Hard times *ahead*

– meeting the challenge of poverty in 21st century Wales

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Wales faces a period of transition to coping with less: less money for individuals and households and fewer resources for communities, at the same time as coping with deficit reduction and demographic change on a scale not seen before. The outlook may be bleak for us all – but it could particularly and dramatically affect the lives of people and places in poverty.

Speakers include:

- Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation
- Julia Unwin CBE, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Local Government and Communities
- Tony Greenham, new economics foundation

#povertyinwales

Our times are marked not just by difficulty, but the enormous task of working out what comes next, what needs to be done and what, indeed, can be done?

As Welsh Government launches its Tackling Poverty Plan, with its clear acknowledgment that 'the challenges ahead are not ones that government can meet on its own', this conference seeks to provide space for third sector organisations to contribute ideas and input for solutions to the massive change on the horizon.

We are not trying to define, measure or describe the poverty that is already real, and we have deliberately not focused on specific types of poverty such as fuel poverty, child poverty, transport poverty, poverty in old age, and so on because what lies ahead could well sweep away those categories, not withstanding the hugely important role of the sector to date.

The conference aims are specific: we believe there is an appetite for gathering and communicating ideas – from government, think tanks and the sector - and for open and hospitable discussion about how we can organise ourselves, contribute to policy debates and develop real, tangible approaches to surviving the transition ahead.

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Conference Programme

10:00 **Welcome and Chair's introduction:**

Graham Benfield OBE, Chief Executive, WCVA

10:15 **The poverty iceberg: partly submerged, hard, cold and dangerous – context and impact for people and communities in Wales**

Victoria Winckler, Director, Bevan Foundation and Cuts Watch Cymru partner

'People in Wales face the toughest challenge to their well being for decades. Hundreds of thousands of people are already feeling the consequences of a weak economy, resulting in job losses, a squeeze on earnings and rising prices. Add to this the prospect of public spending cuts and the most dramatic changes to the social safety net in a generation…as a result, tens of thousands of people in Wales are unwittingly standing on the edge of a cliff'

10:30 **Meeting the challenge of poverty means meeting the challenges of deficit, demography and degraded public discourse**

Julia Unwin CBE, Chief Executive, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

'Poverty remains a shocking, disturbing and hugely wasteful aspect of modern British society. Trapped in low paid work, moving from no pay to low pay and back again, vilified and described as idle, people who live in poverty experience the attenuation of their capability, the wasting of their potential, and entirely artificial limitations to their power to contribute'

11.00 **The Welsh way: Welsh Government's Tackling Poverty plan**

Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Local Government and Communities

'It has never been more important to reaffirm our commitment to tackling poverty and to redouble our efforts to find the most effective ways of doing so. However the challenges are not ones that government can meet on its

own. The Tackling Poverty plan will shape how we go about meeting them…

We recognise that many of the successes in tackling poverty are down to the efforts of dedicated and enterprising individuals, starting on a small scale, in their local communities. The principle of community empowerment is fundamental to our approach'

11.30 **Coffee**

12:00 **Signs of the times 2012: a small sample of current third sector approaches**

Workshops:

1. **Supporting individuals in poverty:**
   Sally Ward, Buttle UK (small grants)
   Adrian Curtis, Trussell Trust (food banks)
2. **Meeting community needs:**
   Debbie Neale, Rural Regeneration Unit (food coops)
   Michael Butterfield, Llangattock Green Valleys (community based energy)
3. **Developing good money habits:**
   Cris Tomos, CredCer (reaching out to young savers)
   Lee Phillips, Money Advice Service (independent money advice)
4. **Creating Community assets:**
   Samantha Turner, Glyncoch Community Regeneration Ltd

13:00 **Lunch**

13:45 **The Great Transition - building a high well-being, low carbon economy**

Tony Greenham, new economics foundation

'Public budgets are under pressure and the financial system still moribund, but the real wealth of human, natural and social capital remains undiminished if we can find effective ways of unleashing it. We need to use well-being as our yardstick and take an approach to economic development that harnesses the natural resourcefulness, skills and passions of local people'

14:20 **Conversation Café: What now?**

An opportunity to debate options and opportunities for 'scaling up', innovation, designing and sharing new ideas

Tables hosted by:

Age AllianceCymru
Big Lottery Fund
Citizens Advice Cymru
Community Housing Cymru
Cuts Watch Cymru
Families First (Welsh Government)
WCVA (Communities First Team)
Oxfam Cymru
Spice

15:20 **Resources for change: money, time, people**

European Structural Funds 2014 – 20: 20% of resources may be earmarked for social exclusion/anti-poverty activities
WEFO

BIG funding – current and future programmes
John Rose, Director Wales, Big Lottery Fund

