

Appendix B: Task 2 - Conduct a review and analysis of the Welsh experience with the Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015, through speaking with key stakeholders in Wales.

This task was completed by Zoe Russell through a process of (1) reviewing academic literature about the WFG Act, (2) reviewing Alliance Docs (Appendix C) and (3) speaking to key stakeholders. A brief summary of each is included below for context.

Interviews

The initial aim was to interview the Future Generations Commissioner, however despite different attempts to secure an interview, this was not possible. I believe this was due to the capacity of the commissioner at the time. However, the Commissioner did present to the audience of the Alliance conference where I was able to listen and gauge some of her views. I was also able to review the latest publicly available reports produced by the Commissioner about progress being made on the WFG Act. The Commissioner's latest guidance is over 600 pages long however, so time did not allow for a full analysis of this.

An interview was held with two Senned researchers, who were able to offer insights into learning through stages of the bill and its implementation. This was an illuminating interview, and the researchers were guaranteed confidentiality in order to be able to speak more freely about the WFG Act. A summary of their comments was included separately in the interim findings slide pack, and are integrated throughout the discussion paper. A full transcript of the meeting, although not 100% accurate, is available if there are any specific aspects that require additional context or detail.

I sought informal discussions with a number of other key contacts. I had hoped to secure a discussion with Hayley Richards, however despite some efforts to contact her by email and online, I could not reach her. However, documents provided by the Alliance which were produced by Hayley Richards, were useful in understanding Oxfam Cymru's position on the WFG Act and included as sources in the analysis. Additionally, I reached out to my own contacts in Wales knowledgeable about the Act and sustainable development, based on my previous research projects. I received no response from these stakeholders, like due to a lack of capacity around the Christmas period.

A point of learning to consider here regarding the interviews is that the timing of the project was perhaps partially why it was harder to secure people's time. It occurred in the run up to Christmas and over the Christmas break. This may be worth avoiding in future work by starting earlier in the year.

Documents Reviewed

Alongside the documents provided by the Alliance, I was able to review additional publications and reports. I completed a short academic literature review, focusing on papers which included discussion of the WFG Act and interviews with key stakeholders. Whilst many of these papers have an academic lens which is likely of less interest to the Alliance, many of them draw on interviews with a range of Welsh stakeholders which makes these papers a very useful insight into different stages of the Bill and the success of its implementation in different areas. The list of academic texts reviewed is as follows:

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- Nesom, S. and MacKillop, E., 2021. What matters in the implementation of sustainable development policies? Findings from the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 23(4), pp.432-445.
- Pearce, C., 2019. Guardians for future generations: bringing intergenerational justice into the heart of policy-making. In *Intergenerational Equity* (pp. 52-63). Brill Nijhoff.
- Stanley, P., James, T., Vaughan, B. and Pearce, S., Repurposing Mine Sites for the Well-being of Future Generations: Innovative Examples and Case Study of Developing Post Mining Remedial Work in Wales.
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