

Living our values and delivering sustainable impact  
through project procurement

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Our big ambition:

To create a  
transport network  
of which Wales  
is **PROUD**





# What is Transport for Wales?





## Our Values

Fundamental to everything we do are our values, that are ingrained in our culture and our ways of working.

We'll create trust with our customers, colleagues and stakeholders, founded on:

- **Being safe** - health, safety and wellbeing
- **Being the best** - high performance, at pace
- **Being positive** - can do, will do
- **Being connected** - enterprising and networked
- **Being fair** - integrity and equality
- **Creating shared success** - passion for the best deal



## Creating social value

Social value is about respecting people, listening to them, and using the insights to optimise value for both people and the planet;

Its about being more accountable to those people whose lives are affected; and about making better decisions on how we allocate our resource.





# Creating social value

## Social value

**Driven by legislation: Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015**

**Co-creation** between society, stakeholders, and company leadership. Companies can create social value by considering the economic, environmental, and social aspects of their impact as well as how to increase well-being and development.

**Accessibility** Bringing the marginalised into the business model.

**Leveraging the business to address social issues** Using societal problems as a starting point for new ideas

**Transformation** Social value creation is about deep, long-term change, not just cosmetic changes.

**Training** Social value creation requires extensive training to allow for change.

**Reimagining the purpose of business** Reimagine your purpose and structure.





## Creating social value

### Social value

#### Driven by legislation: the **Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill**.

This landmark Bill was laid before the Senedd on Tuesday 7 June 2022 and continues to progress through the legislative journey.

The Bill fulfils a **Programme for Government** commitment to place social partnership on a statutory footing in Wales. It provides a framework to enhance the well-being of the people of Wales public services through social partnership working, promoting fair work and socially responsible public procurement.

The Bill is intended to complement other legislation, including the **Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015** and the Bill has been developed applying the **Socio-economic Duty** of the **Equality Act 2010**.





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The Bill brings together four principles:

- **Social Partnership** – business/employers and worker representatives working together to discuss matters of common interest and to develop solutions to the challenges they face.
- **Socially Responsible Procurement** – taking action when purchasing goods, works and services, to improve economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing.
- **Fair Work** – a range of potential activities undertaken by employers in agreement with the workforce, which contribute to well-being and improved public service delivery.
- **Sustainable Development** – doing things now in a way that takes into account the impact on people living their lives in Wales in the future.

The Bill builds on the already extensive history and success of social partnership and other collaborative working partnerships in Wales.







# Creating social value

## Achieving our Values through our supply chain

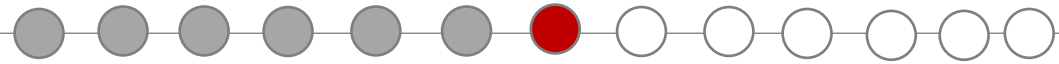
	Embedding sustainable practices	Working with our communities	Adopting the circular economy	Engaging local suppliers	Ensuring long-term impacts	Creating new opportunities	Upskilling
Being safe	●	●		●	●		●
Being the best	●					●	●
Being positive	●					●	●
Being connected	●	●		●			●
Being fair	●	●	●	●		●	●
Creating shared success	●	●		●		●	●



## Creating sustainable impact

Sustainable impact is about ensuring that the impacts of our projects continue to provide positive benefits in our communities





## **Sustainable impacts in our developments**

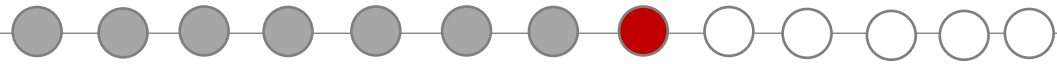
### **Carbon management**

Using a circular economy approach to procure sustainable, upcycled or recycled materials in our developments

### **Community engagement**

Working with our communities to achieve collaborative goals





## Taffs Well Overbridge

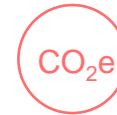
The £100m Taffs Well Depot project is one of the key packages of work that form the Transport for Wales core valley lines (CVL) transformation programme. The project, jointly funded by Welsh Government and ERDF, will maintain and stable 36 of the new Metro vehicles while being the base for 400 train crew, 35 Metro vehicle maintenance staff and the South Wales Metro integrated control centre employing 52 staff.



The use of hybrid cameras instead of those powered by diesel alone has reduced carbon emissions by 400kg of CO<sub>2</sub> a week

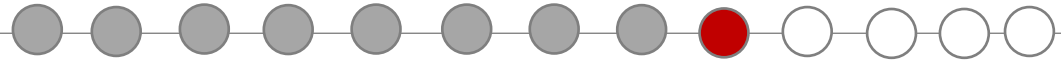


TfW and AGC helped the local community by providing manpower, skips and materials to assist the local community with storm damage



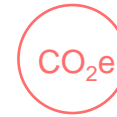
Recycling 555m<sup>3</sup> of waste material from demolition phase. Saving 2856 tonnes from landfill equating to 130 lorry loads





## Llys Cadwyn furniture

Working with Rype Office and Merthyr Institute for the Blind we remanufactured desks, sourced coffee tables made locally from recycled chopping boards and black plastic bags and created the world's most sustainable sofa comprised of 100% recycled polyester, a frame made from recycled post-consumer plastic, recycled foam cushions, and recycled plastic zippers.



13% of furniture in the office is new and was sourced from local suppliers including Able in Tredegar, and Orangebox, in Trefforest

Furniture was handcrafted in Pentre by employees of Merthyr Institute for the Blind. All staff were paid the Real Living Wage

We saved 92,784 kgs CO<sub>2</sub>e and 32,141 kgs of furniture.  
We also saved 2,500kgs carbon by using recycled paint





## **Sustainable impacts in our community projects**

### **Green skills**

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### **Supporting local economies**

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### **Collaborative benefits**

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# Green Routes

In December 2020, Transport for Wales (TfW) was awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant of £100,000 for a 'Green Routes' Project via the Welsh Government's Local Places for Nature Scheme



78% of the funding spent in local, Welsh economies



176 volunteers took part across 25 stations and 5 community areas



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## Community Woodlands

Transport for Wales (TfW) was awarded £100,000 of National Lottery Heritage Funding in May 2022 to deliver a 'Community Woodlands' Project under the Community Woodlands capital grant scheme via Welsh Government.



87% of the funding spent in local, Welsh economies



161 volunteers gave 1,382 hours of their time.  
We were able to provide opportunities for green upskilling



936 new trees planted and 1,557 sqm of habitat enhancement





## How we make a difference

We're much more than helping people get from A to B – we're about connecting people and communities – enabling sustainable development and helping to give people new opportunities for prosperity





## Changing our behaviours

We're giving people the **ability** to make positive changes by:

- Embedding a circular economy approach to our projects
- Considering the entire carbon lifecycle of a product
- Working with suppliers to encourage sustainable practice
- Ensuring fair tender opportunities by engaging with SMEs
- Working with our communities

We want to create better **opportunities** for people by:

- Being involved with our communities
- Enabling upskilling opportunities for long-term benefits
- Sharing best practices
- Being collaborative in our developments
- Embedding partnerships



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