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# Annual Review 2022-23

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## President's Welcome

I am delighted to introduce this year's Annual Review, reflecting on a year that was about making connections.

The links we have with our fellow academies in Scotland and Ireland, through the Celtic Academies Alliance, are vital in extending our influence. As for our relationships with academies in Europe, we were delighted to be involved in organising the ALLEA annual conference which came to London this year. Work like this ensures that Wales' voice is heard beyond our borders.

## Chief Executive's Review of the Year

### A year of firsts

I am proud to introduce an annual report that documents a year of hard work and a year full of firsts:

- The first time our intake of new Fellows included 50% women.

Within Wales we continue to have excellent relations with all our universities. I thank them for their support of the Society.

On the individual level, it was fabulous to meet face-to-face with Fellows at our annual dinner and AGM, in-person events for the first time since the pandemic. It was wonderful to meet so many new Fellows. The new intake included more than 50% women for the first time, as we start to make good on our strengthened diversity, equity and inclusion commitments.

The role we play as a national academy that has come of age was recognised in the agreement we reached with HEFCW. The agreement with its long-term support will allow us to deliver our newly launched five-year strategy.

A centrepiece of that strategy is our Early Career Researchers Network. Its growing strength was shown at its inaugural colloquium, in Swansea in July. In developing our future researchers and making Wales a great place to do research, the Society is carving out a valuable role in Welsh academic life.

None of this would be possible without the sterling efforts of our staff team, led by Chief Executive Olivia Harrison. They drive the Society and are pivotal to its progress. I offer them my heartfelt thanks.



Professor Hywel Thomas

- Our first in-person Early Career Researchers Network conference.
- The first signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, which secures the funding we need to play a full role as a national academy.

These achievements are significant. They have helped us to improve our profile. We have worked hard to increase our visibility, with events small and large. These range from arranging a meeting in Edinburgh between the First Minister and our partner academies to sponsoring a purple plaque in Brecon to commemorate Frances Hoggan.

This Annual Review offers a snapshot of our activity, from shaping policy, to developing early career researchers, to making the Society a more diverse and inclusive organisation.

None of this would be possible without the support of a fantastic staff team and the many Fellows, with their vast expertise, on our Council and Committees. LSW Fellows increasingly contribute to our policy work and our programmes that support researcher development. We look forward to their continued involvement in the year ahead.



Olivia Harrison

# Five-Year Strategy, 2023–28

## Impact at the heart of our future vision

This year saw the launch of our new five-year strategy, which will run up to 2028.

At the core of it are our Fellows, leaders and experts from higher education and civic life, all with a link to Wales. Their connections, expertise and experience are central to the new strategy and to the LSW's aim of ensuring that research in Wales contributes to a thriving nation, capable of meeting local and global challenges.

The strategy was written over several months, led by our Council and with significant contributions from many of our Fellows and the Society's staff. It was developed in conjunction with our funding agreement with HEFCW (see page 6), which will provide the resources to contribute towards the delivery of the strategy's key priorities.

A series of action plans accompany the new strategy. These list the range of activities the Society will concentrate on over the next few years.



### Making an impact

Ensure policymakers and influencers recognise the relevance of the Society, welcoming and using us, as a source of trusted, independent, evidence-informed expert advice, to find solutions to real-world challenges.



### Fostering collaboration

Create and strengthen multidisciplinary connections, within Wales and beyond, to realise benefits from Wales' research and innovation base, thereby helping to tackle national and global issues.




### Growing talent

Advocate for the diverse and vibrant culture of Welsh research and support an environment that makes Wales a great place to be a researcher, so we can help retain and grow our existing knowledge base and develop our future experts.



### Promoting inclusivity

Build a welcoming Society whose Fellows, and their contributions, represent the diversity of our nation; and work in partnership with others to promote inclusivity.



“This new strategy reflects an organisation that is confident, outward looking and is playing a growing part in Welsh academic and civic life. Impact is at its core: the impact we can have as an organisation and the impact that research can have on Wales’ policy priorities.

