

Medr Board members – Register of interests [updated September 2026]

Chair

Name of member:	Professor Dame Julie Lydon
Term of appointment:	16 January 2023 to 15 January 2028
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Labour Party	Member
2. University of West of England	Board Member
3. Southampton Solent University	Board Member
4. Nelson Trust	Trustee and Chair of the Trust (the latter from 1/11/24)

Deputy Chair

Name of member:	Professor David Sweeney
Term of appointment:	16 January 2023 to 15 January 2028
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Universities of Birmingham and, Liverpool	Employed
2. University of Aberdeen, Higher Education Policy Institute, The Conversation UK, Institute for Technical Skills and Strategy, CCR Local Innovation Partnership Board	Board, Advisory Board or Advisory Role, all unremunerated
3. Google, NHS Trusts in Bath and Liverpool, ACM Music School London. No obvious Wales connections in those bodies	Family Members employed

Chief Executive

Name of member:	James Owen
Term of appointment:	ex officio member of Board
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni	My daughter is a learner at the school. Medr funds local authority for sixth form provision (Caerphilly).
2. Ysgol Gyfun Radur	My son attends sixth form at the school. Medr funds local authority for sixth form provision (Cardiff).
3. Prifysgol Portsmouth	My daughter is a learner at the University. No direct relationship with Medr (that I'm aware of), but declaring due to wider representational role of Chief Executive.

Board members

Name of member:	Professor Aaqil Ahmed
Term of appointment:	01 September 2024 to 31 August 2027
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Ffilm Cymru	Non Executive Director
2. University of Bolton	Visiting Professor
3. Welsh Government, public appointments	Senior Independent Panel Member
4. The Sandford St Martin Trust	Trustee
5. Elstree Film Studios	Non Executive Director
6. UK Government, public appointments	Senior independent panellist
7. Rugby Football League London Foundation	Trustee
8. Palace Theatre, Watford	Chair
9. City of London Corporation	Independent Person

Name of member:	Dan Beard
Term of appointment:	01 September 2024 to 31 August 2028
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. University of South Wales	Employer
2. Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	Part of the USW Group
3. The College, Merthyr Tydfil	Part of the USW Group
4. PSS Ltd	Subsidiary of USW
5. Tydfil Training Ltd	Subsidiary of the College, Merthyr Tydfil
6. Labour Party	Member and member of Labour's Welsh Executive Committee
7. UNISON	Assistant Regional Convenor - political and strategic lay leadership for the union in Wales. Branch Leader for University of South Wales Group UNISON. Chair of Cymru Higher Education Committee Member of Further Education Sector Committee Member of Schools Committee

Name of member:	James Davies
Term of appointment:	01 April 2024 to 31 March 2027
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Honorary Fellow
2. Swansea University	• Graduate – 1986 [University College of Swansea] • Brother, employee (senior technician) • Brother in law – Member of Board (June 2024)
3. Tech Valleys (Welsh Government strategy advisory group of funding)	Member of Strategy Advisory group – not remunerated
4. Swansea Bay City Deal – Economic Strategy Board - Now called SBCE Private Sector Advisory Board	Member of Strategy Advisory group – not remunerated
5. Haverfordwest High School (has Sixth Form)	Brother is Head Teacher (from Sept 2025)

Name of member:	Dr Gwenllian Lansdown Davies
Term of appointment:	04 September 2023 to 03 September 2026
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Dysgu (national professional learning and leadership body for maintained schools)	Chief Executive
2. S4C	Board Member
3. Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn Banw	Committee Member and RI
4. Cylch Meithrin Dolgellau	Committee Member and RI
5. Cylch Meithrin Glynrhedyn	Committee Member

Name of member:	Cerys Furlong
Term of appointment:	04 September 2023 to 03 September 2026
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Chair of Board of Governors of Fitzalan High School (which includes a Sixth form)	Volunteer Governor, non remunerated
2. Chief Executive of GroupEd- Ed Tech company providing software to schools	Employed by GroupEd
3. Trustee of Wales Women's budget Group- charity which works to ensure fair and gender equal taxation and spending in Wales	Volunteer trustee
4. Member of the Ministerial Group reviewing School Governing Bodies	Voluntary, non remunerated

Name of member:	Jeff Greenidge
Term of appointment:	01 September 2024 to 31 August 2027
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Association of Colleges	Employed

