



Pete Mackie is one of the UK's leading and most impactful experts on homelessness. He is seen as the leading authority in a range of areas. Recent changes in homelessness legislation have directly been informed by Pete's work, including the Mackie Review in Wales, and most recently he played a crucial role in the development detail of the Homelessness Reduction Act in England. Our negotiations with the UK Government to adopt the principles of homelessness prevention, and in breaking down the barriers to help for single homelessness were directly informed by Pete's work.

***Matt Downie, Director of Policy and External Affairs,
Crisis***



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Professor Chris Taylor, through the evaluation of the Foundation Phase, has significantly enhanced the understanding of early years pedagogy and implementing curriculum changes. Chris added considerable value by ensuring that the sector was effectively engaged with the evaluation process and this ensured that the findings could have impact. The evidence produced has been used to inform national policy decisions and support practitioners in improving their approaches in the classroom.

Jo Starkey, Head of Schools Research, Welsh Government



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*Officials from the Welsh Language Division had regular contact with **Elin, Huw and Catrin** during the process of developing the Cymraeg 2050 strategy. We benefited greatly from these discussions and they gave us food for thought as we developed and refined the policy. We also benefited from a two-day workshop for the Minister and other language planning experts to discuss and evaluate a final draft of the Strategy that was facilitated by Elin and Huw.*

Iwan Evans, Senior Policy Officer, Welsh Language Division, Welsh Government.



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School's Health Research Network has effectively demonstrated the ability to scale up and sustain a population research infrastructure that can be applied to multiple uses. It contributes the highest quality data we have on the self-reported health outcomes of young people in Wales for planning and evaluation at school, local and national level. It provides the basis for measuring the impact of the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes in a way that had not previously been possible. The research studies conducted through SHRN can then be translated directly into practice.

Dr Julie Bishop, Consultant in Public Health/Director of Health Improvement, Public Health Wales



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*The research approaches employed by the **LACE research team** enabled the full participation of a group of young people who have experienced significant trauma in their lives in a sensitive and positive manner. It is my belief that the innovative approaches used by the research team strongly contributed to the success of this engagement. We continue to work with the team building on their research to promote our three year strategy for looked after children and young people in Wales.*

Stephen Gear, Head of Supporting Achievement & Safeguarding, Welsh Government.



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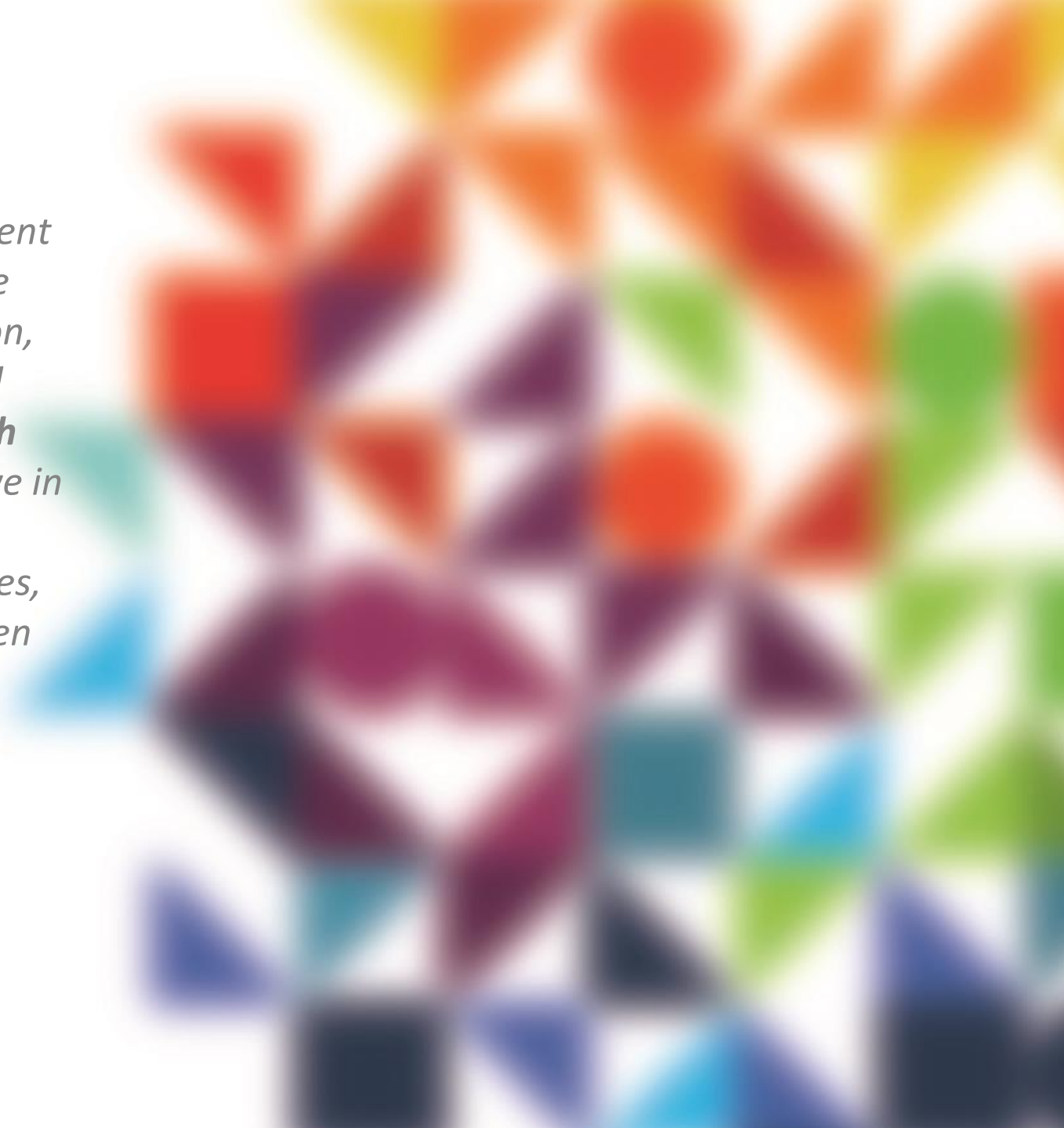
*For Women Connect First and the women we represent infertility is a very sensitive topic. Some women have fresh experiences with it, while others have moved on, yet all share really strong memories, which they find difficult to talk about. The way **Sofia, Berit, Elisabeth and Alida** carried out this project was very innovative in that it was a friendly approach. The women really wanted to contribute and talk about their experiences, saying that they felt comfortable and safe. Some even commented that drawing was the most amazing, creative and positive way they had experienced of getting feelings out.*