We look forward to forging new relationships so that, by the end of the strategy’s cycle, we have cemented our external reputation as an independent, authoritative voice, trusted by our partners to make an impact on Welsh society.”

Professor Hywel Thomas PLSW

# 1

## Contribute to major policy solutions by providing independent advice and facilitating knowledge exchange

### Continue to...

- Be an independent, authoritative voice that informs decisions in relevant policy debates.
- Use our connections, and work with government, industry, public sector organisations and others, to increase policymakers' understanding of the importance of excellent research, across all disciplines, in benefiting Wales.
- Build our links with other national academies, including the Celtic Academies Alliance, as well as international partners, to ensure Wales is a key player in UK-wide initiatives and campaigns.



### Grow...

- Our role as a convening power and knowledge broker for scrutiny and debate of complex, real-world issues. Apply these expert insights to grow the Society's role and reputation for producing trusted, independent policy advice that enables policymakers to tackle challenges at a Wales, UK, and international level.
- Opportunities for researchers at all career stages to gain a greater understanding of policy and its impact on their work, and to contribute to policy-making.
- Support for, and promotion of, Wales Studies: research and the dissemination of knowledge distinct and strategically important to Wales.

# 2

## Create an environment that supports Wales' current and future experts

### Continue to...

- Build a diverse cohort of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in our ECR Network and provide leadership opportunities for ECRs to take an active role in its development.
- Celebrate the value of excellent research and diverse contributions, including through supporting and delivering events and our annual medal awards.
- Provide funding and other support to initiate interdisciplinary connections and scale-up collaborations across Wales.



### Grow...

- The capacity of the research sector in Wales for growth, leadership, and collaboration by developing our partnership with HEFCW (and longer-term with CTER) and by working with others to become an integral part of the sector that supports researcher development.
- The use of our Fellows to support the next generations of researchers, by promoting collaboration between researchers at all career stages and in all sectors.
- Our support for Welsh researchers to initiate interdisciplinary collaborations outside Wales.

## 3

### Develop a more diverse and active Fellowship

#### Continue to...

- Involve a wide range of Fellows in all aspects of the Society's work.
- Regularly review our processes and profile to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible.
- Improve the diversity of our Fellows by discipline and gender.



#### Grow...

Our engagement with all Fellows, with a focus on:

- Improving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: ensure we are welcoming and inclusive to all and pro-actively encourage Fellows from under-represented groups to have a voice in the Society's work.
- Fellows outside Wales: provide a valued way of strengthening their connection to Wales and use their locations as assets in delivering our mission.
- Our Fellowship offer: raise the profile of the benefits of Fellowship to existing and potential Fellows, promoting Fellow's contributions, and creating opportunities for collaboration.

## 4

### Develop our organisation

#### Continue to...

- Manage the Society's finances, including our investments, to deliver our strategic priorities, and support long-term sustainability beyond it.
- Enhance and modernise our organisational systems and practices, with a particular focus on making better use of data and digital solutions to be an agile and responsive organisation.
- Ensure we are compliant with the Charity Commission and all other relevant legislation, with oversight and guidance from a diverse range of Fellows.
- Support the development of our staff.



#### Grow...

- An effective and inclusive team, with a strategic approach to developing staff to deliver our strategy.
- Our communications, focussing on the Society's activities and contributions, to raise our profile and ensure our work is understood, recognised, and celebrated.
- Funding from a diverse range of sources to sustain our underpinning infrastructure and provide for new or specific activities.
- A plan for a physical headquarters for LSW and a review of the Society's name.
- The development of internal policies that position us as a responsible, ethical, and values-led organisation, including a focus on Welsh language and environmental sustainability.

# Championing Research

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## HEFCW Partnership

LSW and HEFCW strengthen focus on Welsh research excellence with new funding agreement

The critical role that research plays in helping Wales thrive was recognised in a new agreement signed this year between the Learned Society of Wales (LSW) and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW).

