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| **TITLE**  | **Appointments to Board of Amgueddfa Cymru-National Museum Wales** |
| **DATE**  |  **08 August 2023** |
| **BY** | **Dawn Bowden MS, Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism** |

I am pleased to announce that Kate Eden has been appointed as Chair of Amgueddfa Cymru.

Over the past eight years Kate has held a portfolio of non-executive positions across key bodies in Welsh public life, with a particular focus on the cultural and health sectors. Prior to her non-executive career, Kate spent fifteen years’ working in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry in public affairs, policy and strategic communications, both in the UK and internationally

The Chair is accountable to Welsh Ministers for the conduct of Amgueddfa Cymru’s affairs and has responsibility for chairing and overseeing the Board of Trustees

I am also pleased to announce that Rhys Evans has been appointed as Vice-Chair of Amgueddfa Cymru. Rhys is the BBC Cymru Wales Head of Corporate Affairs and Public Policy and is responsible for a range of functions, including communications, regulatory and public affairs. He is a Non-Executive Director and Trustee of Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

I also welcome Owen Hathaway who joined the Amgueddfa’s Board in April. Owen is the Assistant Director for Insight, Policy, Public Affairs and Community Investments at Sport Wales.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Carol Bell, the Acting President and Vice President since 2016 who is coming to the end of her tenure on the Board. Dr Bell joined as a Trustee in 2014 and since January 2023 has taken on additional Presidential responsibilities, bringing continuity to the Board and showing dedication and commitment to Amgueddfa Cymru.

I would also like to thank Gwyneth Hayward who stepped down in April for her contribution and commitment during her time as Trustee.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.