Menaka Kodur, Women Connect First Cardiff



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*It is quite rare in modern academia to find such collegiate attitudes as those I've experienced in **Drs Mackintosh and McNarry**. They are both excellent researchers with a wealth of innovative ideas that cross disciplinary boundaries and address important research questions. Both Kelly and Melitta have cutting-edge vision and insight that sets them apart, moreover they have already made significant impact, both academically and to children's lives, through their novel approach at integrating research and knowledge exchange at policy, professional and practical levels.*

Prof Gareth Stratton, Head of School of Sport and Exercise Science, Swansea University



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*I worked closely with **Andy** during the passage of the landmark Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2015 and its subsequent implementation. We were extremely fortunate to have the services of someone so able to translate the fruits of research scholarship into practical policy formulation and front-line practice. Andy's influence on government policy went wider than legislation. The formation of a national adoption service for Wales, and emerging plans for a national foster service both bear the imprint of his work.*

Mark Drakeford AM, Minister for Health and Social Services in the Welsh Government



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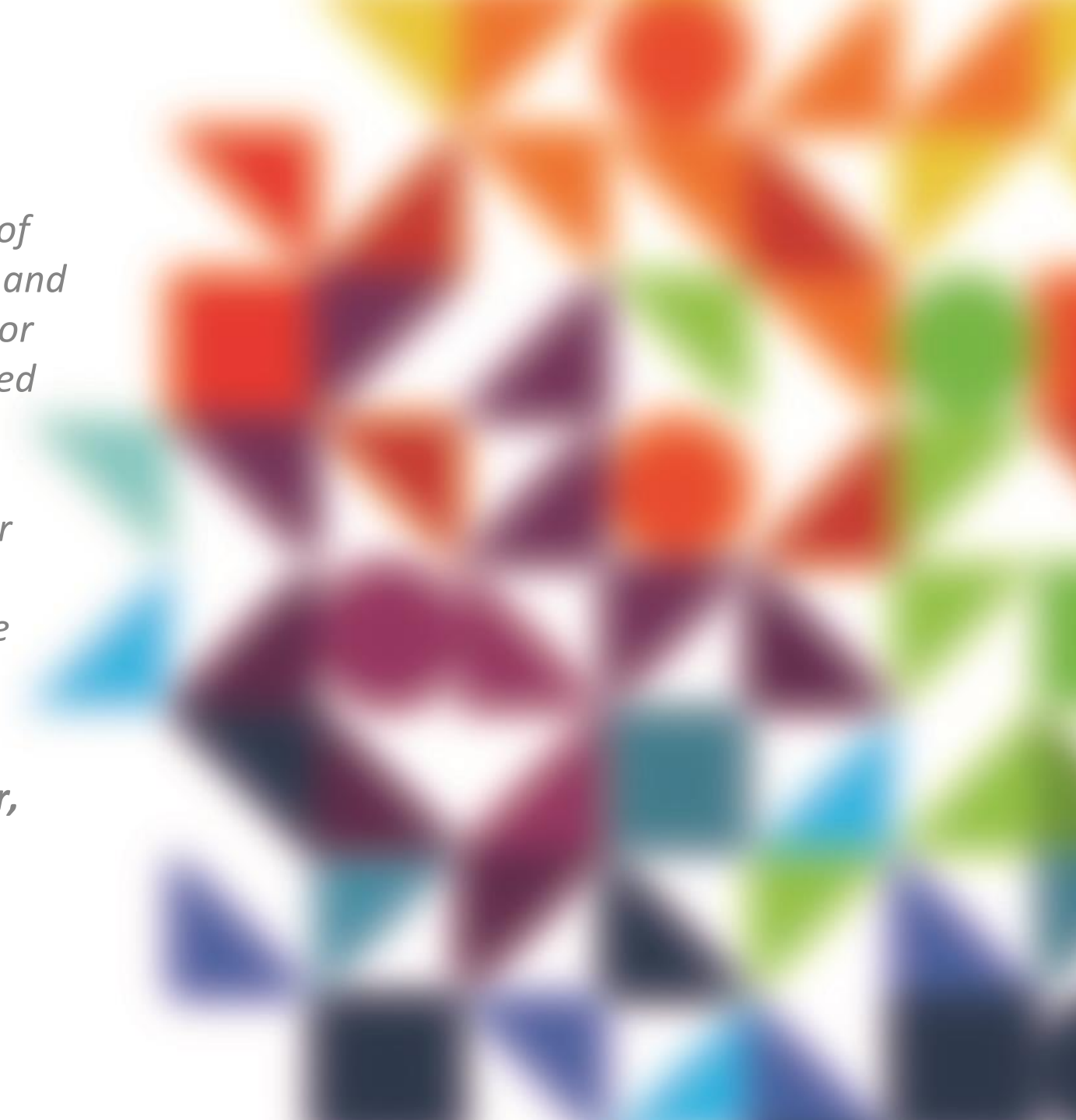
Professor Colin McInnes is an outstanding scholar of international reputation with whom I have happily and productively collaborated with on a number of major research projects since 2002. He is a highly respected scholar who has contributed ground-breaking and highly original analyses that bridge the fields of International Relations and Public Health. Professor McInnes has achieved this by playing a lead role in deepening analysis of global health issues using the lenses of foreign policy, security and governance/diplomacy.

