



About Us...

Our Vision and Values

What's our vision?

The University of Wales exists to serve Wales and its people. We do so by:

1. working energetically to maintain the University of Wales degree and the University of Wales brand as global exemplars of excellence and quality
2. supporting and promoting Welsh Higher Education (HE) and contributing positively and significantly to the brand image and brand value of Welsh HE and of Wales as a whole
3. collaborating with other Welsh university institutions and others in Wales, supporting and facilitating strategic initiatives in Welsh higher education
4. interacting with the rest of the world, through collaborative academic provision and through intellectual and cultural linkages and partnerships –
5. acting as a catalyst for, and promoting opportunity in, innovation, research and the economy
6. **using our position at the heart of the nation's academic, intellectual and cultural life** to develop, support and promote initiatives in these fields
7. building upon our past and present successes to establish a sustainable institution that enriches the national life of Wales.

What are our Values?

The University of Wales seeks to realise its vision whilst maintaining core values which are that:

1. the good of Wales is at the heart of everything we do
2. we are proud to deliver excellence and quality
3. we respect others so that all can give their best
4. we have adopted sustainable development as a central organising principle for our activities
5. we constantly reflect, review, refresh and innovate to remain relevant
6. we are honest, independent and impartial, open and collaborative - trust is our foundation.

General Information

Founded by Royal Charter in 1893, the University of Wales is the degree-awarding body for higher education students at a number of institutions across Wales.

The University of Wales was reconstituted in September 2007, in order to keep pace with the fast-developing higher education system in Wales and the UK. Prior to this date it had operated under **a federal system, with member institutions across Wales. Following the Privy Council's approval of** wide-ranging amendments to its Charter and Statutes, the University now stands as an independent entity alongside the other higher education institutions in Wales. Former member institutions wishing to award the University of Wales degree are enabled to do so through formal agreement with the University. The University is also the degree-awarding authority for other higher education institutions both within the United Kingdom and overseas, with which it also enjoys close links. Annually, it awards around 15,000 initial degrees and more than 4,000 higher degrees.

The University's new situation enables it to focus not only on its primary functions as a degree-awarding body and provider of services to the Welsh higher education sector but also, as a national institution, playing an enhanced role in protecting and promoting the economy, culture and language of Wales.

For the first time in its 117 year history the University has created its own faculty and employs academic staff to consolidate and take forward its plans. The Faculty is headed by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning, Teaching and Enhancement) and is made up of three Schools, each headed by a Dean. Each Dean is supported by Senior Lecturers/Lecturers who are full-time staff of the University.