This puts our partnership with HEFCW on a longer-term footing and provides us with increasing, ongoing core funding. The agreement will help us achieve strategic aims, which align with HEFCW's Research and Innovation Vision for Wales.

The agreement also bolsters our role as Wales' national academy and strengthens our capacity to act as an independent voice, ensuring that research and innovation is part of policy debates.

The agreement was accompanied by a statement of objectives and priorities which outlines the areas of work we will pursue. These include the ongoing promotion of research excellence and work on providing independent advice to policymakers. There is also an emphasis on collaboration with partner academies around the UK, including the Celtic Academies Alliance, through which we arranged for LSW and RSE Fellows to meet with First Minister Mark Drakeford MS in June.

**“We are delighted to formalise our relationship with the LSW, which builds on the partnership established to take forward the recommendations of the Diamond Review.”**

Dr David Blaney, Chief Executive of HEFCW

**“This is fantastic news. It shows confidence in the role we are playing and will allow us to increase the impact we make through enabling a broader range of activity.”**

Olivia Harrison, Chief Executive, LSW



# Research Workshop Grant Scheme

## Creating an environment that supports Wales' current and future experts

The Society funded 23 workshop grants in 2022/23, building on the successful pilot we ran the year before.

Each grant, of up to £1000, was awarded to researchers working in the humanities, arts and social sciences (HASS) or Wales Studies, as well as those who are an Early Career Researcher. There is a requirement that grants are used to run workshops that bring partners together at the early stage of planning and developing a collaborative research project.

The range of topics we supported was wide, from social prescribing to the unknown dolphins of the Gulf of Suez; from feminism in South Wales, 1974-1999, to how to address the barriers to inclusive cycling in Wales.

The 28 applications came from universities across Wales. Selection of successful bids was based on the decision of our review panel, that included Fellows and Society staff.

Successful projects have already gone on to gain additional funding, including from the Wales Innovation Network as well as from researchers' own institutions.

The benefits of the scheme extend beyond simply running a workshop. Some of the early career researchers who received a grant reported that, as a result, they have learned more about the finance systems at their institution. The grants have also acted as a springboard, providing opportunities for ECRs to develop their career by presenting the outcomes of their projects at national conferences.

**“We are thrilled with the quality and range of applications we have received. One of the Society’s strategic aims is to create an environment that supports Wales’ current and future experts. The success of the grant scheme demonstrates how we are meeting that objective.”**

Professor Helen Fulton, Vice-President, FLSW



# Annual Medals: Winners and Award Ceremony

## Medallists recognised at Pierhead Building event

In November 2022, we held the first dedicated ceremony to celebrate the achievements of those who received one of our annual medals.

Over 80 Fellows, medallists and guests gathered at the Pierhead in Cardiff Bay to congratulate the medallists and hear them describe their research.

The presentation of the medals was led by Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice.

Our congratulations go to the 2022 winners:



### Menelaus Medal

#### Excellence in Engineering

*Professor Kenneth Morgan, Swansea University*

The medal recognised his work developing computer models for engineering analysis.



### The Frances Hoggan Medal

#### Celebrating contributions by women in STEMM

*Professor Ann John, Swansea University*

Her regular media work is influential in shaping the way suicide is depicted in the media.



### The Hugh Owen Medal

#### Recognising outstanding educational research in Wales

*Professor David James, Cardiff University*

The work he has done on teacher education, vocational further education and FE governance has seen him play important roles in developing government policy.

## Three Dillwyn Medals commend the work of Early Career Researchers



### Dillwyn Medal: STEMM

*Professor Erminia Calabrese, Cardiff University*

Her work explores the physics that drove the earliest moments of our universe.



### Dillwyn Medal: Humanities and the Creative Arts

*Dr Sharon Thompson, Cardiff University*

Her work on prenuptial agreements and the Married Women's Association has earned an international reputation.