People power: timebanking, volunteering, internships
Tim Day, WCVA and Becky Booth, Spice

16:00 **Panel discussion: A way forward?**

Graham Benfield OBE, WCVA
Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation
Fran Targett, Citizens Advice
Sarah Rochira, Age Alliance Cymru
Stephen Doughty, Oxfam / Cuts Watch Cymru
Nick Bennett, Community Housing Cymru

16:30 **From ideas to action**

Helen Wilkinson, Senior Policy Officer, WCVA

16:40 **Closing remarks, tea and depart**

Amseroedd caled *i ddod*

– ymateb i her tlodi yng Nghymru'r 21ain ganrif

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Mae Cymru'n wynebu cyfnod o drawsnewid wrth geisio ymdopi â llai: llai o arian i unigolion a chartrefi a llai o adnoddau i gymunedau, wrth geisio ymdopi yr un pryd â lleihau'r diffyg a newid demograffig ar raddfa ddigyffelyb. Efallai bod y rhagolygon ymddangos yn ddu i bob un ohonom – ond gallai gael effaith benodol a dramatig ar fywydau pobl a lleoedd mewn tlodi.

Mae'r siaradwyr yn cynnwys:

- Victoria Winckler, Sefydliad Bevan
- Julia Unwin CBE, Sefydliad Joseph Rowntree
- Carl Sargeant AC, y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
- Tony Greenham, new economics foundation

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Rydym nid yn unig yn wynebu anawsterau ond hefyd yr her enfawr o geisio dirnad beth fydd yn dod nesaf, beth sydd angen ei wneud a beth, yn wir, y gellir ei wneud?

Wrth i Lywodraeth Cymru lansio ei Chynllun Mynd i'r Afael â Thlodi, sy'n cydnabod yn glir, 'nid yw'r heriau'n rhai y gall y llywodraeth yn unig eu bodloni', mae'r gynhadledd hon yn ceisio darparu cyfle i sefydliadau'r trydydd sector awgrymu syniadau a chyfraniadau er mwyn ceisio canfod atebion i'r newid aruthrol ar y gorwel.

Nid ydym yn ceisio diffinio, mesur na disgrifio'r tlodi sydd eisoes yn real iawn, ac nid ydym wedi canolbwyntio'n fwriadol ar fathau penodol o dlodi megis tlodi tanwydd, tlodi plant, tlodi trafnidiaeth, tlodi mewn henaint ac yn y blaen oherwydd gallai'r hyn sy'n ein hwynebu gael gwared ar y categorïau hyn yn llwyr, er gwaethaf rôl bwysig iawn y sector hyd yma.

Nodau penodol y gynhadledd yw: credwn fod awydd i gasglu a chyfleu syniadau – gan y llywodraeth, melinau trafod a'r sector – ac i gynnal trafodaeth agored a chroesawgar ar sut y gallwn drefnu ein hunain, cyfrannu mewn trafodaethau polisi a datblygu dulliau gweithredu real a gweladwy ar sut i oroesi'r cyfnod o drawsnewid o'n blaenau.

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Rhaglen y gynhadledd

10:00 **Croeso a chyflwyniad y Cadeirydd:**
Graham Benfield OBE, Prif Weithredwr, WCVA

10:15 **Y mynydd iâ tlodi: wedi suddo'n rhannol, yn oer, caled a pheryglus – y cyd- destun a'r effaith ar bobl a chymunedau yng Nghymru**
Victoria Winckler, Cyfarwyddwr, Sefydliad Bevan a phartner Cuts Watch Cymru
'Mae pobl yng Nghymru'n wynebu'r her anoddaf i'w lles ers degawdau. Mae cannoedd ar filoedd o bobl eisoes yn dioddef canlyniadau economi wan, sy'n arwain at golli swyddi, gwasgfa ar enillion a chynnydd mewn prisiau. Yn ogystal â hyn, ceir y posibilrwydd o doriadau i wariant cyhoeddus a'r newidiadau mwyaf dramatig i'r rhwyd diogelwch cymdeithasol mewn cenhedlaeth…o ganlyniad i hyn, mae degau ar filoedd o bobl yng Nghymru yn sefyll yn ddiarwybod ar ymyl clogwyn'

10:30 **Mae ymateb i'r her tlodi yn golygu ymateb i heriau diffyg, demograffeg a llai o drafodaethau gyda'r cyhoedd**
Julia Unwin CBE, Prif Weithredwr, Sefydliad Joseph Rowntree
'Mae tlodi'n parhau i fod yn agwedd warthus, annymunol a gwastraffus iawn o'r gymdeithas Brydeinig fodern. Yn gaeth mewn gwaith â chyflog isel, yn symud o ddim cyflog i gyflog isel ac yn ôl eto, yn cael eu difrïo a'u disgrifio fel pobl ddiog, mae pobl sy'n byw mewn tlodi yn gweld eu galluoedd yn gwanhau, eu potensial yn cael ei wastraffu, ac yn profi cyfyngiadau cwbl artiffisial ar eu pŵer i gyfrannu'