***Professor Kelley Lee, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair,
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada***



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*As an expert witness, **Sophie** has provided extensive research and knowledge to develop understanding of key aspects of CSEA for the court and jury. The value of this work cannot be underestimated, and as a result it is hoped that expert witnesses will become normal within CSEA investigations. Sophie has approached the task with enthusiasm, dedication and a commitment that has allowed the investigation to provide the Crown Prosecution Service the information they need to start to change this piece of legal practice.*

Carl Vessey-Baitson Detective Superintendent, Deputy Senior Investigating Officer, Operation Stovewood, National Crime Agency



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*Working with **Catrin Davies** on our project has been a very positive experience. Her contribution to recruitment and supporting Welsh language engagement with our target group was notable. Catrin was able to effectively combine the use of her specialist skills with an appropriate community approach to what was a potentially sensitive subject area, and contributed to a piece of social insight work which will benefit the NHS and the wider system in Wales. Her enthusiasm for the work, and the quality of the output, stood out; it's clear she has a bright future ahead.*

Dafydd Gwynne, Principal Health Promotion Practitioner, Public Health Wales



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Catrin Wyn Edwards not only works at the cutting edge of academic study of migration, multiculturalism and related fields, and is at the cutting edge of knowledge exchange initiatives between academics and non-academic stakeholders. She has developed a leading academic portfolio of research in the last few years and an extensive network of contacts in the policy world and amongst the public. She is an entrepreneurial and active researcher, constantly taking up opportunities to fund new interesting lines of research attached to her agenda, and extending outwards.

