

TEMPLATE FOR CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Details of the Consultation

Document being consulted on:	PROPOSED NEW BIG LOTTERY FUND WALES POLICY DIRECTIONS FOR CONSULTATION
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Consultation Questions

Question 1: Is there anything set out in these directions that the Big Lottery Fund in Wales should not be doing? If your answer is yes, please tell us what it is and why they shouldn't be doing it. (a maximum of **200 words**)

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is highly supportive of the third sector and recognises the vital role which the sector plays in delivering social, economic and environmental outcomes. However, **we do not agree that the fund should primarily be targeted at projects delivered by the third sector.** Multi-partner projects may, for reasons of capacity and capability, be led by non-third sector organisations. Similarly, projects delivered by non-third sector organisations can deliver to the same beneficiaries as those led by third sector organisations. The important factors should be the capacity and capability of the applicant to deliver the project, the final beneficiaries of the funding and the outputs and longer term outcomes of the project.

NRW has no other comment on this question.

Question 2: Is there anything the Big Lottery Fund in Wales should be doing in addition to these directions? If your answer is yes, please tell us what they should be doing and why. (a maximum of **200 words**)

NRW welcomes the inclusion of a specific environmentally focussed outcome in the draft Directions for Big Lottery Fund, resilient environments and sustainable use of Wales's natural resources are key work areas for NRW. NRW also welcomes the recognition of the need to ensure that funding will improve Wales' environment. However, **we would prefer 'H' to read 'reducing negative impacts and promoting positive impacts on the environment'.**

For BIG to deliver Welsh Government's principle of Sustainable Development, **all** projects funded must deliver sustainable solutions. NRW will be using the ecosystem based approach to direct future work, managing Wales' natural resources to not only enhance the health of the environment, but also provides better benefits for society and business. **Big Lottery Fund in Wales could use this holistic approach as a framework for BIG funding in the future, requiring all projects to deliver economic, social and environmental goals.**

NRW would welcome the opportunity to **work with Big Lottery to discuss possible support for applicants and to advise on maximising the sustainable development outcomes of the fund.** NRW would also be willing to help **in the project assessment process.**