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## Press release

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# Changing education, changing Wales: The nation's four commissioners together on stage for Professionally Speaking 2017

Wales's commissioners for Welsh Language, Children, Older People and Future Generations will appear together on stage for the first time for the EWC's second Professionally Speaking event on Monday, 8 May 2017 at Cardiff City Hall, in association with the Open University in Wales.

Following last year's event with Professors John Furlong and Graham Donaldson, the commissioners will discuss how the education system in Wales can play a part in shaping the nation's future.

**Meri Huws** is the **Welsh Language Commissioner** and was previously Chair of the Welsh Language Board for eight years.

**Sarah Rochira** is the **Commissioner for Older People** and took up the post in 2012.

**Sally Holland** is the **Children's Commissioner** and has been in her post since April 2015.

**Sophie Howe** is the **Future Generations Commissioner** and was appointed by Welsh Government in 2015 and was previously the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales Police.

The evening will be hosted once again by top ITV Cymru Wales journalist Catrin Haf Jones.

Each speaker will outline how their remit can inform the Welsh education system and vice versa, before answering questions from the audience in a Q and A session.

500 free tickets will be made available through the EWC website from 31 January on a first come, first served basis.

Doors will open at 6:30pm for registration and refreshments with proceedings commencing at 7:00pm. The talk will end at 8:30pm with an informal networking session to follow. This will be a bilingual event, with simultaneous translation provided.

Chief Executive of the EWC, Hayden Llewellyn said "Following our hugely successful event last year, we are delighted to return with Professionally Speaking 2017 with the four Commissioners. It promises to be an exciting and informative evening full of debate and a further chance to explore what the future holds for Welsh education."

Welsh Language Commissioner Meri Huws added "I'm looking forward to this conference and the opportunity

to discuss the key role of education as we work towards the goal of creating a Wales where anyone can live their lives through the medium of Welsh."

For further information, please contact us by e-mailing [events@ewc.wales](mailto:events@ewc.wales) or call us on 029 2046 0099. You can also follow the #ProfSpeak17 hashtag on Twitter for the latest updates on the event.

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