### Dillwyn Medal: Social Sciences, Education and Business

*Dr Hayley Young, Swansea University*

Research exploring the development of functional foods has implications for how children learn and how memory is affected as we age.

This standout evening in the Society's calendar has raised the profile of the medals and demonstrates our determination to be more outward focussed and inclusive. We look forward to celebrating more of the incredible achievements of researchers in Wales at future ceremonies.



**“What we want to do is congratulate the scholars and the medallist[s]... you are going to have an influence on the life of people of Wales, the economy of Wales, our education, society and not just Welsh government but government at every level.”**

Jane Hutt, MS

# Contributing Expertise

## Policy Contributions

Using our expertise to help shape policy debates

### Independent Review of the UK's Research, Development and Innovation Organisational Landscape

The Society's President, Professor Hywel Thomas, was a member of the Sounding and Challenge Group for Sir Paul Nurse's independent review. Our written response welcomed the appreciation of the role of the Learned Society of Wales and the other national academies. We also repeated our call on the UK Government to associate to Horizon Europe as soon as possible.

### Parliamentary enquiry on spread of misinformation

Our response pointed out how the Society's Fellows are a trusted source of information. We reflected on how the policy work we do could be better used as a resource by the media. Improving our reach can ensure that independent, evidence-based contributions shape debates and policy development.

### The Constitutional Future of Wales

The Welsh Government's Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales is chaired by two Fellows, Professor Laura McAllister FLSW and Dr Rowan Williams FLSW. Our consultation response commented on inter-governmental working, UK research funding bodies and advisory councils, and the need for Wales to strengthen its position within UK structures.

## Celtic Academies Alliance

Work has continued to strengthen the Celtic Academies Alliance (CAA).

This culminated in a meeting with First Minister Mark Drakeford MS, hosted by the Royal Society of Edinburgh in June 2023. It brought together the academies' Presidents, Chief Executives and several joint-Fellows to discuss the growth of the CAA and how to foster links between the nations.

In October 2022, the President and LSW staff travelled to Dublin to meet the Royal Irish Academy. In return, Siobhan O'Sullivan, CEO of the RIA, attended our annual dinner in May. Similar visits to share best practice took place with the Royal Society of Edinburgh, involving Chief Executives, communications teams and finance officers.

The importance of the CAA is reflected in the memorandum of understanding signed with HEFCW (see page 6). Funding from the agreement will be used for the promotion of research excellence through collaboration with partner academies around the UK, in particular the CAA.

# Innovation Strategies for Wales

The past year saw the Society take an active role in the ongoing debate about the development of an innovation strategy for Wales.

## Consultation response

Our response to the Welsh Government's consultation on its draft Innovation Strategy made the case for a distinctive narrative about innovation in Wales.

One of the strengths of small nations is the ability for key stakeholders to act together in a coherent way, we argued. The Innovation Strategy for Wales must show how actors beyond Welsh Government might contribute to this national agenda.

We highlighted the potential for Wales of the 'innovation commons' approach. This can bring together disconnected individuals, organisations, and institutions from across the private and public sectors in Wales.

Our response also emphasised the importance of Wales' universities in the innovation ecosystem. We stressed the role of the new Commission for Tertiary Education and Research to support the sector to develop research and innovation capacity.

## Considerations for Innovation Strategy in Wales

Six roundtable discussions, chaired by The President's Special Advisor for Research and Innovation, Professor Rick Delbridge FLSW, began in 2021 and brought together innovation experts, practitioners and leaders, many of whom are LSW Fellows.

This formed the basis of our detailed report, *Considerations for Innovation Strategy in Wales*, which explored innovation policies and practices in and for Wales and is available on our website. It stressed the need for a new narrative of innovation and recognition of the potential power of this narrative.

The report was formed around the following key themes:

- the need for a new narrative of innovation in Wales.
- the capacity for invigorating innovation in Wales.
- creating connections and collaboration.
- the potential of an 'innovation commons' approach — a distinctive innovation culture for Wales.

