



2 October 2023

Dear ,

**ATISN 18901 - Support for magazines in Wales**

**Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 04 September 2023. You asked for:

- 1. Under the Plaid-Labour cooperation, the Welsh government pledged £150,000 for journalism. Please can you give a breakdown of this funding, and how it has been spent.*
- 2. In 2022-2023, the Welsh Government have £135,000 extra funding for magazines. Please can you give a breakdown of how much funding went to Welsh language magazines and how much funding went to English language magazines.*
- 3. How much core funding have you given to Welsh magazines in English and in Welsh from 2012 onwards? Please give a breakdown of the core funding that has been distributed by the Welsh Government.*
- 4. Of support given to magazines and the Welsh public sector equality duty, please provide the equality, diversity, and diversity information. For example, for funding distributed by Books Council Wales, from 2012-2023, how many magazines were White-led, and how many were BAME-led?*
- 5. Please provide any documentation from the Welsh government relating to supporting underrepresented Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic writers from 2012-2023.*
- 6. How many Black or Asian led magazines or presses receive core funding from the government year-on-year from 2012?*
- 7. How many Black or Asian led magazines or presses have been awarded 'New Audiences Funding' since 2012?*

## Our response

1. Through the Welsh Government's Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru, £200,000 was awarded to journalism in 2022/23. This includes £100,000 for the Independent Community News Network led 'Independent News Accelerator Fund', £36,500 for a dedicated Senedd reporter, £31,750 for the Inclusive Journalism Cymru Network led 'Inclusive Media Development Lab' initiative and £31,750 to the Cardiff University led 'Mapping the Welsh Journalism Sector' data research exercise.
2. The full £135,000 was awarded to Welsh language magazines, through the Books Council of Wales
3. No core funding has been directly distributed to Welsh magazines in English and in Welsh by the Welsh Government. Funding for Welsh magazines in English and in Welsh is awarded through the Books Council of Wales. This forms part of their 'publishing grants for distribution' budget, with the amounts awarded to magazines for the periods 2012/13 to 2022/23 as follows:

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
	£	£	£	£
Welsh language magazines	371,309	336,500	367,806	391,446
English language magazines	180,327	186,991	183,608	172,624

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£	£	£	£
Welsh language magazines	375,252	357,750	349,276	363,267
English language magazines	176,208	176,209	191,867	169,006

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£	£	£	£
Welsh language magazines	386,339	356,414	400,248	388,875
English language magazines	205,985	204,125	175,918	147,900

	2023/24
	£
Welsh language magazines	380,000
English language magazines	187,000

4. This information is not held by the Welsh Government

5. No information held. The Welsh Government does not directly support writers. Support for writers is made available through Literature Wales, via the Arts Council of Wales.
6. No core funding has been directly distributed to Welsh magazines in English and in Welsh by the Welsh Government, nor to presses. Funding from the Welsh Government for presses and Welsh magazines in English and in Welsh is awarded through the Books Council of Wales, funding for Papurau Bro is awarded through Mentrau Iaith Cymru and funding for news publications is awarded through the arms-length 'Independent News Accelerator Fund'. The Welsh Government does not hold information on the breakdown of funding by Black or Asian led magazines or presses.
7. The New Audiences Fund was delivered by the Books Council of Wales in 2022 and 2023. The Welsh Government does not hold information on how many Black or Asian led magazines were awarded funding.

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
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or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely