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How Wales should be run

We want to know what you think



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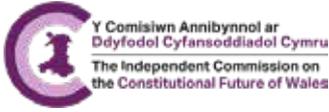


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Introduction



We are the **Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.**



We are a team of professionals working together to look at how Wales is run now and how it could be run in the future.



This means which part of government is responsible for what, who makes decisions, and who has the power to change things.



Government includes the UK Government based in London, the Welsh Government in Cardiff, and your local council.



The team is run by Professor Laura McAllister and Dr Rowan Williams.



There are 9 other people on the team. They have different opinions and come from different backgrounds.



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We have been set up by Welsh Government to look at:

- Who has power over what in Wales.
- The rules for how Wales is run.
- Who makes the decisions that affect the people of Wales.
- What parts of life should we be able to make our own rules and decisions over.



At the moment, Wales is run as part of the UK. UK Parliament gives some power to Welsh Parliament and Welsh Government. This is called **Devolution**.



Devolution means that some powers moved from UK Parliament to Welsh Parliament. It means there are some things we can make our own decisions and laws about. Like health and social care, housing and education.



There are lots of things changing in politics in the UK at the moment.



We are still working out how to deal with **Brexit** – when Britain voted to leave the **European Union**.



The **European Union** is a group of countries whose governments work together. The UK voted to leave this group in 2016. This was nicknamed **Brexit**.



And **devolution** is over 20 years old. It needs to be looked at again to make sure we are run in the best way for the people of Wales.



We are looking at how Wales is run now. And what needs to be improved.



We are going to look at options for how Wales could be run in the future.



We will look at the good and bad points of having more powers. And being more independent.



We want to hear from as many people as possible.



We want to hear from all types of people, from all over Wales.



We want to know what matters to you, and what your hopes are for Wales.

Have your say

We want you to have the chance to tell us:



- what you think works well with the way Wales is run
- and what needs to change.



This is the first part of our work to talk to people across Wales.



To help you think about how Wales is run, we have written some questions below.



But you can tell us about any issues to do with how Wales is run, that are important to you.



It is very important that your voice is heard. We will use what we learn to help us write our report at the end of 2023.



Please tell us what is important to you when it comes to how Wales is run. What do you think we should be thinking about?

Questions to help you have a say



These questions are just to help you think about your answers.



You can answer them or just tell us your own thoughts.



What we learn at this stage will help us plan our work going forward.



We will also use your views to write our suggestions for how Wales should be run. And write our final reports.

Questions



1. **What matters to you most about the way Wales is run?**

At the moment, Wales is run by the Welsh Government and the UK Government.

The way Wales is run means which part of government is responsible for what, who makes decisions, and who has the power to change things.



2. **What do you think are the most important things we need to think about?**



3. **At the moment, Wales is run by the Welsh Government and the UK Government. What do you think are the strengths of this? What parts of this system do you think we should keep?**



4. **Are there any problems with the way Wales is run at the moment?**



5. We are run by 3 types of government. UK Government, Welsh Government and local government – your local council.

What do you think about the way power is spread across these governments? Who should have more power? Or less?

6. Thinking about Wales as its own country:



- Do you like the way Wales is run at the moment? Wales is run as part of the UK. UK Parliament gives some power to Welsh Parliament and Welsh Government.
- Should we have more power and control – with UK Parliament only having power over things that affect the whole of the UK?



- Should Wales have full control to run itself? Should we be separate from the UK?



- Are there any other ways of running the country that you can think of?



- Alongside any of these options, should local councils have more responsibilities? This would mean decisions would be made in your local community. What types of things do you think should be decided like this?



- 7. Overall, what is most important to you with how Wales is run? Is there anything else you want to tell us?**

How to give us your views



We want to keep talking to people and getting your views. We will take your answers up until the late summer 2023.



We would like your views to help us plan how we do this work too. So please get in touch as soon as you can.



We will be writing a report about how our work is going so far by the end of winter 2022.



If you are sending views on behalf of a group or organisation, please tell us when you plan to do this by. It will help us to plan our work.



Please tell us if you are answering for yourself, or for an organisation. And please tell us a bit about your organisation.



You can send us your views in writing, in a video or as a voice recording.

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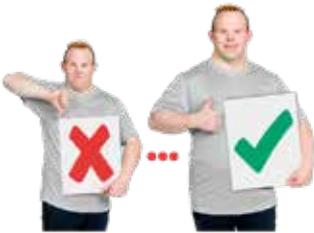
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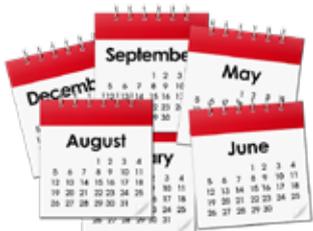
We normally publish a report showing the kinds of things people said.



Sometimes this means people's personal details are included. Please tell us if you do not want your personal information included.



If you are in our report the information could be available for a long time.



But information that is not published is only kept for 3 years.

Hard words

Brexit

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