The impact of the roundtables and report was recognised in September 2022, when the Society was invited to co-host and co-convene a roundtable discussion by the Minister for the Economy and the Leader of Plaid Cymru, to feed directly into the final stages of the consultation on the Draft Innovation Strategy for Wales.

**'Wales' narrative of innovation should be grounded in reality and reflect the values and level of ambition needed to see a step change in innovation culture and innovation activity.'**

*Considerations for Innovation Strategy in Wales* report

# Promoting Learning & Debate

## Richard Price 300th Anniversary Celebrations

Society helps celebrate 300th anniversary of Welsh mathematician and radical thinker

A lecture at the Welsh Senedd in February, co-organised by the Learned Society of Wales, celebrated the life of Richard Price, one of Wales' most influential thinkers.

The lecture by Dr Patrick Spero, Librarian and Director of the at the American Philosophical Society Museum (APS), was part of the 300th anniversary celebrations of Price's birth and explored Price's role in the radical politics of the late 18th Century.

It was followed by a roundtable discussion on the enduring legacy and relevance of Richard Price.

Dr Spero's visit followed on from a lecture given in January at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia by Professor Iwan Morus FLSW, Professor of History and Welsh History at Aberystwyth University. His lecture, 'Electrifying Thinkers', explored how Price's relationship with Benjamin Franklin took their shared interest in science as the starting point for arguing that power of reason could help improve the human condition.



## Supported Events

Over the year, we provided financial support to the following events



### LSW Eisteddfod Lecture

Professor Dafydd Johnston FLSW delivered the Society's annual lecture at the 2022 Eisteddfod in Tregaron in August. 'A Fresh Look at Strata Florida' presented the research which has transformed our understanding of the history of Strata Florida Abbey.



### Frances Hoggan Purple Plaque

The pioneering, 19th Century medical practitioner, researcher and social reformer from Brecon, Frances Hoggan, in whose name one of our annual medals is awarded, was honoured with the unveiling of a purple plaque in Brecon in March 2023.



### Amy Dillwyn Lecture

Professor Charlotte Williams OBE FLSW gave the Amy Dillwyn Lecture 2022, organised by Swansea University, in November 2022. Her lecture argued for more space in the literary canon for Welsh writers of colour who challenge ideas of Britishness and give voice to 'multifaceted identities'.



### David Olive Lecture 2023

Swansea University held the fourth instalment of its David Olive Lecture Series in March 2023. Sean Hartnoll, Professor of Mathematical Physics at the Dept of Applied Mathematics & Theoretical Physics (DAMTP), Cambridge University, talked on 'Entropy: From Heat Engines to Black Holes & Quantum Computers'.



### Zienkiewicz Lecture 2022

Swansea University's Faculty of Science and Engineering held its sixth Zienkiewicz Lecture in November 2022. The guest speaker was President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Professor Sir Jim McDonald, who delivered his lecture, 'A Whole Systems Approach to achieving Net Zero: a 21st Century Energy System'.

# ECR Network Review

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## Network makes further progress

### Advisory Group for Researcher Development

In September 2022, we established our Advisory Group to shape the direction of the ECR Network and its activities. Four members of the Network and four of the Society's Fellows formed the first members.

### Career Advice Sessions

A new initiative launched by our ECR Network has seen researchers matched with Fellows for advice and coaching. The initial meetings focused on social sciences and health services, with sessions run by Professor Mererid Puw Davies FLSW, Professor Helen Fulton FLSW and Professor Monica Busse FLSW, who draws upon the GROW coaching model template. Professor Roger King has also provided guidance to one of our network members researching Artificial Intelligence.

### ECR Colloquium

The growing importance of the network to Wales' research culture was on display at our inaugural colloquium. The overarching theme of creating a prosperous Wales, included a focus on how to build a successful research career.

Over fifty ECRs attended from multiple disciplines and universities across Wales, including Aberystwyth, Wrexham, Bangor, Swansea, Cardiff Met and Cardiff for a day of discussions, workshops, flash talks and networking, in the company of LSW Fellows and guests from Welsh Higher Education.