Professor Milja Kurki, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University



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Dr Mackie's study underpinned progressive changes to homelessness law in the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. His research and ongoing engagement with Welsh Government has been key to the positive impacts of the legislative changes, with many more homeless people now receiving meaningful help. Improvements here in Wales have also sparked interest elsewhere, most notably in England, where similar legislative changes will commence in 2018. It has been by a very long distance the most effective piece of research I have been engaged with.

Geoff Marlow, Homelessness Policy Officer, Welsh Government



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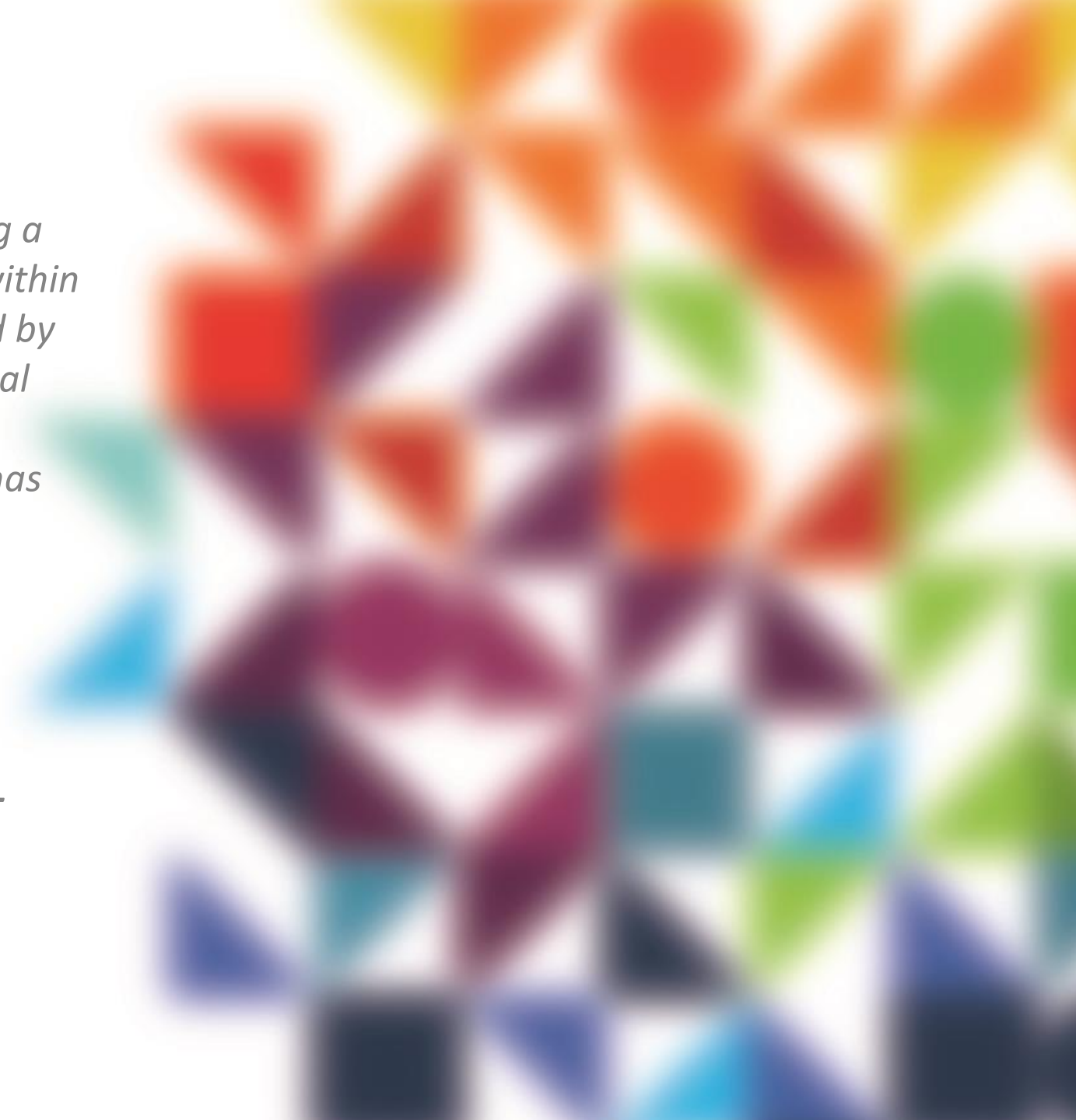
*The Foundation Phase is widely recognised as being a central driver of school and system improvement within Wales. The evaluation of the Foundation Phase, led by **Professor Chris Taylor** is a credit to the field of social science, primarily because of its direct impact and influence upon practitioners and policy makers. It has made a significant contribution to the Early Years evidential base and is an important research contribution that is worthy of recognition.*

