

Well-being of Future Generations Act

A guide for young people



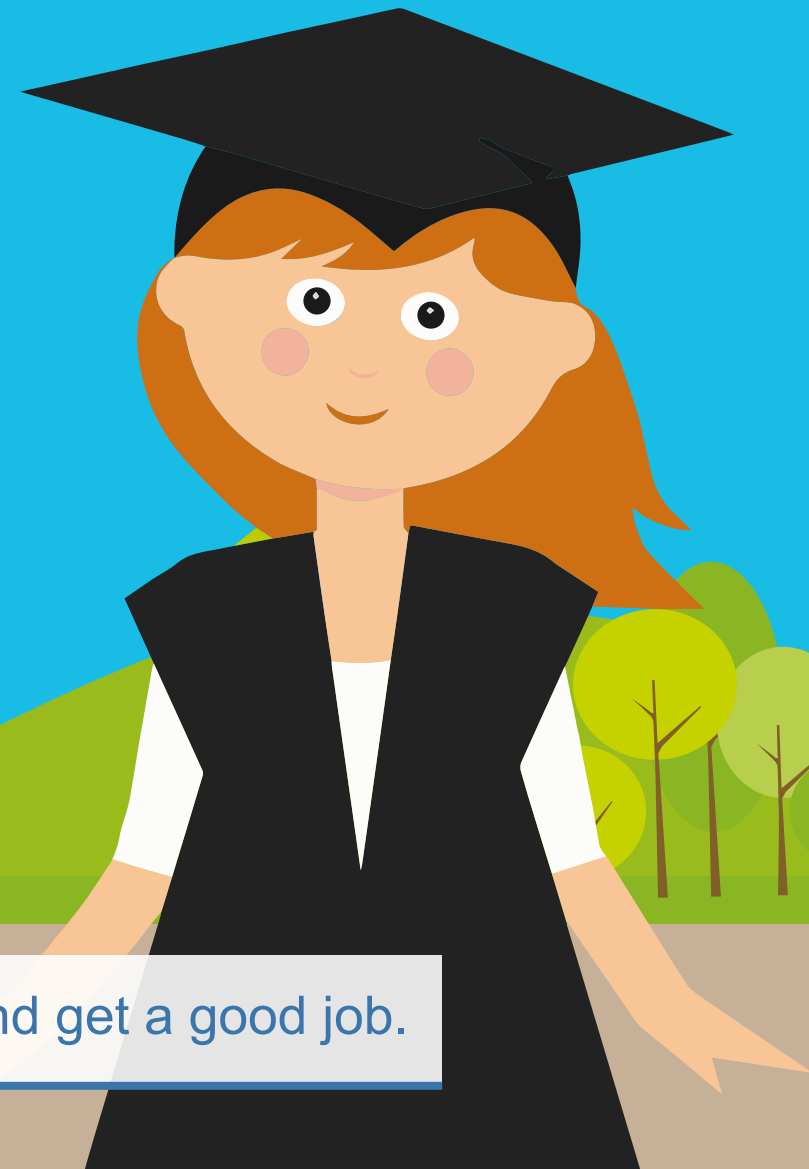
You, as a young person in Wales today, will need lots of things and help from different people to grow up happy and healthy.

You're probably in school today, where teachers are helping you get a good education. At some point you will have seen doctors, dentists and nurses who have helped you be healthy.

For you to be able to have fun, you need lots of chances to play sport, read books, go to the theatre and go to museums.

If you speak Welsh, you might want to be able to do these things in Welsh.

You also want to be able to feel safe where you live. You need clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, good food to eat.