A highlight of the day was a keynote speech from Professor Uzo Iwobi FLSW, who outlined the "pandemic of racism" we face and stressed the role of research in gathering the evidence and data needed to help create anti-racist societies.



**"Everyone of us has to play a part in taking this journey forward to achieving a racism free Wales by 2030."**

Professor Uzo Iwobi FLSW,  
Speaking at our ECR Network Colloquium



# ECR Network Events

A busy year for the ECR Network with a wide-ranging calendar of events

## Bringing Policy into Research Webinar

In this event, we brought together one of our Fellows and the Welsh Parliament Knowledge Exchange and Engagement Manager to present an overview of how researchers can engage with policymakers and provide practical tips on what works in this process. ECRs shared their experiences on how they have had an impact on policy and how this has influenced their careers.

## Research Ethics: Event or Process

This workshop allowed ECRs to learn how to use the formal ethical approval as a way of supporting ethical decision making at all stages of the research process, raising their awareness about how to handle contextual and unexpected circumstances. The session was facilitated by one of our Fellows, in collaboration with Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB's Research & Development Manager.

## "Alt-Ac": Careers for Academics Outside Academia

This webinar explored how academics can take their skills and research outside academia and use them to develop successful research-based careers in industry, the private sector and professional services. The importance of Technology Transfer Officers was also highlighted. Contributors included researchers from different career stages, including the experience of one of our Fellows.

## Knowledge Production Across Borders: Insights and Opportunities

In this multidisciplinary panel, researchers from humanities and social sciences discussed the challenges and opportunities that arise from their collaboration with Indigenous communities and researchers outside the UK. Sub-topics addressed included the ethical and political responsibility of the researcher's role in co-producing knowledge. The Welsh Centre for International Affairs Chief Executive offered a distinctive perspective on their engagement with communities outside academia.

## Making Sense of Microaggressions

With support from the British Academy Early Career Researcher Network, we hosted an online workshop facilitated by Susan Cousins and Barry Diamond based on their book 'Making sense of Microaggressions' (2021). Aimed at promoting an inclusive research culture, the session provided resources to develop participants' cultural competency by learning how microaggressions occur, their impact and how to deal with them.

## What's the Message? Communicating Research to a Wider Audience

In this interactive workshop, one of our Fellows explored the importance of clear communication and shared engaging and innovative strategies to convey complex ideas and information to different audiences. ECRs learned how to adapt key messages about research for audiences beyond academia.

## Creating Wellbeing: Research and Practice

The webinar showcased some of the latest research on wellbeing emerging from Wales' universities. Topics included the use of trauma-informed approaches within the youth justice system, wellbeing for sexual minority adolescents and the use of body-based and mindfulness strategies for creating wellbeing and managing mental health. One of our Fellows facilitated a discussion about the strategies that ECRs can use to maintain wellbeing.



# Developing the Fellowship

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Over 50% of new Fellows are women; more work still to be done

Our new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) commitment, which we released on International Women's Day 2023, shifts our focus from equality to equity.

It commits the Society to increasing the diversity of its membership, in part by ensuring that our structures, systems and processes are robust.

The revised commitment was drawn up by a working group of Fellows who reviewed the findings of an independent report into our previous record on DEI.

The process of improvement led to all Fellows being asked to fill in an anonymised

