

One Voice Wales – Innovative Practice Conference

‘PLANNING AHEAD FOR A CHALLENGING FUTURE’

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

10:15am – 3:45pm

Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

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| 10:15 | Welcome | Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair One Voice Wales |
| 10:20 | Setting the Scene for Today's Conference | Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive One Voice Wales |
| 10:30 | What are the priorities for the community and town council sector in the period up to the 2027 elections? | Jayne Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government |
| 11:00 | Addressing issues relating to democratic health in the local council sector | Speaker to be confirmed |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Short Break | |
| 12:00 | The National Lottery Community Fund – Opportunities for community and town councils to seek grant funding | Speaker to be confirmed |
| 12:40 - 1:30 | Lunch Break | |
| 1:30 | Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Benefits for Local Councils | Paul Funnell, Powys County Council |
| 2:00 | Community Asset Transfers – An exploration of the issues to be addressed by local councils | Speaker to be confirmed |
| 2:30 - 2:40 | Short Comfort Break | |
| 2:40 | Break Out Groups: Community Boundary Reviews – (Planning Ahead) Cost of Living Crisis and its impact on local people throughout Wales Local Places for Nature – Implementing your Section 6 duty plans Asbestos in Public Buildings – What we need to know | Paul Egan One Voice Wales & Emma Smith Society of Local Council Clerks Emma Goode and the Cost-of-Living Team To be confirmed Clare Phillips, Head of Public Sector Collaboration, Ystadau Cymru |
| 3:25 | Plenary Session – To receive short feedback reports from Leaders of Break Out Groups | One Voice Wales to co-ordinate |
| 3:45 | Conclusion of Conference | Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair One Voice Wales |

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