11.00 **Y ffordd Gymreig: Cynllun y Llywodraeth ar Fynd i'r Afael â Thlodi**
Carl Sargeant AC, y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
'Nid yw erioed wedi bod mor bwysig i ni atgyfnerthu ein hymrwymiad i fynd i'r afael â thlodi ac ymdrechu'n galetach i ganfod

y ffyrdd mwyaf effeithiol o wneud hynny. Fodd bynnag, nid yw'r heriau'n rhai y gall y llywodraeth yn unig eu bodloni. Bydd y Cynllun Mynd i'r Afael â Thlodi yn ein helpu i'w cyflawni…Rydym yn cydnabod bod nifer o'r llwyddiannau wrth geisio mynd i'r afael â thlodi wedi'u cyflawni o ganlyniad i ymdrechion unigolion ymroddedig a blaengar, sy'n dechrau ar raddfa fach, yn eu cymunedau lleol. Mae'r egwyddor o rymuso cymunedol yn elfen hollbwysig o'n hymagwedd'

11.30 **Coffi**

12:00 **Arwyddion yr oes 2012: sampl fechan o ddulliau gweithredu presennol y trydydd sector**

Gweithdai:

1. **Cefnogi unigolion mewn tlodi:**
   Sally Ward, Buttle UK (grantiau bach)
   Adrian Curtis, Ymddiriedolaeth Trussell (banciau bwyd)
2. **Ymateb i anghenion cymunedau:**
   Debbie Neale, Uned Adfywio Gwledig (mentrau bwyd cydweithredol)
   Michael Butterfield, Llangattock Green Valleys (ynni cymunedol)
3. **Datblygu arferion ariannol da:**
   CrisTomos, CredCer (cysylltu â benthycwyr ifanc)
   Lee Phillips, Y Gwasanaeth Cynghori Ariannol (cyngor ariannol annibynnol)
4. **Creu asedau Cymunedol:**
   Samantha Turner, Glyncoch Community Regeneration Ltd

13:00 **Cinio**

13:45 **Y Newid Mawr – creu economi carbon isel, lles uchel**

Tony Greenham, new economics foundation

'Mae cyllidebau cyhoeddus o dan bwysau ac mae'r system ariannol yn parhau i fod yn farwaidd, ond mae'r cyfalaf dynol, naturiol a chymdeithasol cyfoethog yn parhau i fod yn ddigyfnewid, os gallwn ganfod ffyrdd effeithiol o'i ryddhau. Mae angen i ni ddefnyddio lles fel llinyn mesur ac ystyried datblygu economaidd mewn ffordd sy'n defnyddio dyfeisgarwch naturiol, sgiliau a brwdfrydedd pobl leol'

14:20 **Caffi Clonc: Beth nesaf?**

Cyfle i drafod yr opsiynau a'r cyfleoedd ar gyfer uwchraddio, arloesedd, cynllunio a rhannu syniadau newydd.

Noddir y byrddau gan:

Cynghrair Henoed Cymru
Cronfa Loteri Fawr
Cyngor ar Bopeth Cymru
Cartrefi Cymunedol Cymru
Cuts Watch Cymru
Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf (Llywodraeth Cymru)
WCVA (tîm Cymunedau yn Gyntaf)
Oxfam Cymru
Spice

15:20 **Adnoddau ar gyfer newid: arian, amser, pobl**

Cronfeydd Strwythurol Ewropeaidd 2014 - 20: gallai 20% o'r adnoddau gael eu neilltuo ar gyfer gweithgareddau allgau cymdeithasol/ gwrthdlodi
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Cyllid oddi wrth BIG- rhaglenni presennol a'r dyfodol
John Rose, Cyfarwyddwr Cymru, Cronfa Loteri Fawr

Pŵer y bobl: cynlluniau bancio amser, gwirfoddoli, interniaethau – beth arall?
Tim Day, WCVA a Becky Booth, Spice

16:00 **Panel trafod: Ffordd ymlaen?**

Graham Benfield OBE, WCVA
Victoria Winckler, Sefydliad Bevan
Fran Targett, Cyngor ar Bopeth
Sarah Rochira, Age Alliance Cymru
Stephen Doughty, Oxfam / Cuts Watch Cymru
Nick Bennett, Cartrefi Cymunedol Cymru

16:30 **Gwireddu syniadau**
Helen Wilkinson, Uwch Swyddog Polisi, WCVA

16:40 **Sylwadau i gloi, te ac ymadael**