

Wales and the global goals: 'Ensuring that no one is left behind'



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The 17 global Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, leaders from **193** member states of the United Nations agreed **17** global goals, with **three** aims:



Fighting inequality and injustice



Ending extreme poverty



Tackling climate change

The United Nations adopted these goals (with **169** targets) as part of '*Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*', alongside:



A political declaration



A means of implementation



A framework for follow-up and review

You can read more about the global goals [here](#).



Progress towards implementing the global goals, including areas for more action, can be read in the United Nations' annual '[Sustainable Development Goals Report](#)'.

Wales' approach to implementing the global goals

In 2014, Wales held a national conversation with people and communities on 'The Wales We Want' by 2050. Nearly **7,000** people took part, at the same time as the United Nations held its global conversation on 'The World We Want'.

Following its national conversation, Wales became the first country in the world to introduce legislation – the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015** – to develop a Welsh ambition and response to implementing the global goals.

This Act has shaped the **17** global goals into **7** well-being goals for a more sustainable Wales, along with **5** ways of working to help implement the goals.



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The Welsh Act mirrors the global framework, but also takes further steps to deliver the global agenda at a country level, namely:

- Placing legal duties on 44 public bodies
- Creating the role of 'Future Generations Commissioner for Wales'
- Providing a 'transparency' role to the Auditor General for Wales
- Introducing 'cultural' well-being as a fourth domain of sustainable development, alongside economic, social and environmental well-being, to reflect Wales' rich cultural and linguistic heritage

Findings from a literature review provide recommendations on how to embed Wales' five ways of working.

You can access the reports and infographic [here](#).

You can read more about Wales' approach to sustainable development, including its five ways of working, [here](#).

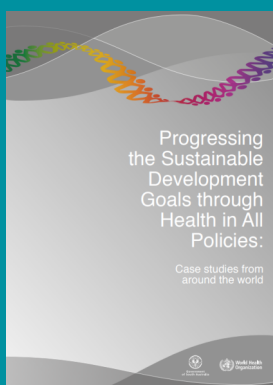


You can read about progress on transforming Wales into a more sustainable nation in the annual **'Well-being of Wales Report'**. You can see how the National Well-being Indicators for Wales map to the global goals in the **'Wales and the Sustainable Development Goals'** report.

Wales is measuring its progress through **46 national indicators**.



Activity snapshot: Health in All Policies



The Welsh Government is committed to a 'Health in All Policies' (HiAP) approach to public policy, which is consistent with its national strategy, 'Prosperity for All', and made possible through the legal enabling framework for sustainable development: the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

HiAP systematically considers the health implications of decisions, seeks synergies, and avoids harmful health impacts, to improve population health and health equity.

Both the global goals and Wales' well-being goals include health and equity: values in their own right as well as important prerequisites for achieving many other societal goals – because the determinants of health and health inequities in populations have social, economic and environmental origins which extend beyond the direct influence of the health sector. You can read more about how Wales is progressing the global goals through HiAP in this World Health Organization case study [here](#).



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