



11.0 Engagement and Influencing

The Senedd Commission

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The **National Assembly for Wales Commission** was created by the **Government of Wales Act 2006**.

It is the corporate body of the **National Assembly for Wales** and is responsible for the provision of property, staff and services to support Assembly Members.

The **National Assembly for Wales** changed its name to **Senedd Cymru / Welsh Parliament** in May 2020.

This information sheet provides further details about the Commission; its role and remit and its relevance to the third sector in Wales.



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Role and Remit

The Commission consists of the Presiding Officer and four other Members nominated by the main political parties. The staff of the Commission are headed by the Clerk to the **Senedd** who is also the Commission's Chief Executive.

The Commission staff includes all of the front of house staff at the **Senedd**; the **Senedd's** internal and external communications staff, the **Members Research Service** and the **Senedd Parliamentary Service** such as committee clerks amongst others.

Membership

The **Senedd** Commissioners were elected by Members in Plenary and are joined by the Presiding Officer, who chairs the Commission.



External Link

This list of the Commissioners is available on the Senedd website, along with their specific role.

[The Commissioners and Their Role](#)

Opportunities for the Third Sector

The Commission aims to improve both understanding of, and engagement with, the work of the **Senedd**. This means that there is an opportunity for the third sector to make suggestions to the Commission about how to achieve this aim and in particular how to effectively involve the sector in its work. The **Voices for Change Cymru** project will be concentrating on this as a key priority and we would welcome any suggestions from organisations who may have ideas on this topic.

It is also useful for third sector organisations to consider ways of engaging with the **Senedd Business** directorate. The committee service and member's research service in particular can be very helpful to organisations who wish to get involved with **Senedd Business**. You may wish to consider providing a description of your organisation's activities and area of interest to committee clerks so that they keep you updated with committee business and can contact you if a relevant committee inquiry is coming up.



For more information on engaging with Committees see our separate information sheet:

11.17 How to Submit and Give Oral Evidence

The **Members' Research Service** is also a useful department to make contact with as it provides confidential and impartial research support to the **Senedd's** scrutiny and legislation committees, and to all 60 individual Members of the **Senedd** and their staff. If you produce any publications, research, reports or publicity it is worth sending it to member's research as well as the Members of the Senedd themselves.

The **Member's Research Service** have leads for different policy areas so it may be worth finding out who leads in your policy area and making contact with them highlighting your expertise and evidence base. You can also access a range of briefings and information produced by the **Members' Research Service** from their webpages. These are primarily aimed at Member of the Senedd, but can also be useful for external stakeholders.



External Link

Information on the Commission and the Senedd Administration is available at:

[Welsh Parliament - The Commission and Senedd Administration](#)

Further Information

Senedd Commission

You can find out more about the Senedd Commission at:

https://senedd.cymru/en/abthome/about_us-commission_assembly_administration/Pages/about_us-commission_assembly_administration.aspx

Or you can contact the Commission using the following contact information

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Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Tel: 0800 2888 329

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Sector **Cymru**

Third Sector
Support **Wales**

Third Sector Support Wales is a network of support organisations for the whole of the third sector in Wales.

It consists of the 19 local and regional support bodies across Wales, the County Voluntary Councils (CVCs) and the national support body, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

For further information contact
<https://thirdsectorsupport.wales/contact/>

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