

Eifion Williams

Downturns obliterated the communities I grew up in, so I decided to dedicate my career to challenging it.

I have worked and volunteered within our sector all my life, starting at AVOW nearly 25 years ago. Last year I became Wales's first Acumen Academy Fellow from Wales, a fellowship dedicated to supporting social leaders. My nomination has been supported by ten WCVA member organisations, reflecting the scope of the work I have done across the sector.

As an Environment Wales Development Officer for ten years, then a Social Business adviser at the Wales Cooperative Centre, I have helped people in their communities in every part of Wales to set up new initiatives and grow them.

In my own community I was elected Chair of the board for Minera Community Ltd, where we successfully acquired the lease to reopen our village pub and raise the necessary funds to get it up on its feet.

As founder of Circular Economy Wales and Celyn Mutual Credit, my work has more recently brought me into the same room as decision makers of all political backgrounds in the Senedd and at Westminster.

I am fluent in Welsh and English, a confident communicator and natural collaborator.