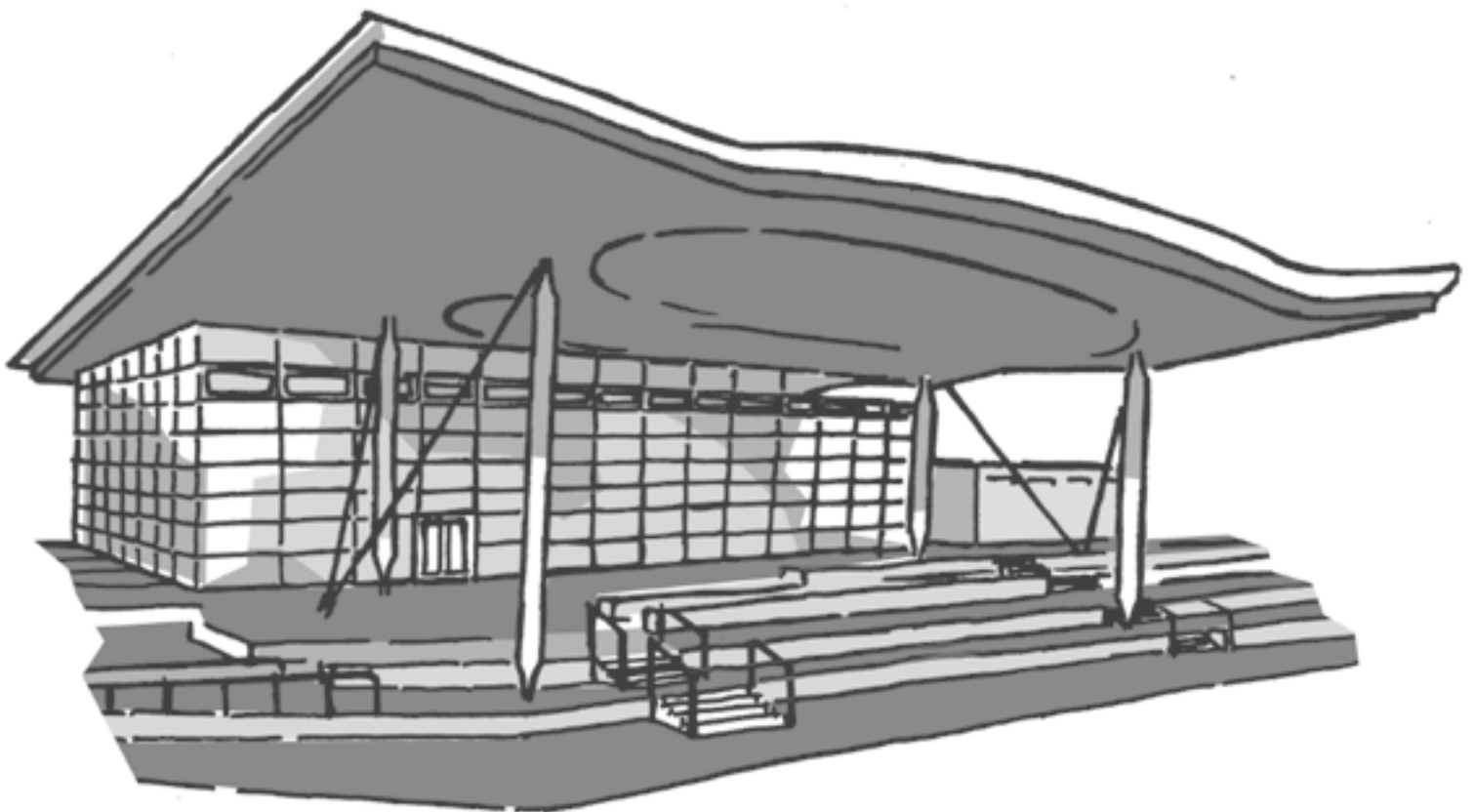




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A Guide to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

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Hello!

There is a new law for Wales called the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. The new law will start on 1st April 2016.

The new law wants to make Wales a better place to live for you too live in now and for people in the future.

This easy read tells you about the important facts.

You may want to know more. You can find out more on page 10.

Why we need the new law

The new law says that **public bodies** in Wales must think about people now and in the future when they make their decisions.

Wales has lots of challenges. These challenges are things like:

- climate change
- poverty
- some people with poor health and jobs.

In order to make things better everyone needs to work together.

We need to think about what people need now.

But also how that will affect people in the future.

There are 44 **public bodies** that must work together to make things better.

- Welsh Ministers
- Local Authorities
- Local Health Boards
- Public Health Wales NHS Trust
- Velindre NHS Trust
- National Park Authorities
- Fire and Rescue Authorities

Public Bodies are things like local councils, the NHS, Fire and rescue that provide us with services like doctors surgeries, schools and collect our bins.

- Natural Resources Wales
- The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
- The Arts Council of Wales
- Sports Council of Wales
- National Library of Wales
- National Museum of Wales

How it works

The new law has 7 goals so that all the public bodies know what they must work towards. These are the Wellbeing Goals:



- 1** A globally responsible Wales
- 2** A prosperous Wales
- 3** A resilient Wales
- 4** A healthier Wales
- 5** A more equal Wales
- 6** A Wales of cohesive communities
- 7** A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

The public bodies must work on all of the goals, not just one or two.

Public bodies need to make sure that when they make decisions they think about how it will affect people living in Wales in the future. This means they need to think about being **sustainable**.

To be sustainable, they have to think about:



- The long term



- How to stop problems happening in the first place

Being **sustainable** means using the things we need to live our lives but making sure that there are still enough left for future generations.



- How they work together with others



- How they involve people in making decisions

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

The Future Generations Commissioner is the person that makes sure public bodies are working towards the wellbeing goals.

The commissioner can also suggest ways public bodies can work better.

Every year, the Future Generations Commissioner will write a report on how well Wales is doing in reaching the goals.

Finding out more

If you want to know more about the Well-being of Future Generations you can go to our website www.wales.gov.uk

To contact the Future Generations Commissioner you can go to The Wales We Want website www.thewaleswewant.co.uk

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