



### **Aaron Hill (Chair)**

Aaron is the Assistant Director of Policy and Public Affairs for Community Housing Cymru – the membership body for Welsh housing associations – where he is responsible for lobbying on behalf of the housing sector. He has previously worked in a number of policy and public affairs role for NIACE Cymru, the Welsh NHS Confederation and in a previous spell at his current employers, CHC. Prior to this, Aaron worked in a campaign role for the Yes to Fairer Votes campaign.



### **Fay Jones (Deputy Chair and Events)**

Fay joined Grayling on 1st November 2017. She has over a decade of experience in public affairs, having worked in the House of Commons, the National Assembly for Wales, and the European Parliament.

After graduating from King's College London, Fay spent four years as senior researcher in the private office of HRH The Prince of Wales where she worked on His Royal Highness's agricultural and sustainability agenda. She then moved onto the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as part of the UK's negotiating team during the 2013 Common Agricultural Policy Reform.

Fay joined Grayling from the National Farmers Union where she spent three years in the NFU's Brussels office and most recently as External Affairs manager based in Westminster. Originally from Cardiff, Fay is a fluent French speaker and is slowly improving her Welsh.

Grayling is the only international communications agency to have had a presence in Wales since before devolution. Grayling has 8 offices across the UK, and is part of the global Grayling network.



### **Daran Hill (Policy)**

Daran Hill is the Managing Director and Principal Consultant at Positif, which he founded in 2006. He leads consultancy, research and monitoring work for a range of clients in all sectors and has an overview of all aspects of the company's work. His specialisms include horizon scanning and picking up the political mood, which enables clients to be forewarned of shifts in policy and political emphasis. He has worked in senior positions in Welsh public affairs consultancies since 1999. As the most authoritative public affairs consultant in Wales, he is well-connected across the political spectrum and a frequent contributor in the Welsh media and a fluent Welsh speaker. 4 In 2011 Daran was the Campaign Director of Yes for Wales, the cross party campaign which united Wales in securing primary legislative

powers for the Assembly. In 1997 he was National Organiser of the similar campaign which won the referendum that led to the establishment of the National Assembly. He is a former Chair of Public Affairs Cymru (PAC) and is currently a member of the PAC Executive Committee.



### **Morgan Griffith-David (Membership)**

Morgan is Policy Officer for Alzheimer's Society, leading on work around Wales' first Dementia Strategy by liaising with Welsh Government, partners, and stakeholders to ensure that the strategy is ambitious, achievable, and meets the needs of people affected by dementia. He is a policy professional with a range of experience in policy development, public affairs, and research. Originally from North Wales, Morgan is a graduate of MSci International Relations and Global Issues at the University of Nottingham and Charles University in

Prague, where he specialised in the European Union, security studies, and political communication. Morgan moved to Cardiff to take up a role as Policy Officer for the Welsh Liberal Democrats, where he led the party's policy development agenda and was responsible for building a comprehensive policy platform and developing party manifestos for all elections in Wales. He has also been a Stagiaire in the European Parliament and Policy Assistant at Liberal Democrat HQ in Westminster.



### **Calum Higgins (Finance)**

Calum works as the Welsh Law lead at Citizens Advice Cymru. He studied law at Kings College London, and has a masters law degree in devolution and governance from Cardiff University. Following this he was called to the Bar at Grays Inn in November 2014. Prior to working for Citizens Advice, Calum was a caseworker for an Assembly Member and was elected himself as a County Councillor.



### **Paul Smith (Policy and Secretariat)**

Public Affairs Manager, RSPCA Cymru

Before joining RSPCA Cymru in 2015, Paul worked as an Election Agent and Area Campaign Manager helping to organise election campaigns across Wales and the South West of England, achieving in one constituency campaign a 9.43% swing. With a short stint in stakeholder engagement for a Bristol-based PR company working on new supermarket store builds, he jumped at the chance to work with such an iconic charity.

Outside of work Paul is an active member of the Cardiff amateur dramatics scene, treading the boards in various plays including Agatha Christie's "Death on the Nile" and "Go Back for Murder", as well as Richard Levinson's "Rehearsal for Murder". Whilst living in Bristol, Paul featured in local amateur pantomimes and even played the Dame - although no pictures exist - thankfully!



### **Daniel Bellis (Events)**

Daniel has been the Policy & Public Affairs Officer for the Residential Landlords Association in Wales since 2015, and recently joined the PAC exec in 2017.

Prior to joining the RLA, Daniel worked in MP's offices and with communications firms, working on election strategies and the communication campaigns of major companies. Daniel also holds a MScEcon in European Governance and Public Policy from the University of Cardiff where he extensively studied lobbying regulations in the UK, US and EU.



### **Nia Lloyd (Communications)**

Nia is new to the role of Media and Communications officer at Keep Wales Tidy. Previous to this role, Nia was the Digital Services Manager at RenewableUK Cymru where she worked on a wide variety of digital platforms to support all membership, events and campaign activity. During her time there she conducted digital skills training sessions for staff, members and public & third sector audiences raising the importance of utilising online and media platforms. She has also been seconded to the Office of the Future Generations

Commissioner where she was responsible for setting up a temporary website and social media and online presence. She is a first language Welsh speaker and studied her Media Production degree bilingually at The Atrium, University of South Wales. During her time at

University she had a primary focus on sustainability and has since worked abroad within media and film teams on conservation projects.