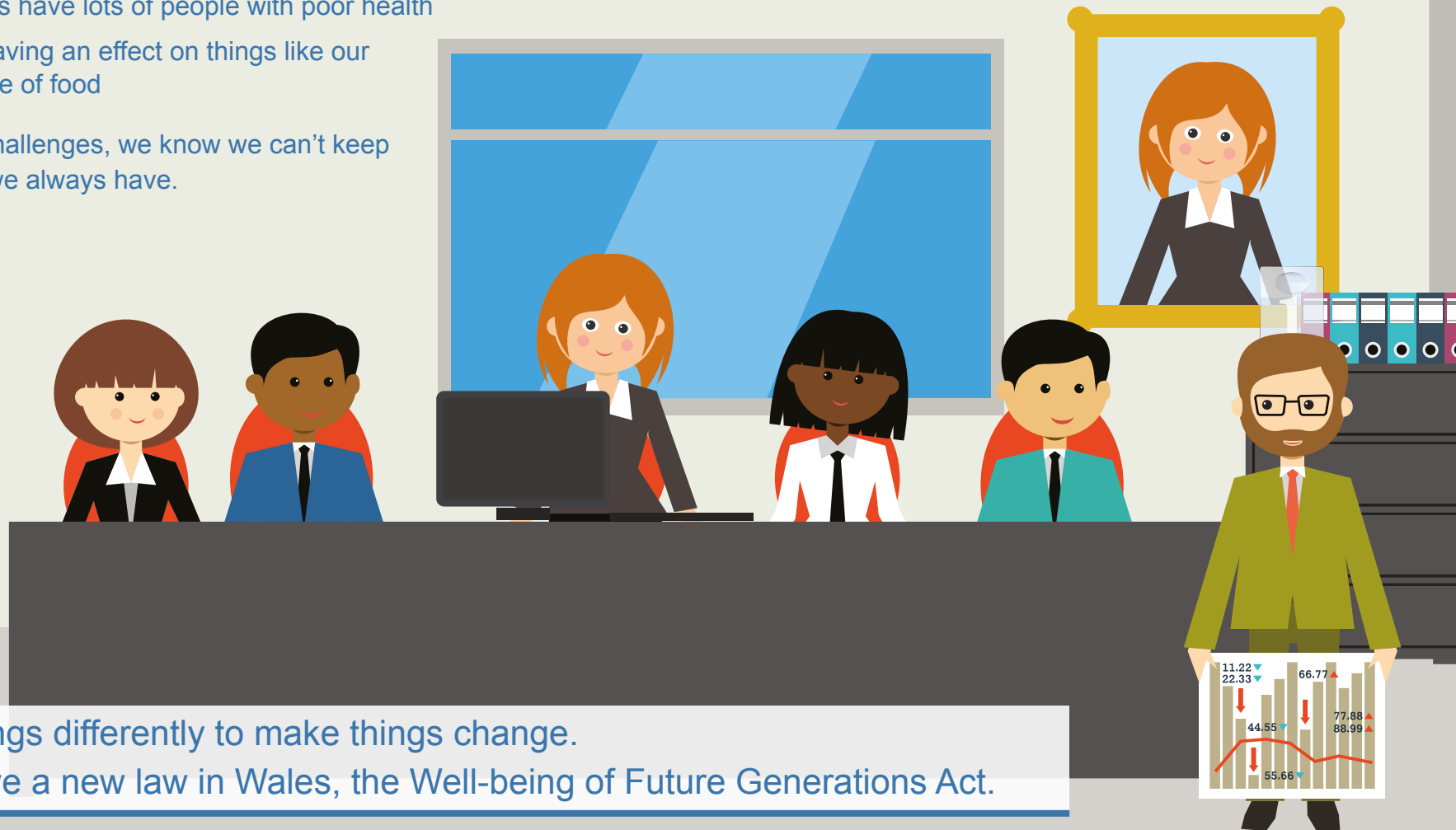
As you get older, you might want to go to University and get a good job.

But things aren't always easy

Our country is facing some big challenges, things like:

- There are people living in poverty
- Our economy is affected by what's going on all around the world
- We're all living longer, which is great but it also means we need to be healthier for longer
- Some areas of Wales have lots of people with poor health
- Climate change is having an effect on things like our weather and the price of food

If we are to beat these challenges, we know we can't keep doing things in the way we always have.



We have to do things differently to make things change.

