

Biographies



Neil McInroy, CLES
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Neil is CEO of CLES www.cles.org.uk – UK's leading independent think and do tank, realising progressive economics for people and place. CLES's aim is to achieve social justice, good local economies and effective public services for everyone, everywhere.

At present he is focused on applying a progressive economic model for places. He has published widely on this, including: [Forging a good local society: tackling poverty through a local economic reset](#). A key element of this are ideas around local wealth building, and progressive public procurement. This includes work in over a dozen localities in the UK.

Neil has been commissioned and collaborated, with a broad range of local, regional and national governments and agencies across UK and in Europe, Asia, US and Australasia. He is an Honorary Fellow at the Manchester Urban Institute, University of Manchester, and a Visiting Fellow at Edge Hill University.



Mari Arthur, Cynnal Cymru
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Mari is an experienced marketing and business strategist having worked in a number of private and public sectors. Mari has business development, PR, sales, marketing, events, design, project and account management experience and has worked in a number of industries including education and new technology.

Previous to joining the Cynnal Cymru team Mari managed a marketing consultancy and has worked regularly with organisations in the Far East, Middle East and Russia on business development and links with Wales.

Since 2010 Mari has established two limited companies in Cardiff employing over 30 staff. Mari has not only launched and grown her own companies but has advised and supported other organisations and start-ups on business resilience and sustainability.

Having lived in Cardiff for 14 years Mari arrived via Carmarthen, Aberystwyth and Llanystumdwy but is originally from Trimsaran.



**Trisha Hodinott, Melin Homes
@Melinhomes**

Born and residing within Torfaen, Trish was a Director of a family run Renewable Energy Company in Torfaen for 6 years until September 2012. Following redundancy, Trish gave her time as a fulltime volunteer within the Communities & Enterprise directorate of Melin Homes from November 2012.

Having a good knowledge of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, In May 2013 Trish became a Project Officer within the Powering Up Communities Team, at Melin Homes, on a part time basis, whilst also being recruited part time to work with the Arbed 2 project as Community Benefits Evaluation Officer. Trish's role is to engage with contractors to embed the Value Wales Measurement tool within Arbed 2 and Melin Homes procurement.

Trish's role has progressed rapidly and is now manages the coordination of Procurement and community benefits, Melin Homes Schools programme and formalising Sustainable development within Melin Homes and integrating this into the goals of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, as well as maintaining our Environmental system.



**Emma Thomas, Office of the Future Generations
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Emma Thomas is an environmental professional with a particular focus on resources and waste related issues. Working with the waste management industry Emma authored [Publicly Available Specification \(PAS\) 402:2013 Waste Resource Management – Specification for Performance Reporting](#).

Emma was heavily involved in the drafting of the [Construction and Demolition Waste Sector Plan](#) for the Welsh Government. Most recently, Emma has been working to deliver [CEW's circular economy and built environment strategy](#).

Emma works with the Future Generations Commissioner to drive the adoption of the well-being goals and principles into the built environment, priorities for the current programme include planning, procurement, and housing.

[Future Generations Commissioner - Strategic Plan](#)

[Future Generations Commissioner - Annual Report for 2016-2017](#)

[Future Generations Commissioner - The challenges of future housing](#)