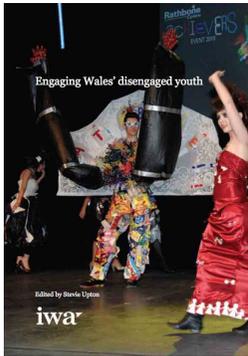


new iwa publication



Engaging Wales' Disengaged Youth

In October 2009, the Institute of Welsh Affairs held a one-day conference, in association with the Welsh Government and Coleg Gwent, addressing the issue of young people not in education, employment or training – young people often labeled as 'NEETs'. The 12% of 16-18 year olds, and 21.6% of 19- 24 year olds¹, in Wales to whom this label is applied experience many and varied disadvantages. Indeed, the decades of policy targeted in this direction attest to the lack of a simple solution, and the NEETs agenda has come to be seen as a particularly intractable policy 'problem'.

Nevertheless, whilst no policy yet has provided a global panacea, existing initiatives often represent a vital lifeline to the individuals they help. Together with speakers from the education sector and from government, representatives of organisations engaged in supporting young people spoke at our conference about their experiences, their successes, the barriers encountered and the challenges to come. This publication contains the contributions of a number of those speakers.

Hard-copy price (non-member): £5.00

Hard-copy price (member): £3.75

Digital download price (non-member): £3.75

Digital download price (member): £2.50

For Overseas orders, please contact us

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

I enclose a cheque for: _____ Please send me the following title:

Engaging Wales' Disengaged Youth

Please return to: Institute of Welsh Affairs,
4 Cathedral Road, 2nd Floor, Cardiff CF11 9JL

029 2066 0820 | www.iwa.org.uk

iwa

Sefydliad Materion Cymreig
Institute of Welsh Affairs



iwa

End of the Line - Economic regeneration and rail connectivity in southern Wales



Conference
City Hall, Cardiff
Thursday 10 February 2011

In the wake of the Comprehensive Spending Review the major challenge facing the future of the Welsh railways is electrification of the Great Western mainline as far as Swansea, the diversionary lines between south Wales and London, and the Cardiff area network. This is vital for the development of the Welsh economy, and specifically for the development of a light rail metro infrastructure for south-east Wales.

However, in January 2010 a National Assembly

Investigation into Future Railway Infrastructure in Wales concluded that, "Wales is not getting its fair share of investment in rail infrastructure, or getting it fast enough: programmes to electrify track, to improve stations and to upgrade rolling stock seem destined to reach Wales well behind other parts of the UK." This conference examines how this can be countered and the investment options and the regeneration opportunities that will accompany upgrading Wales' rail connectivity.

call us: 029 2066 0820 or visit our website: www.iwa.org.uk

Conference agenda

Thursday 10 February 2011

9.00am Coffee and registration

9.30am Rail Investment's Regeneration Impact
Terry Morgan, Chair, Crossrail

10.00am The Value of Rail to Wales
Mike Gallop, Route Enhancement Manager, Network Rail

10.30am Rail Versus Road
David Stevens, Chief Operating Officer, Admiral Insurance

11.00am Coffee

11.30am The Case for High Speed Rail
Jim Steer, Director, Greenguage 21 high speed rail consultancy

12.00pm A Metro Vision for the Cardiff City Region
Mark Barry, Advisor on Transport and the Economy, Cardiff Business Partnership

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm The View from the Operating Companies
Mark Hopwood, Chief Executive, First Great Western
Mike Bagshaw, Commercial Director, Arriva Trains Wales

2.15pm Running Our Own Railway
Professor Stuart Cole, University of Glamorgan

2.45pm Panel Discussion: the Business Case for Rail
Roy J. Thomas, Cardiff Business Partnership
Nigel Roberts, Managing Director, Paramount Interiors
Richard Thomas, Managing Director, Cardiff & Co

4.00pm Close of conference

Response Form

Book online at www.iwa.org.uk/events or return the form below:

Please tick as appropriate:

Please reserve me __ place(s) for the End of the Line - Economic regeneration and rail connectivity in southern Wales conference and lunch @ £65 (£52 for IWA members)

I enclose a cheque for £_____

Please charge my credit/debit card Visa Mastercard

Account name _____ Account no. ____/____/____/____

Card issue date __/__/__ Card expiry date __/__/__ 3 digit security code ___

Please invoice me. Official invoice no. _____ (companies and organisations)

Name _____ **Organisation** _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Names of Guests / Colleagues _____

Special requirements (e.g. dietary): _____

Return this form together with a cheque (to IWA) to:

4 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ

Tel: 029 2066 0820 Fax: 029 2023 3741 Email: wales@iwa.org.uk