Case 29

United Kingdom (Wales)

SDGs Strategy

Well Being of Future Generation

Andrew Charles
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<td>Speaker</td>
<td>Andrew Charles, Welsh Government</td>
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<td>Organizations</td>
<td>Welsh Government, public authorities, business, third sector</td>
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<td>Why a case study</td>
<td>New legal framework for a small country to clear legal requirements on public sector in Wales to deliver and contribute to the Welsh sustainable development goals and the UN Sustainable Development Goals by setting Welsh specific goals, duties and an independent Future Generations Commissioner.</td>
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**Context**

**Sustainable development journey**

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<td>1998</td>
<td>Government of Wales Act S.121 “Sustainable Development”</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>Government of Wales Act s.79 “Sustainable Development” s.60 “well-being”</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>One Wales : One Planet</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Commitment to legislate for sustainable development</td>
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**Welsh Government Strategy**

**WELSH SDGs**

- #1: Prosperous Wales
- #2: Resilient Wales
- #3: Healthier Wales
- #4: More equitable communities
- #5: Cohesive Wales
- #6: Vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- #7: Globally responsible

**MEASURING PROGRESS**

- KPI's and milestones

**DUTY ON PUBLIC BODIES**

- Well-being
  - Duty: Each public body must carry out sustainable development improving economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being

**WHO**

- 44 Public Bodies

**HOW TO WORK**

- 5 Ways of working
  - Long-term
  - Integration
  - Collaboration
  - Involvement
  - Prevention

**GREATER TRANSPARENCY**

- Better Information
  - Statement
  - Annual reporting
  - Responding to the Commissioner

**SUPPORTING THE CHANGE**

- Long term
- Reviews
- Monitor
- Advisory Panel

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**Project KPIs**

**Location**

- Wales

**Population**

- 3,074,067

**Official languages**

- Welsh, English

**Population Density:**

- 148.3 people per km

**Capital City**

- Cardiff, pop 348,493

**Total area**

- 20,782 sq kms
- (8,024 sq miles)

**Government**

- Welsh Government

*Figures based on 2012

Source: [www.wales.com](http://www.wales.com)
Impact on People and Planet

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<td>National conversation on the “Wales We Want”. 7000 people engaged <a href="http://www.waleswewant.co.uk">www.waleswewant.co.uk</a> • WIIP • Sustainable Management Scheme • Towards Zero Waste • Warm Homes</td>
<td>Legislation founded on principle of sustainable development. One Wales: One Planet scheme – ambition to become a one planet society within a generation. Focus on ecosystems services through the new Environment Act 2016</td>
<td>Goal 1 focuses on the type of prosperity for the future – “low carbon society” “decent work” “acting on climate change” “recognise limits of the global environment”.</td>
<td>Shared purpose - clear national priorities, local placed approach. New local partnerships established in law.</td>
<td>Goal 4 is for a “More equal Wales” building on legislation to promote equality across Wales. Goal 7 – “A globally responsible Wales” Wales for Africa PLANT!</td>
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Link to the SDGs

Our new law The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Sets in law 7 GOALS FOR WALES to achieve.

PPP: The Act focuses on improving the economy, society, environment and culture.

We carried out a ‘Wales we Want’ national conversation to involve people in selecting the goals for Wales. Just like the ‘World We Want’ that helped decide the 17 SDGs. www.thewaleswewant.co.uk

Wales is the first place in the WORLD to have a legal link to the UN SDGS
Legal framework and principles, contained can easily be applied to other countries. But goals need a national conversation, reflecting needs of people and culture.

Wales is part of the Network for Regional Governments for Sustainable Development. States and regions can be a test bed for new ideas.

Key success factors
- Leadership
- Engagement
- Cross party support
- Better decisions
- Improving well-being in the future, taking action now.

“The Wales future generations Act captures the spirit and essence of two decades of United Nations work in the area of sustainable development and serves as a model for other regions and countries. We hope what Wales is doing today the world will do tomorrow. Action, more than words, is the hope for our current and future generations”

Nikil Seth, Director Sustainable Development, United Nations (30 April 2015)

People First

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<td>Our public services are an integral part of all our lives. Every day they help to save lives and change lives for the better. They support not just our well-being now, but also that of future generations.</td>
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Children, Young People and Communities

Business & the Third Sector