National Assembly for Wales by Assembly Members of almost all political parties, and the Foundation also met with Ministers to urge them to adopt its recommendations.

Its findings on equality have shaped the work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission and its partners, those on co-operatives have increased the profile of co-operatives in Welsh economic policy whilst its work on regeneration has informed the development of policies by the Big Lottery Fund and others.



Bevan Foundation Director talks to Channel 4 News



Essential Information

Vitals

The Bevan Foundation was registered as a company limited by guarantee, number 4175018, in 2001 and as a charity, number 1104191, in 2004.

Registered address (from September 2012):
145a High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8YR

Bankers: Co-operative Bank

Accountants: Mitchell Meredith Ltd

Staff:

Victoria Winckler (Chief Executive)
Daneka Norman (Communications Manager)
Rachael Simmonds (Finance and Admin Officer)
James Radcliffe (Research Officer - to June 2011)
Michael Donnelly (Research Officer - from October 2011)

Trustees:

Chair: Paul O'Shea
Vice Chair: Sonia Behr
Secretary: Bob Chapman
Treasurer: Dai Davies

Mick Antoniwi - resigned 18.5.12
R D 'Sandy' Blair
Gideon Calder - appointed 21.10.11
Alun Davies - resigned 31.5.11
Hywel Francis - resigned 18.5.12
Cerys Furlong
Jeremy Gass
Daran Hill
Taha Idris
Marcella Maxwell - resigned 21.10.11
Jeremy Miles
Timothy Palazon
Simon M Pickthall - appointed 21.10.11
Jaselle D Williams



Trustees and staff at the Annual General Meeting

Financials

In 2011/12, the Bevan Foundation like many other charities felt pressure from the recession and pressure on public spending. Its income fell by 8% compared with previous years, but its expenditure decreased by 25% resulting in a modest surplus (£6,884) to be carried forward.

Income and Expenditure (£)			
Income 2011/12		Net incoming resources	
Voluntary income	62,410	Funds brought forward	48,131
Activities for generating funds	1,827	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	
Investment income	47	INTO 2012/13	55,015
Research	60,731	Balance Sheet (£)	
Conferences and events	25,215	Fixed assets	4,579
Publications	2,310	Current assets: debtors	12,491
Total	152,540	Current assets: cash at bank	52,012
Expenditure 2011/12		Creditors	(14,706)
Costs of generating voluntary income	34,105	Net current assets	50,436
Research	62,971	Total assets less current liabilities	55,015
Conferences and events	32,611	Net Assets	55,015
Publications	6,698	Of which restricted	24,848
Governance	9,271		
Total	145,656		

The Bevan Foundation gratefully acknowledges the financial support of its members and funders, which help to ensure the Foundation's independence and sustainability.