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|  | **Equal Power Equal Voice**  **Public life**  **mentoring scheme** |
|  | The **Equal Power Equal Voice** scheme is run by:   * Women’s Equality Network |
|  | * Stonewall Cymru |
|  | * Disability Wales |
|  | * Ethnic Minorities & Youth Support Team |

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|  | **Public life**  Being involved in public life means having a role or a job where you make decisions that affect your community or the whole of Wales*.* This includes: |
|  | * Being a politician. |
|  | * Becoming a charity trustee. This means making decisions about how a charity is run. |
|  | * Joining a board. This means making decisions about how bosses should run big organisations like the NHS or Sport Wales. |
|  | * Running campaigns to change things. |
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|  | **Mentoring**  A mentor is someone who is there for you. They share what they know. They introduce you to people. They support you to achieve your goals. |
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|  | The scheme is being run because Wales needs more leaders in public life who are: |
|  | * Women **or** |
|  | * LGBTQ\* **or** |
|  | * Disabled people **or** |
|  | * Black, Asian and ethnic minority people. |
|  | **Taking part in the scheme** |
|  | This scheme can help you get the skills and confidence to get involved in public life. |
|  | If you are chosen, you must agree to:  Meet your mentor for 1 hour every 4 to 6 weeks. This can be by phone, video or in person. |
|  | Take part in online training every month from November 2021 to June 2022. The training will be for 6 hours a month. |
|  | Take part in a support network where everyone on the scheme can support each other. |
|  | The scheme can help you:   * Get more confident and find your voice. |
|  | * Know how decisions get made in Wales, and how to influence decisions. * Know more about how politics work in Wales. |
|  | * Improve your public speaking and how you communicate. |
|  | * Meet and speak with influential people. * Get to know more people who can help you get involved in public life. |
|  | * Get a job or a role as a politician or public leader. |
|  | **Who can apply?**  You can apply if you are: |
|  | * Age 18 or older **and** |
|  | * Living in Wales **and** |
|  | * Wanting to get more involved in public or political life **and** |
|  | * Ready to learn how to be a leader |
|  | You must also be:   * A Black, Asian or ethnic minority person **or** |
|  | * A person from the LGBTQ+ community **or** |
|  | * A disabled person **or** |
|  | * A woman |
|  | If you are not sure about applying, you can talk to Ginger Wiegand. Her email is [equalpowercymru@wenwales.org.uk](mailto:equalpowercymru@wenwales.org.uk). Ask Ginger if you would like to have a chat about this scheme with someone from Stonewall Cymru, Disability Wales or Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team. |
|  | **How to apply**  You must apply before 11.59pm on 26th September 2021. |
|  | To apply, you must answer some questions.  You can choose how to answer the questions. You can: |
|  | * Fill in the online survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/x7xdWVkD2S> |
|  | * Fill in [this Word document](https://wenwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Equal-Power-Equal-Voice-2021-Mentee_Application.docx)   Email the document to [equalpowercymru@wenwales.org.uk](mailto:equalpowercymru@wenwales.org.uk). |
|  | * Read the questions in [this Word document](https://wenwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Equal-Power-Equal-Voice-2021-Instructions-to-apply-by-video.docx). Then make a 3 to 5 minute video. You need to email or use wetransfer.com to send the video to [equalpowercymru@wenwales.org.uk](mailto:equalpowercymru@wenwales.org.uk) |
|  | We will tell you if you have been chosen in early October 2021. |
|  | Good luck! |
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