

# Appointment of a Member to the Board of Natural Resources Wales announced

Geraint's appointment means the Board now has 13 members, including the Chief Executive. Geraint is a first language Welsh speaker, who will strengthen the Welsh language skills of the Board. He has been an upland farmer in North Wales for 20 years, and is an advocate for producing sustainable food whilst delivering environmental goods.

Minister Lesley Griffiths said:

"Following the recent scheme to recruit new members for NRW's Board, I asked the Advisory Panel to look again at those who applied and are able to converse fluently in Welsh.

"I attach great importance to NRW's role and the work of its Board and am pleased to announce Geraint appointment to the Board."

Sir David Henshaw said:

"I am looking forward to working with Geraint and supporting NRW to deliver for Wales."

Natural Resources Wales is the largest Welsh Government Sponsored Body – employing 1,900 staff across Wales with a budget of £180 million. It was formed in April 2013, largely taking over the functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and the Environment Agency in Wales, as well as certain Welsh Government functions.

Geraint Davies has been farming for over 20 years in the Snowdonia National Park, North Wales.

He is an advocate for producing sustainable food whilst delivering environmental products.

His land management experience encompasses upland habitat management including upland water retention, ancient woodland, soil health and effective grassland management. He has a particular interest in creating and maintaining bird habitat on his farm.

Geraint is the former Wales Chair and Director of Nature Friendly Farming Network, Director of Partneriaeth Penllyn, Chair of the Farmers' Union of Wales Younger Voice Committee as well as being active in local committees in

Meirionnydd.

Geraint is a fluent Welsh speaker.