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Attendees

Co-Chairs

- Laura McAllister
- Rowan Williams

Commission members

- Anwen Elias
- Miguela Gonzalez
- Michael Marmot
- Lauren McEvatt
- Albert Owen
- Philip Rycroft
- Shavanah Taj
- Kirsty Williams
- Leanne Wood

Expert Panel

- Gareth Williams

Item 2

- Prof. Mererid Hopwood, Chair of Welsh and Celtic Studies, Aberystwyth University
- Dafydd Iwan, Welsh language campaigner, musician, and former President of Plaid Cymru

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- Mabli Siriol Jones, Chair, Cymdeithas yr Iaith
- Huw Thomas, Leader, Cardiff Council

Item 3

- Nelly Adam, Black Lives Matter Cymru
- Hasminder Aulakh, Policy Officer, Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales
- Mahieddine Dib, Youth Representative, Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales
- Catrin James, National Policy & Projects Officer, Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- Deborah Jones, CEO, Voices From Care Cymru
- Pamela Luckcock, Young Carers Academy
- Yvonne Murphy, Omidaze Productions and creator of The Democracy Box project
- Seana Power, Youth Representative, Voices From Care Cymru
- Elizabeth Swinney, Rural Affairs officer, Wales Young Farmers Club
- Omolemo Thamae, Black Lives Matter Cymru
- Olivia Winter, Young Co-creator, Democracy Box

Item 4

- Lord Peter Hain

Secretariat

- Gareth Morgan, Deputy Director and Head of Secretariat
- Carys Evans, Adviser
- Victoria Martin, Policy Lead
- Ruth Leggett, Head of Communications and Engagement

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- Tessa Hajilambi, Office Manager

Apologies

- Sian Lewis, Chief Executive, Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Item 1: Welcome from the Co-Chairs

1. The Co-chairs welcomed the commissioners to the meeting.

Item 2: Welsh language roundtable

2. The Co-Chairs welcomed the members of the panel: Professor Mererid Hopwood, poet, and Chair of Welsh and Celtic Studies, Aberystwyth University, Dafydd Iwan, Welsh language campaigner, musician, and former President of Plaid Cymru, Mabli Siriol Jones, Chair, Cymdeithas yr Iaith, and Huw Thomas, Leader, Cardiff Council.

3. The panel members outlined their views of how the Welsh language had been impacted by devolution, and their thinking for the future.

Item 3: Youth organisations roundtable

4. The Co-Chairs welcomed the members of the panel: Nelly Adam and Omolemo Thamae (Black Lives Matter Cymru); Hasminder Aulakh and Mahieddine Dib (Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales); Catrin James (Urdd Gobaith Cymru); Deborah Jones and Seana Power (Voices From

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Care Cymru); Pamela Luckock (Young Carers Academy); Yvonne Murphy and Olivia Winter (Democracy Box); Elizabeth Swinney (Wales Young Farmers Club).

5. The panel members set out their experiences of how to strengthen engagement with young people, to enable them to play a greater part in the democratic process.

Item 3: Lord Peter Hain

6. The Co-Chairs welcomed Lord Peter Hain, former Secretary of State for Wales, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Leader of the Commons, and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

7. Lord Hain provided his thoughts and reflections about devolution, including the work of the Constitutional Reform Group.

Item 4: Reflection session

8. The commissioners considered further the evidence they had received and discussed the next stages.

Item 5: AOB

9. The Co-chairs thanked the commissioners for their participation.

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