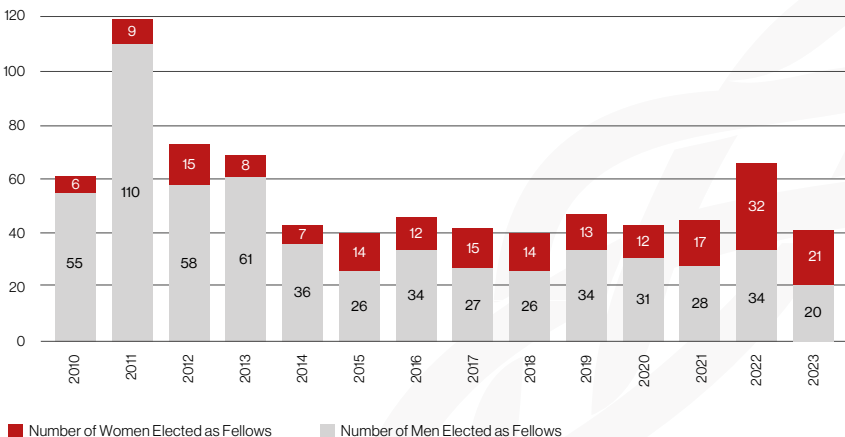
DEI survey, the results of which will provide important data to measure the progress we need to make.

Encouragingly, over 50% of our new Fellows were women, the first time we have reached this threshold since we were formed.

**“We have committed to prioritise and involve under-represented groups in the Society and our work, and to take targeted action where needed to achieve better outcomes for all.”**

Olivia Harrison, Chief Executive

### Proportion of Men and Women Fellows Elected by Year



# Honorary Fellow 2023

## Professor Hannah Fry: No more gatekeeping

We were delighted to welcome Professor Hannah Fry HonFIET HonFREng HonFLSW as our new Honorary Fellow.

Hannah Fry is a mathematician, Professor in the Mathematics of Cities at the University College London Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis, and a well-known author, media presenter and public speaker.

She is a prominent figure in mathematics public engagement, enthusing and inspiring a wide range of audiences, and has received numerous accolades.

Professor Fry is an outstanding role model who is inspiring and educating future generations and the wider public on the power and beauty of mathematics.



**“We can’t gate-keep anymore, we can’t have it so that maths and science only belong to a certain group of people. The Learned Society of Wales is doing some amazing work on diversity and inclusion and making sure that we’re creating these spaces where everybody feels welcome.”**

Professor Hannah Fry, Honorary Fellow

## Fellows Elected in 2023

### Professor Gary Beauchamp SFHEA FLCM FIWA FLSW

*Professor of Education,  
Cardiff Metropolitan University*

### Ms Kellie Beirne FLSW

*Director Cardiff Capital Region City Deal  
and Interim Chief Executive, SE Wales  
Corporate Joint Committee,  
Cardiff Capital Region*

### Professor Nigel Brown OBE FRSE FRSC FRSB CBiol DSc(Hon) FLSW

*Retired; Emeritus Professor of Molecular  
Microbiology, University of Edinburgh*



### Professor Liana Cipcigan FHEA FLSW

*Professor; Leader Sustainable  
Transport cross-cutting research  
theme in School of Engineering;  
Leader Electric Vehicle Centre of  
Excellence, Cardiff University*

### Professor Clare Bryant FLSW

*Professor of Innate Immunity,  
University of Cambridge*

### Dr Ben Calvert PFHEA FLSW

*Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer,  
University of South Wales*

### Dr Elaine Canning FLSW

*Head of Special Projects,  
Swansea University*

### Professor Rachel Collis FRCA FLSW

*Consultant anaesthetist, Cardiff and Vale  
University Health Board*

### Professor Hazel Davey SFHEA FLSW

*Professor of Biology, Aberystwyth University*

### Professor Jamie Davies FRSE FLSW

*Professor of Experimental Anatomy, & Dean  
of Taught Education, University of Edinburgh*

### Dr Huw Edwards FLSW

*Journalist, broadcaster, author, BBC*

### Professor Andrew Evans FInstP FLSW

*Professor & Head of Physics Department,  
Aberystwyth University*

### Professor Rachel Evans FRSC FIMMM FLSW

*Professor of Materials Chemistry,  
University of Cambridge*

### Professor Carol Featherston FIMEchE FRAeS FLSW

*Professor, Sustainable Transport Lead,  
Cardiff University*



### Ms Alice Gray FLSW

*Senior Communications Officer,  
Cardiff University, and Freelance  
Science Presenter/Writer*

