

HEFCW Council members – Register of interests

[updated October 2021]

Interim Chair

Name of member:	Rob Humphreys CBE FLSW Former Director of The Open University in Wales
Term of appointment:	Interim Chair: 05 January 2021 to 04 January 2022 <i>Term of appointment (member):</i> 15 June 2018 to 14 June 2021
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest (e.g. membership; directorship; governor; trustee; remunerated or honorary position, or other connection with an HE or FE institution; etc.)
1. Learned Society of Wales	Elected Fellow of the Society (unpaid). I provide occasional input into the LSW's formal responses to policy consultations.
2. Universities Wales/Global Wales partnership	Ongoing input into and assistance re: links between Welsh HE sector and Vietnam Government and HE sector (unpaid)
3. Adult Learning Wales	Individual member
4. Independent Commission on the College of the Future	Member (unpaid)
5. Amgueddfa Cymru/National Museum of Wales	Trustee (unpaid)
6. British Council, Wales Advisory Committee	Chair (unpaid)
7. British Council	Trustee and Board Member (unpaid)
8. National Waterfront Museum Swansea Ltd	Director (nominated as Trustee of National Museum of Wales) (unpaid)

Deputy Chair

Name of member:	Professor Mark Smith President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Southampton
Term of appointment:	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015; 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018; 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021
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1. Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA)	Chair of Board
2. Financial Sustainability Strategy Group (FSSG)	Chair of Board
3. Graduate Prospects / Higher Education Careers Services Unit (HECSU)	Chair of Board
4. HESA	Board Member
5. Universities UK (UUK) Research Policy, Funding Policy and Long-Term Strategy Network groups	Member
6. UPP Foundation Advisory Board	Member
7. Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)	Council member
8. All-Party Parliamentary University Group	Council member
9. Jisc	Trustee
10. Sir Henry Royce Institute, Governing Board	Member
11. Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership	Director

Chief Executive

Name of member:	Dr David Blaney
Term of appointment:	from October 2012
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1. Higher Education Academy	Fellow
2. Cardiff University	Daughter is a student at the University
3. Cardiff University	Alumnus
4. Swansea University	Daughter is a student at the University

Name of member:	Professor Aaqil Ahmed Professor of Media, University of Bolton and former Head of Religion and Ethics at BBC and Channel 4
Term of appointment:	7 April 2018 to 6 April 2021; 07 April 2021 to 06 April 2026
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1. Mosaic/Princes Trust	Advisory board member
2. Muslim Aid	Trustee
3. Advertising Standards Authority	Council member
4. University of Bolton	Professor
5. Ofcom Advisory Committee for England	Board member
6. Welsh Government, public appointments	Senior Independent Panel Member

Name of member:		Professor Tracy Bhamra Pro Vice-Chancellor, Loughborough University
Term of appointment:		1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022
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1. Royal Holloway, University of London	Senior Vice-Principal, Student and Staff Experience	
2. Institution of Engineering and Technology	Fellow	
3. Design Research Society	Fellow	
4. Research England	REF Sub-Panel Member D32	

Name of member:		James Davies CEO, Industry Wales
Term of appointment:		1 December 2017 to 30 November 2020; 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2025
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1. University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Honorary Fellow	
2. University College of Swansea [now Swansea University]	Graduate - 1986	
3. Ministerial Advisory Board (Welsh Government)	Term Complete – April 2021	
4. Astute 2020 - Board	Member (Contract owner: Swansea University): no remuneration	
5. Industry Wales (Employer)	Teckal company of Welsh Government. CEO/Director - Remunerated	
6. Tech Valleys (Welsh Government strategy advisory group of funding)	Member of Strategy Advisory group – not remunerated.	

7. Swansea Bay City Deal – Economic Strategy Board	Member of Strategy Advisory group – not remunerated.
8. Valley Task Force	Completed – April 2021
9. South East Wales Transport Commission (Burns Commission)	Completed – December 2020
10. Respiratory Innovation Wales	Board member/Director
11. AMRC Cymru LAB	Member of advisory group only on behalf of government – no remuneration, formal position.
12. Ffenics group	Completed December 2021
13. CCR Regional Skills Partnership	Advisory Group member, no remuneration.
14. Wrexham Glyndŵr University	Brother-in-law a member of the University Board

Name of member:	Professor Christine Ennew OBE Provost, University of Warwick
Term of appointment:	22 April 2018 to 21 April 2021; 22 April 2021 to 21 April 2026
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1. The University of Warwick	Provost and University Council member
2. Board of Common Purpose Student Experience (CPSE)	Board member
3. National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR)	Governor

Name of member:	Dr John Graystone Education consultant and former Chief Executive of Colegau Cymru/Colleges Wales.
Term of appointment:	1 August 2018 to 31 July 2021
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1. Addysg Oedolion Cymru/Adult Learning Wales (FE institution)	Chair of Board (from 1 August 2015 (from 2014-2015 , Chair of Shadow Board) (unpaid)
2. Agored Cymru (awarding body)	Chair since 1 August 2018 , unpaid (from 2015-2018, Executive Chair, (paid)), member of finance and general purposes committee and quality, standards and regulation committee
3. National Academy for Educational Leadership (public body)	Member of Board from 1 May 2018 (allowance paid), Chair of finance and HR committee
4. Bridgend College (FE college)	Governor from October 2014 (unpaid). Member of resource planning committee, remuneration committee and search and governance committee) and member of Penybont VI Form College Joint Committee
5. Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water (social enterprise company)	Member, Membership Body from December 2014 (unpaid)
6. Welsh Journal of Education Advisory Board	Member of Editorial Board from 2015-2020 (unpaid) then of Advisory Board (unpaid)
7. Bevan Foundation (charity)	Member since February 2018 (unpaid)
8. Independent Welsh Pay Review Body (public appointment)	Member (from February 2019) (allowance paid)

Name of member:	Dr Peter Higson Former civil servant
Term of appointment:	05 May 2020 to 04 May 2023
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1. Board of the Solicitors Regulation Authority	Lay Member. Remunerated position
2. Cartrefi Cymru	Trustee/Director. Unremunerated position.
3. Dangerpoint	Trustee. Unremunerated position.
4. Bangor University	Honorary Senior Lecturer in Psychology. Unremunerated position.

Name of member:	Charlotte Hitchings Chair, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
Term of appointment:	05 May 2020 to 04 May 2023
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1. Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	Chair
2. BSW Partnership Sponsoring Board	Member – not remunerated
3. Healthier Together Partnership Board	Member – not remunerated
4. Bristol Race Equality Strategic Leaders' Group	Member/Vice Chair – not remunerated
5. Coaching consultancy trading as C-Change	Owner
6. Cooke & Arkwright	Provider of consultancy services

Name of member:		Professor Helen Marshall Vice-Chancellor, University of Salford
Term of appointment:		1 December 2017 to 30 November 2020; 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2025
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1. Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)	Academic Reviewer	
2. University of Salford	Vice-Chancellor	