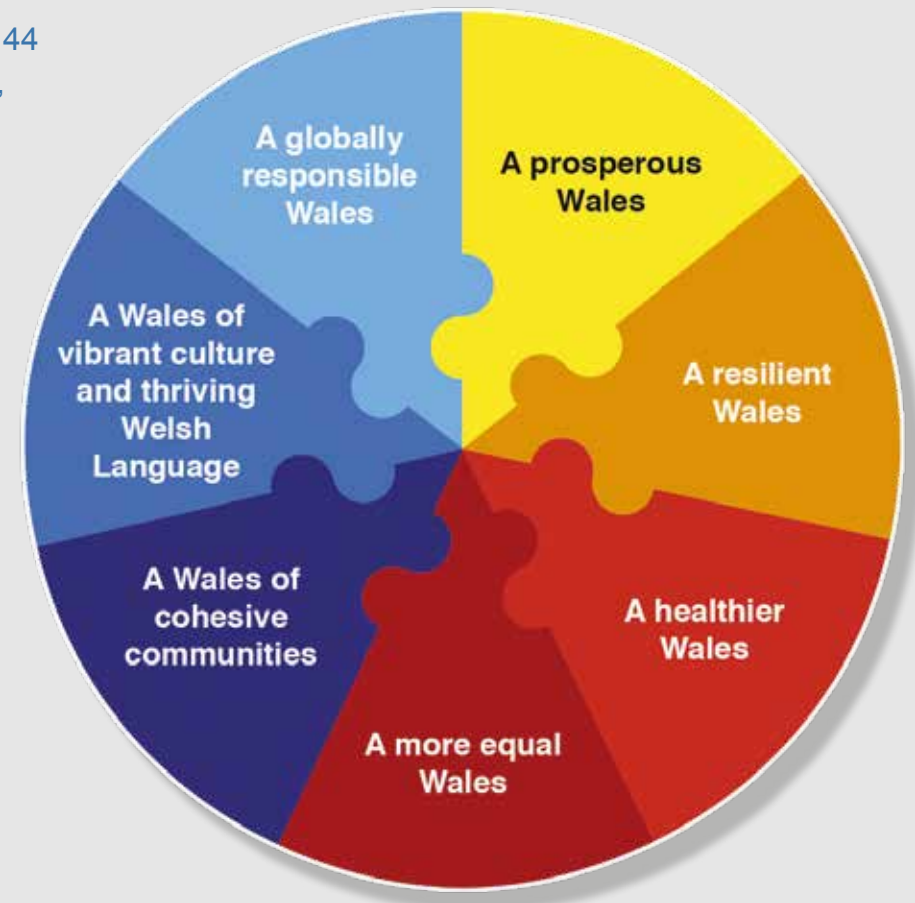
That's why we have a new law in Wales, the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

Wales is doing things differently

Wales is one of the first countries to introduce a law like this. The Act says that 44 public bodies, such as Local Authorities, the NHS, Fire and Rescue and others, must work together towards seven well-being goals.

The seven well-being goals:

- 1** A prosperous Wales – where everyone has jobs and there is no poverty
- 2** A resilient Wales – where we're prepared for things like floods
- 3** A healthier Wales – where everyone is healthier and are able to see the doctor when they need to
- 4** A more equal Wales – where everyone has an equal chance whatever their background
- 5** A Wales of cohesive Communities – where Communities can live happily together
- 6** A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language – where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh
- 7** A globally responsible Wales – where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World.



To show that they are working towards the seven well-being goals they have to think about:

- The long term
- How they involve people in making decisions
- How to stop problems happening in the first place
- How connected our lives are
- How they work together with others

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

The Future Generations Commissioner is the person that will make sure public bodies are working towards the well-being goals. Their role is to safeguard the interests of future generations in Wales. By this we mean people of all ages.

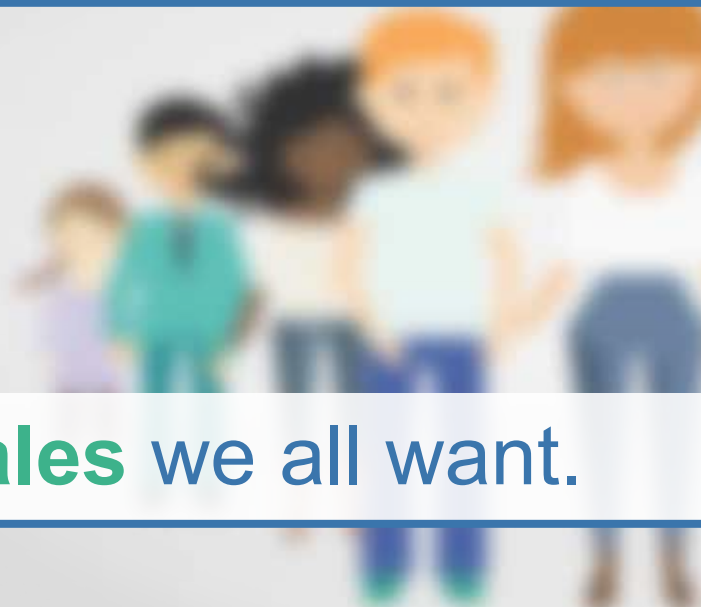
The commissioner can also suggest ways public bodies can work better.

Every year, the Future Generations Commissioner will write a report on how well Wales is doing in reaching the goals.

The Commissioner will act as a guardian for your future, for our future and for people of all ages.



This is the **Wales** you want. It's the **Wales** we all want.



Finding out more

Website:

Welsh Government

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