

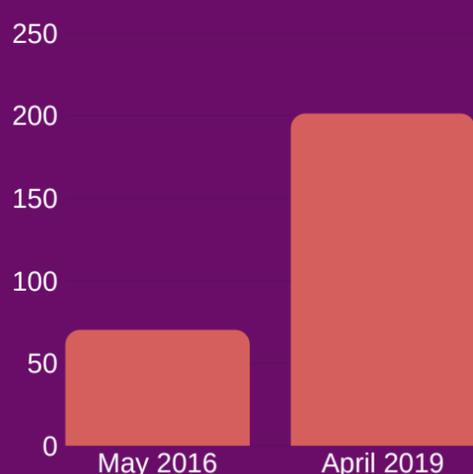
Shaping devolved Wales, ending inequality

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We're proud to have played a hand in shaping decision-making in Wales over the past 17 years. Here's a snapshot of some of our biggest achievements.

Following our recommendations to increase the number of workers paid the real Living Wage, the number of accredited Living Wage employers has trebled



Payment of the real Living Wage became a key commitment in the First Minister's manifesto...

Now, the Welsh NHS, further and higher education colleges and all local authorities pay the real Living Wage

Our recommendations that the Welsh Government should introduce new, devolved taxes were included in the 2018/2019 budget



Devolved taxes are now firmly on the policy agenda and have been widely debated by politicians, businesses, professionals and the public. The Welsh Government is actively taking forward at least one new tax building on our ideas.

As a result of our calls to address the potentially devastating effects of changes to welfare benefits, the Welsh Government funded additional advice services to help people with their claims.

They also commissioned independent analyses of the impact of the changes, and are now considering our suggestion to devolve some benefits.



In 2004, the Welsh Government established the Heads of the Valleys programme and later, in 2016, the Valleys Taskforce, as a result of our call for targeted action to maximise the potential of the Welsh valleys.

Our proposed 'growth poles' were agreed by the Welsh Government and have been allocated £25 million investment.



The Valleys Taskforce adopted our call for a targeted increase in employment.

Our work on devolving decisions about who has the right to live, work, study and seek refuge in Wales has created wide debate in the Welsh Assembly and beyond.



The Welsh Government has adopted our call for a lower salary threshold for migrant workers, and the Assembly's External Affairs Committee is now exploring life after the free movement of EU citizens ends.

We've helped bring about many positive changes under devolved Wales, but there's more to be done to address persistent inequality.

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