

# Standing up for equality, justice and prosperity

**The Bevan Foundation is Wales' most influential and innovative think-tank.**

We develop solutions to Wales' most challenging problems. We listen to people affected, work with them on effective proposals, and inspire action by governments, business and individuals.

## What we did in 2017/18

We developed solutions to some of the major issues facing Wales.

### We helped to solve poverty

We found that one in four people live in poverty, with poverty in households where someone works rising rapidly. We said that addressing the root causes of poverty makes more difference than community-based programmes.

#### We recommended:

- > a challenging job-creation target and the creation of growth hubs in the south Wales valleys;
- > more effective action to help people into work;
- > creating an inclusive labour market, in which work is fair and prevents poverty.

### We created better opportunities for young people

We found that four out of ten school-leavers do not get 5 or more GCSEs at A\*- C. They rarely get advice on their options, most of which are limited. Some find further education costly and daunting.

#### We recommended:

- > providing careers advice for all young people;
- > cutting the costs of participating in further education;
- > improving the range and quality of traineeships;
- > ensuring all further learning acts as a 'stepping stone'.

### We helped organisations get ready for Brexit

We found that Brexit could affect housing, many public services, finances for development and the economy. Although the terms of Wales leaving the EU were not known we identified more that could be done.

#### We recommended:

- > fostering a more inclusive economy;
- > investment in skills especially those likely to be affected by changes in immigration;
- > commitments to retain investment equivalent to EU funds be honoured and decision-making be devolved.

## We also

- > raised the profile of towns in Wales
- > explored the future role of charities, social businesses and public bodies in 'doing good'

## How you can help



### Support us

Join hundreds of people giving just £3.25 a month.



### Subscribe

Show your commitment to equality and justice by affiliating your organisation.



### Go the extra mile

Giving a bit extra helps us to do even more – and offers great benefits too.

# The difference we made

Registered charity no. 1104191  
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## Increasing understanding

- > National, Welsh and specialist media coverage
- > 34 online articles, 10 briefings and 13 reports
- > 63,000 website visitors, 8,500 social media followers
- > 500 delegates at events

## Shaping government policies

- > 3 of our recommended taxes in Welsh Government budget
- > Inclusive economy a central theme in Welsh Economic Action Plan
- > 'Growth hubs' implemented by Valleys Taskforce

## Strengthening democracy

- > Expert oral evidence to four National Assembly for Wales inquiries
- > Briefing for senior politicians of four parties
- > Regularly quoted in Assembly debates

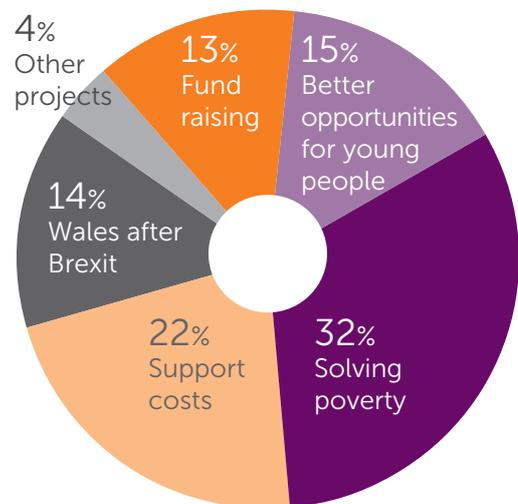
## Inspiring action

- > Action against poverty based on our plans by Pembrokeshire County Council
- > Anti-poverty training in North Wales
- > Informing organisations' strategies

## Income 2017/18 £244,206



## Expenditure 2017/18 £175,830



**£56,250** income received in advance carried into 2018/19.

**£12,119** contribution to reserves following the 2016/17 deficit.

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