# Opportunity Announcement

# Member, Wales Advisory Committee

Cardiff, UK, up to 5 roles available

This role is unremunerated but reasonable UK travel and expenses are reimbursed.

Candidates must have the right to work in the UK.

Closing Date: October 23 2023.

### The opportunity

We are seeking individuals with senior level experience in Wales (exception made for a member representing youth) to join our Wales Advisory Committee and contribute in a non-executive capacity to its pursuit of the objectives set out in the terms of reference. The Wales Advisory Committee advises Director, British Council Wales and influences how the British Council’s vision and strategy are developed.

Activities might include:

* Briefings on the British Council strategy and policy with discussion on implications in Wales
* Updates on British Council global and Wales projects, focusing at each meeting on a different theme or sector of work, and discussion of relevance to Wales
* Discussion on research into British Council engagement in Wales and across the UK
* Advising on the relationship management of strategic partners in Wales
* Providing advice between meetings to managers on strategy or project development
* Participating in meetings with strategic partners
* Attending flagship conferences, consultation events, media briefings or project launches.

### About us

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.

To help us with the quality and independence of our thinking, we draw on the expert advice of both our sector advisory groups and our three UK country advisory committees.

### The British Council in Wales plays an important a role in showing an imaginative and exciting vision of the United Kingdom and its four nations (and the diversity within them, and commonalities across them) to the world, through our commitment to Working for the Whole of the UK. In addition to our strategic alignment with FCDO and HMG priorities, we are committed to supporting the relevant international ambitions of elected Governments in Cardiff, Belfast and Edinburgh. We factor all of this in at beginning of the choices we make, the value we seek to create and the partnerships we build.

### Our equality diversity and inclusion commitment

The British Council is committed to policies and practices of equality, diversity and inclusion across everything we do. We are actively working to improve diversity across all our governance structures so that they reflect the societies in which we work. We support all staff to make sure their behaviour is consistent with this commitment. We want to address underrepresentation and we encourage applicants from under-represented groups, in particular, but not exclusively, on grounds of ethnicity and disability. All disabled applicants who meet the essential criteria are guaranteed an interview and we have Disability Confident Employer status. We welcome discussions about specific requirements or adjustments to enable participation and engagement in our work and activities.

### Terms and conditions

Members are appointed for a three year period, renewable for a second three-year term. The role is not remunerated but reasonable UK travel and expenses will be reimbursed at standard British Council rates. Candidates must have the right to work in the UK.

For the person specification and further details about this post, please see:

* ROLE PROFILE
* WALES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

### How to apply

If you are interested in the post and feel that you are suitable for the role, then we would really like to hear from you. Please apply by sending a copy of your CV and a cover letter to ruth.cocks@britishcouncil.org by [closing date].

# Role profile

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| **Job Title** | Member of Wales Advisory Committee (up to 5 roles available) |
| **Region** | UK | **Country**  | Wales |
| **Location** | Cardiff  | **Remuneration** | Unremunerated. Reasonable UK travel and expenses reimbursed. |
| **Reports to** | Chair of the Wales Advisory Committee | **Duration**  | Three year term |
| Background and contextThe British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.The British Council is a registered charity incorporated and governed by a Royal Charter. It is led by a Board of Trustees that is accountable to the UK’s Charity Commission for its activities.To help us with the quality and independence of our thinking, we draw on the expert advice of both our sector advisory groups and our UK country advisory committees. There are three country advisory committees, for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, which report to the Board of Trustees. Members of these groups and committees serve in an advisory capacity and have no decision-making responsibilities.The British Council in Wales plays an important a role in showing an imaginative and exciting vision of the United Kingdom and its four nations (and the diversity within them, and commonalities across them) to the world, through our commitment to Working for the Whole of the UK. In addition to our strategic alignment with FCDO and HMG priorities, we are committed to supporting the relevant international ambitions of elected Governments in Cardiff, Belfast and Edinburgh. We factor all of this in at beginning of the choices we make, the value we seek to create and the partnerships we build.As Member of the Wales Advisory Committee you will contribute in a non-executive capacity to its pursuit of the objectives set out in its terms of reference.Main responsibilities of members* Contribute to the fulfilment of the committee’s purpose and objectives as outlined in its terms of reference
* Participate in committee meetings, normally three a year
* Advise on the development of Wales strategy
* Act as advocates for the British Council’s work in Wales and in the UK as a whole
* Keep the British Council in Wales abreast of major developments in the public, educational, economic and cultural life of Wales
* Serve as a channel of professional advice within their own area of expertise, and identifying new opportunities
* Create links between the British Council and communities within Wales for whom our work has particular relevance.

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Application processPlease send a CV and cover letter to Ruth Cocks Director, British Council Wales ruth.cocks@britishcouncil.org. Attached is a digital job pack with further details about British Council Wales and the Wales Advisory Committee. |
| Passport/visa and/or nationality requirements | Candidates must have the right to work in the UK |
| Security/legal checks are required for this role | None |
| Person specificationCandidates will be assessed against these criteria.**Essential Skills and Experience*** Commitment to the British Council’s mission to support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.
* Ability to contribute to one or more of the three core areas of British Council activity (Arts, Education, English)
* Strong belief in, understanding and knowledge of what Wales can contribute
* Good team working skills
* Effective communication skills (oral and written)

**Desirable skills and experience*** Experience and expertise in one or more of the three core areas of British Council activity (Arts, Education, English) and we are particularly looking for more members with expertise in Higher Education, Schools, Modern Foreign Languages, youth, women and girls and climate.
* Experience and expertise in international cultural relations
* Understanding and knowledge of one or more of the main geographical regions in which the British Council works.
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| Sept 18th 2023 | Ruth Cocks |