**Professor Timothy Green FREng  
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*Professor of Electrical Power Engineering,  
Imperial College London*

**Dr Sarah Hill FLSW**

*Associate Professor of Popular Music,  
University of Oxford*

**Professor Cathy Holt FIMechE  
IFOR FLSW**

*Professor of Biomechanics and  
Orthopaedic Engineering, Cardiff University*



**Professor Sheila Hunt FLSW**

*Semi-Retired/Personal and  
Leadership Coach,  
Sheila Hunt Coaching*

**Professor Lisa Isherwood FRSA FLSW**

*Professor of Practice in Theology,  
University of Wales Trinity Saint David*

**Professor Timothy Jones FInstP FLSW**

*Emeritus Professor and Leverhulme  
Emeritus Fellow, University of Liverpool*

**Professor Roger King LFIEEE  
PE FLSW**

*William L. Giles Distinguished Emeritus  
Professor, Mississippi State University*

**Dr Dawn Knight FHEA FLSW**

*Reader in Applied Linguistics,  
Cardiff University*



**Professor Chenfeng Li FLSW**

*Personal Chair in the Faculty of  
Science and Engineering,  
Swansea University*

**Professor Christopher Michael  
FInstP FLSW**

*Emeritus Professor, University of Liverpool*

**Dr Charles Mynors FRTPI FRICS IHBC  
FICFor (Hon) FLSW**

*Lawyer & Author, Law Commission of  
England and Wales*

**Professor Alan Parker FLSW**

*Professor of Translational Virotherapies,  
Cardiff University*

**Professor Paul Rees FLSW**

*Professor of Biomedical Engineering,  
Swansea University*

**Professor Helen Roberts FHEA FLSW**

*Professor of Physical Geography & Director  
of Research Excellence and Impact,  
Aberystwyth University*



**Mrs Elin Rhys DLitt FLSW**

*Company Chair, Teledu Telegop cyf*

**Dr Sara Elin Roberts FRHistS  
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Director of the Research Centre for AI,  
Robotics and Human-Machine Systems  
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**Judge Ray Singh CBE VS  
LLD FLSW**

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# Officers and Council

The Society was incorporated as a Royal Charter Charity in 2015 (Registered Charity Number: 1168622). Our current governing documents are the Royal Charter and Byelaws. These, along with the Society's Regulations, constitute our governing instruments.

## Officers

### President

- Professor Hywel Thomas CBE FREng  
FRS FLSW MAE  
(re-elected May 2023)

### Vice-Presidents

- Professor Michael Charlton FInstP  
MAE FLSW  
*Science, Technology, Engineering,  
Mathematics and Medicine*
- Professor Helen Fulton FSA FLSW  
*Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences*

### Treasurer

- Professor Terry Threadgold FLSW

### General Secretary

- Professor K Alan Shore FInstP FLSW  
(until May 2023)
- Professor Faron Moller FBCS  
FIMA FLSW  
(from May 2023)

## Royal Patron

In June 2019, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, graciously accepted the Society's invitation to remain its Royal Patron for a further period of three years. In 2023 the Palace announced that they would be conducting a review of all Royal Patronages and the Society is awaiting the outcome of the review.

## Council Members

In addition to the Officers, the following Fellows formed the Society's Council (board of trustees):

- Professor Roger Awan-Scully  
(until May 2023)
- Professor Kirsti Bohata
- Dr Sally Davies
- Professor Claire Gorrara  
(re-elected May 2023)
- Professor Alma Harris  
(re-elected May 2023)
- Professor Ieuan Hughes
- Professor Ambreena Manji
- Professor Iwan Morus
- Professor Qiang Shen  
(re-elected May 2023)
- Professor Alan Shore  
(from May 2023)
- Professor John V Tucker  
(re-elected May 2023)
- Professor Carol Tully
- Professor Meena Upadhyaya  
(re-elected May 2023)
- Dr Lynn Williams