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# Foreword

The Learned Society of Wales, formed in 2010, has established itself as Wales' national academy. Our Fellows are at the core of who we are, and our Fellowship now comprises over 600 of the most distinguished leaders and academics in their fields. They span every discipline, from academia to business to public service. They are global in location but are united in their connection to Wales and a desire to use their expertise to support Welsh society. Over the past decade, we have built strong connections with Welsh universities, HEFCW, Welsh Government and other key stakeholders to connect and promote Welsh research with UK and international partners, and we have developed our reputation as an independent, authoritative voice.

These strengths have given us a distinct identity. Combined with our established governance structures, staff team and financial position, they put us on a sustainable footing to look towards growth over the next five years, with a focus on increasing our societal contribution. Our 2023-28 strategy sets out our mission to use this national asset to make an impact. I look forward to working with our Fellows to achieve this.



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This strategy has been developed at a high level to provide a framework within which existing activities can be pursued and new initiatives started. It will be supported by an activity plan and financial plan, which will be overseen by the relevant Society Committees and approved by the Society's Council. It is intended to be ambitious so that the Society can continue to take advantage of appropriate new opportunities as they arise if they support the mission and strategic priorities set out in this Strategic Plan. All activities will need to operate within the financial limitations of the Society's budget. New initiatives may require more detailed consideration and planning before implementation, including approval by Council, where appropriate.