

Transforming Wales in 2021/22



In numbers

Outputs:

20

Reports

8

Briefings

18

Consultation
responses

55

Online articles

13

Webinars

6

CPD-accredited
training sessions

Finances

Total income **£350,134**

Total Expenditure **£345,350**

Our full accounts are available on the Charity Commission website: <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/3993716/charity-overview>

Thank you

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The Bevan Foundation is also very grateful for the support of hundreds of individuals and organisations who have supported its work through generous donations and subscriptions.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The year 2021/22 saw the Bevan Foundation's output and impact go from strength to strength. As Wales emerged from the most severe Covid-19 restrictions, new aspects of inequality and injustice began to emerge. We were proud to play a pivotal role in ensuring the adjustment to a post-Covid world was fair.

We spoke out!

Demand for our insights continued at a very high level, with our team speaking at conferences and events, sharing findings on television, radio and in print media and providing bespoke briefings for people and organisations.

We brought change!

Our practical solutions to poverty, inequality and injustice became a reality with widespread endorsement of and practical steps being taken towards a Welsh Benefits System. We were instrumental in the decision to introduce free school meals for primary school pupils and to extend help with the costs of school uniform to more children. We enabled people with experience of migration to shape the Welsh Government policy and Senedd recommendations, and we drove the establishment of an employer-employee retail forum, to name but a few.



We won!

The year culminated with the Bevan Foundation winning Prospect magazine's Think Tank of the Year 2021 award as 'one to watch' against stiff international competition, giving much appreciated recognition for our many achievements.

Looking ahead

The outlook for people and communities across Wales looks extremely challenging. Prices of food, energy and housing are at unprecedented levels, yet wages and social security benefits have not kept pace. As a result, more people are in the grip of poverty, and poverty is getting deeper. Public services are retrenching and communities fracturing.

The Bevan Foundation will continue its mission of transforming Wales by generating insights and ideas and creating lasting change.

We are proud of our many achievements in 2021/22 – we could not have won them without the support of our many individual supporters, organisational subscribers and generous trusts and foundations.



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Solving poverty

OUR INSIGHTS 🔍

We revealed that more and more people were struggling with everyday living costs through two major surveys and by working with community groups in Cardiff and Wrexham.

Our findings were widely covered in Welsh print and broadcast media and informed many organisations' forward planning.

OUR IDEAS 💡

We continued to argue for a Welsh Benefits System to streamline devolved grants and allowances. We proved that Free School Meals for all children whose families receive Universal Credit would be affordable and practical, and would make a big difference. We urged the Welsh Government to extend help with the costs of school uniform and equipment to low-income pupils in all school years and to increase the value of the grant.

OUR IMPACT 🙌

We have won Welsh Government as well as cross-party and cross-sector support for a Welsh Benefits System. As part of this our insights and ideas were instrumental in the Welsh Government introducing free school meals for all primary school pupils as part of the cooperation agreement with Plaid Cymru. Our case for more help with the costs of school uniform shaped the temporary expansion of the Welsh Government grant, helping thousands of children.



Economic resilience & fair work

OUR INSIGHTS 🔍

Through listening to dozens of people working in the foundational economy or who are self-employed we exposed the poor terms and conditions of work and how many workers struggle to get by. We also revealed the devastating impact of Covid-19 on jobs and business in the south Wales valleys.

OUR IDEAS 💡

We called for employers and worker representatives to work together to improve conditions in retail, social care and hospitality, and for action to support low-income self-employed workers. We recommended action to strengthen the local economy of the Cynon Valley through social enterprise and community businesses.

OUR IMPACT 🙌

Using our insights, the Welsh Government has set up a retail forum to bring retail businesses and trades unions together.

The Welsh Government is funding a feasibility study into a development trust in Cynon Valley.

Affordable rents

OUR INSIGHTS 🔍

Our ground-breaking analysis of rents asked by landlords demonstrated the acute shortage of properties for low-income renters. It also showed that people are dipping into limited resources to make up the shortfall between rent and their housing support.

OUR IDEAS 💡

We called for the urgent reform and uplift of Local Housing Allowance so more rents are affordable. We also urged the Welsh Government and local authorities to establish a Welsh Housing Guarantee so that nobody is homeless.

OUR IMPACT 🙌

Our calls for action on LHA have been adopted across the UK and debated in Westminster as well as the Senedd. Our idea for a Welsh Housing Guarantee, which would give a right to housing for everyone, is being explored by local authorities.

OUR INSIGHTS 🔍

We supported three groups of people with experience of migration to Wales to get their voices heard by decision makers. We found out what mattered to them and provided a platform to have their say. We also listened to people who felt lonely and isolated and highlighted the benefits of befriending services

OUR IDEAS 💡

People with experience of migration called for changes to draft plans on race equality and social cohesion. They shared their unique experiences of childcare with a Senedd Committee, which as a result called for care provision to reflect the needs of different ethnic groups. We called for investment in befriending and similar services.

OUR IMPACT 🙌

Shaped by our views, the Welsh Government redesigned its anti-racist plan and is introducing a migrant inclusion strategy.

Funding to support befriending in two areas was secured.