

Commission's Call for Evidence to Shape Fair Working in Wales

At the start of last year the First Minister, Carwyn Jones, set out an ambition for Wales to become a 'Fair Work Nation' and a Commission was established in July to make recommendations on how this could be achieved.

A Fair Work Nation is a country where everyone can:

- Access better jobs closer to home
- Develop their skills and careers
- Have decent, life enhancing work without experiencing exploitation or poverty
- Build prosperity and share in that prosperity.

Fair employment for all is central to the Commission's work and this call for evidence is aiming to tap into a wide range of experiences, views and research relevant to promoting and encouraging fair work in Wales.

The Commission will develop indicators and consider whether the measures needed to promote fair work currently available to the Welsh Government need to be taken further. It will recommend new or additional steps, including new legislation.

Julie James, Leader of the House for the Welsh Assembly, is overseeing the Commission. She said:

"The call for evidence today will shape Wales' future world of work for tomorrow, making it fair and equal for all. A Fair Work Nation is a great place in which to live, work and invest.

"As the Welsh Government has recognised, fair work can help achieve a stronger, modernised, inclusive economy as well as addressing inequality by promoting wellbeing and community cohesion.

"People's views and experiences give an effective voice for workers, enhancing their ability to contribute to the success of Wales' economy. I would encourage everyone, whether individually or as an organisation, to submit their evidence and help shape a better working future pan Wales."

The Commission, a Welsh Government Ministerial body, is chaired by Professor Linda Dickens MBE, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations at the University of Warwick. She said:

"I am pleased to have been appointed to chair this important independent Commission.

“Our recommendations to Ministers next March will be based on evidence and analysis. Through this call for evidence and the engagement meetings we are holding across Wales, we want to learn about the fair work aspirations, priorities and concerns of individuals and organisations. The information, experience and perspectives they provide will help shape our recommendations so I would urge everyone to get involved”.

Evidence submissions are welcome until Monday 19th November 2019.