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Press release

Wales' four commissioners join forces at EWC's Professionally Speaking to debate the future of Welsh education.

The EWC's Professionally Speaking event for 2017 will see Wales' commissioners for Welsh Language, Children, Older People and Future Generations take to the stage at Cardiff City Hall on Monday, 8 May where they 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.

Sarah Rochira is the **Commissioner for Older People** and took up her 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 for Wales** and was appointed in 2015. She 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 a 300-strong audience in a Q and A session.

The event will be broadcast live via Twitter and attendees can submit comments and questions by using the hashtag #ProfSpeak17.

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Sophie Howe said, "As a guardian of future generations' wellbeing, education has a crucial role in supporting and shaping the Wales we want for our children and grand-children.

"We already know that 65% of children currently entering primary will go on to have jobs that do not yet exist, so we can begin to see how important it is for all those with an interest in education to work together to equip our further generations for what's ahead."

Wales Children's Commissioner Sally Holland added, "I am really pleased to be attending EWC's Professionally Speaking event on 8 May. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss how children's rights can underpin the new curriculum."

Tickets are still available through the EWC website www.ewc.wales.

For further information, please contact us by e-mailing 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.