

Lyn Cadwallader profile

Lyn is the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales having taken up his post on 6 September 2010. He has financial and operational responsibility for running One Voice Wales as the national representative body for the Community and Town Council sector in Wales. He has several other work interests and is a Director of the Participatory Budgeting Unit based in North Wales and also sits on the advisory panels of the Sustainable Futures Commissioner for Wales and Participation Cymru respectively.

Prior to taking up his current post he had 19 years experience of local government and the housing sector in South East Wales latterly leading the corporate research and public engagement function of Torfaen County Borough Council. Over the last five years he has been involved in corporate business planning, a housing stock transfer process and formed part of a small team that led the development of Torfaen Local Service Board - the equivalent in England are the Local Strategic Partnerships. During this period he also successfully led a national pilot for the Welsh Government on research and public engagement by local authorities which paved the way for the establishment of the National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales.

He gained a BA (Hons) in Geography from Staffordshire University, is a fully qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Housing (MCIH) and has post graduate qualifications in housing, business administration and leadership of public services from Cardiff University, University of Wales, Newport and the University of the West of England respectively. In 2009 he became an IDeA Peer Review Consultant and carried out a review of Bridgend CBC's customer services in March 2009. He is also a qualified 'PRUB' systems thinker using Open Strategy methodologies.

Lyn is committed to professional development as evidenced by his continuing education during his career highlighted above and professional qualification in housing. He feels that just like the Chartered Institute of Housing the Institute of Local Councils Management can play a pivotal role in developing clerks throughout their careers ensuring its members are kept abreast of the latest professional and policy developments and provide a support network for its members as their career needs change over time. He considers the delivery of training and networking events as key to the ILCM future.

He is married with three children and lives in Undy, Monmouthshire. In his spare time he plays cricket for his village team, has recently help restore a medieval orchard and is currently learning how to become a proficient sea angler!