2. Manufacturing Training Company	Board Director
3. Ufi Voch Tech Trust	Trustee
4. Glangrwyney Village Hall	Trustee
5. Vale of Grwyne Community Council	Member
6. British Council	Wales advisory Group member
7. Ariege Consultancy	Coaching and Consultancy Business – Owner. No relationship to Medr or any providers but noting it all the same

Name of member:	Estelle Hart
Term of appointment:	01 September 2024 to 31 August 2028
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Swansea University	I am employed by the university
2. Gower College Swansea	I am student at the college
3. University and College Union	I chair UCU Cymru Council

Name of member:	Rob Humphreys
Term of appointment:	01 August 2024 to 31 July 2027
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Learned Society of Wales	Elected Fellow of the Society (unpaid) Chair of Scrutiny Committee for Industry, Commerce, the Arts & Professions (ICAP1) (unpaid)
2. Universities Wales/Global Wales partnership	Occasional input into and assistance re: links between Welsh HE sector and Vietnam Government and HE sector (unpaid)
3. Relevant family interests	My wife Catrin Evans is employed by Tinopolis plc as a TV producer and film-maker and in that capacity produces the S4C political discussion programme 'Pawb a'i Farn' which may involve discussion of higher education matters and covers Welsh and UK Government policy more generally.

	My wife has a personal column in the Welsh language cultural magazine 'Barn' in which she puts forward commentary on various cultural and political issues of the day.
4. Senedd4Ukraine	I am an active supporter of, and participant in, the Senedd4Ukraine campaign. This is a cross-party campaign that raises funds for medical and other supplies, and transports that aid to Ukraine. It is non-remunerated and return transport costs are met personally.

Name of member:	Stephen Marston
Term of appointment:	04 September 2023 to 03 September 2026
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. West London NHS Trust	Non-Executive Board Member
2. Board in Common for the NHS Provider Collaborative of West London, Central and North West London, and Central London Community NHS Trusts.	Non-Executive Board Member
3. Workforce and Organisational Development Committee for West London NHS Trust	Chair
4. Student Loans Company	Non-Executive Board Member and Member of Audit and Risk Committee
5. University of Derby	Non-Executive Board Member and Member of Audit and Risk Committee
6. South Hampshire Colleges Group	Chair of the Corporation Board
7. Neckinger Mills Freehold Company Ltd	Chair of the Board
8. Board of the London South Bank University Group	Chair of the College Board

Name of member:	Professor Chris Millward
Term of appointment:	04 September 2023 to 03 September 2026
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. University of Birmingham	Full time employee
2. Academy of Social Sciences	Trustee
3. Society for Research into Higher Education	Trustee
4. Marshall Scholarships Commission	Commissioner
5. Office for Students	Board Member / Director for Fair Access and Participation

Name of member:	Orla Tarn
Term of appointment:	09 September 2024 to 08 September 2027
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Medr	- Employee since June 2024 (started in HEFCW). (Well-being and Inclusion Manager from 01 May 25. - Spouse is an employee (Investment and Monitoring Manager)
2. PCS – Public and Commercial Services Union	- Member of Trade Union - Elected Chair of Medr Branch - Chair of Standing Orders Committee (SOC) for the Wales Devolved Sector Group (WDSG) - Member of the Independent Left (IL) Faction - Spouse is Deputy Chair of Medr Branch, and Vice President of the Wales Devolved Sector Group (WDSG)
3. The Gathering Cardiff – LGBTQ+ Faith Charity that operates a safe space for LGBTQ+ people and their allies to explore the Christian faith	- People Services Trustee - Spouse is also a Trustee (Assistant Secretary)
4. Capital City College	Part-time enrolment to undertake specific Trade Union training courses
5. Coleg Gwent	Part time enrolment to undertake specific Trade Union training courses

Name of member:	Jayne Woods
Term of appointment:	04 September 2023 to 03 September 2026
Organisation in which interest exists (you and/or family members)	Nature of interest
1. Dysgu	Board member
2. Arts Council of Wales	Independent member of Capital Committee
3. Comisiynydd y Gymraeg/Welsh Language Commissioner	Independent member of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
4. Mike Woods Consulting Limited	Director/Shareholder/Company Secretary and Employee
5. Public Services Ombudsman of Wales	Member of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
6. Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Independent Chair of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
7. Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin	My sons both attend the school, which has a sixth form
8. Access Training (Wales) Limited	My brother is employed in a senior finance position