Professor Alma Harris, Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of Bath
Senior Policy Advisor to Welsh Government, 2009-2012



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*IAITH and **Huw Lewis, Elin Royles and Catrin Wyn Edwards** have collaborated over a number of years on a number of activities that have influenced language policy in Wales. They were contributors to the Language Planners Wales' written response to the Welsh Government's Welsh language strategy consultation for Cymraeg 2050: A Million Welsh Speakers. Edwards and IAITH are planning a seminar involving policy makers and practitioners from Wales, Catalunya and the Basque Country regarding initiatives to integrate and increase migrant family children access to Welsh-medium education.*

Dr Kathryn Jones, Chief Executive of IAITH



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School's Health Research Network (SHRN) provides an excellent example of research that is innovative, makes a difference at multiple levels, from national policy making to helping schools prioritise and evaluate activity, as well as producing high quality scientific outputs. Critically, evidence is emerging that SHRN is helping to create research ready schools across Wales and is influential in promoting the use of research in everyday practice. The collaborative model SHRN follows is key and in keeping with the aims of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

**Chris Roberts, Deputy Chief Social Research Officer,
Welsh Government**



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The LACE team worked very closely with researchers at Welsh Government to ensure the research was methodologically robust and met the needs of the policy team. The enthusiasm and willingness of the LACE team to work collaboratively with Welsh Government researchers has resulted in a very high quality and innovative piece of research, with clear potential for further application. I have no hesitation in nominating the LACE team for this award and wish them well for the future.

Richard Thurston, Deputy Chief Social Research Officer, Welsh Government



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*The project, undertaken by **Sofia, Berit, Elisabeth and Alida**, was very successful and was awarded the Welsh Crucible prize for ‘Best Collaborative Research Project’. We wholeheartedly support this nomination as the research deals with an important, but underrepresented, topic in a highly innovative manner and the recognition this award would provide may help expand its reach to those that would benefit most.*

Dr Liam Morgan, Cardiff University, Welsh Crucible Programme Manager



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Melitta and Kelly continue to surprise and inspire me with their innovative and stimulating approach to physical activity promotion! Where most academics follow conventional procedures to provide gradual increments in our knowledge and understanding, these two develop original and creative strategies to address issues we have largely failed to resolve as a field to date. I am excited to see what they come up with next!

Prof Karin Pfeiffer, Centre for Physical Activity and Health, Michigan State University



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*I have known **Professor Pithouse** for many years and believe his contribution to research in the field of children's services to be of immense value. His work, always in partnership, is accessible and his papers at social work conferences in the UK and globally attest to his strong international reputation. His published work has undoubtedly informed developments and debates in Wales, the UK and other jurisdictions. His most recent book on stability in foster care is testament to both rigorous scholarship and influential writing, directly informing practice in my occupational field.*

Gerry Cooney, Chief Executive, Adoption Wales



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*As Secretary of the Nuffield Trust, chair of the UK health protection agency global health committee and Senior Adviser to the InterAction Council, I have been very familiar with **Colin McInnes**' pioneering contribution to global health security. I would highlight his longstanding impact on practitioners working in global public health, most recently in developing a global health strategy for Public Health Wales. For the IAC he drafted its pathfinder for global health security, which informed the Dublin Charter for One Health and is now the subject of intense discussions at WHO and the World Bank.*

Professor John Wyn Owen CB FRSPH FLSW



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Sophie is an outstanding early career scholar. The quality and strength of Sophie's abilities is evidenced in her academic record, but also her ability to develop strong partnerships with key stakeholders including Welsh Government, third sector, practitioner and public bodies, as well as being committed to working with and involving young people and frontline workers in her research. Sophie is the single most promising applied social science academic I have had the pleasure to work with in over 30 years in UK universities.

Dr Tom Hall, Head of School, Cardiff University School of Social Sciences



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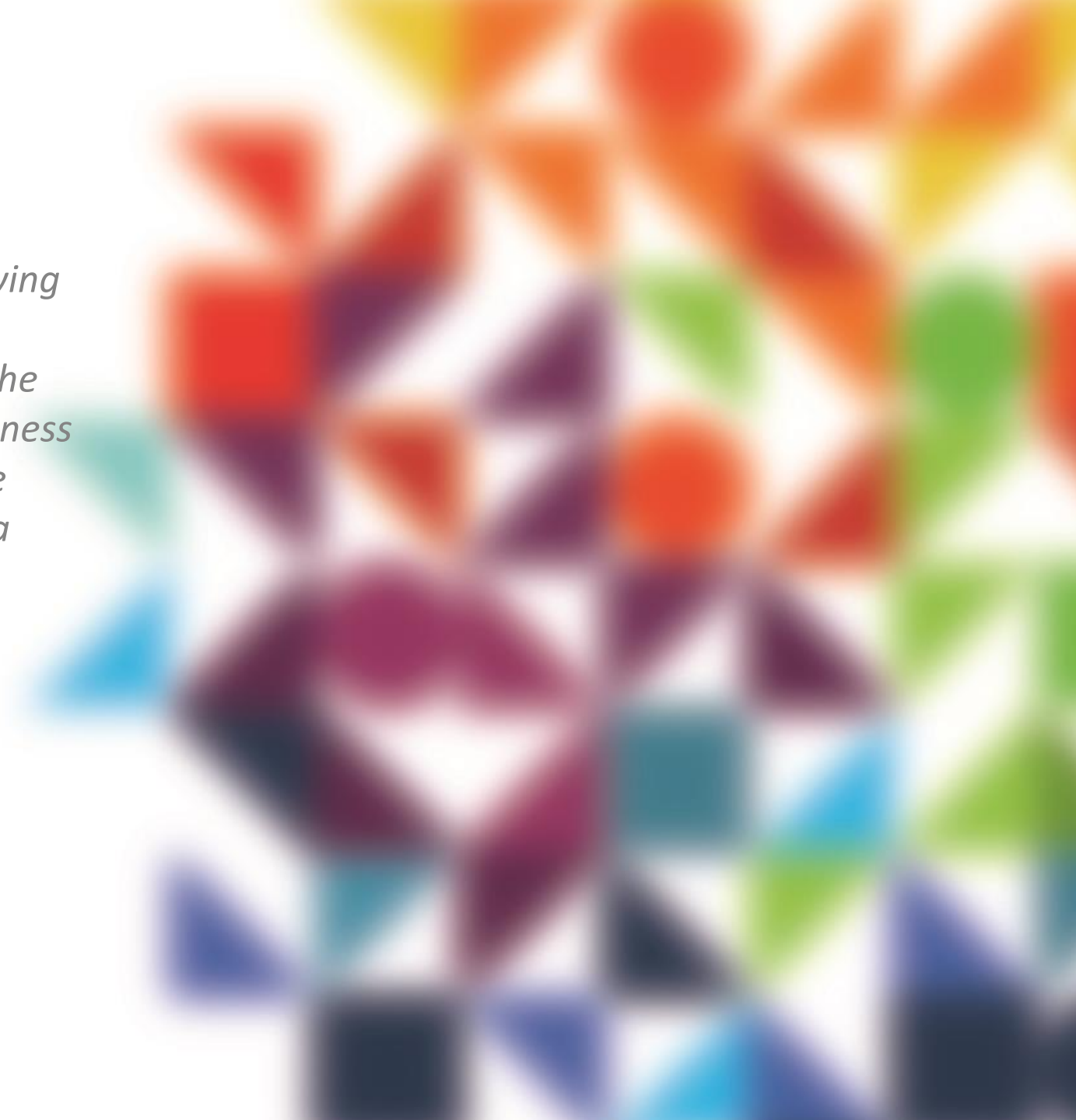
Catrin Davies has fitted seamlessly into the role of researcher at Beaufort Research, constantly improving on her qualitative and quantitative skills and understanding. Her attention to detail, interest in the range of social research projects we deliver, willingness to learn and explore new methods, and care for the work she produces all combine to mark her out as a rising star in research.

Fiona McAllister, Managing Director, Beaufort Research



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*With its focus on pressing questions of migration and integration, **Catrin Wyn Edwards**' research is undoubtedly at the forefront of our societal challenges today and showcases the best of social research in Wales and beyond. Catrin's achievements in terms of significant and rigorous research, policy impact and international networking, as well as her successes in capturing research grants all testify to her outstanding qualities, which set her on a clear path to be a future social research leader in Wales.*

***Dr Berit Bliesemann de Guevara, Director of Research,
Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth
University***



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