



RESPONDING TO RICHARD
The National Assembly's Constitutional Future
A joint IWA/ESRC Conference

THISTLE PARK HOTEL, CARDIFF
Friday 23 April 2004 9.00 am

**Keynote Speaker: Lord Richard, Chair of the
Commission on the Powers and Electoral
Arrangements of the National Assembly**

The report of Lord Richard's Commission at the end of March 2004 will be a defining moment in the early life of the National Assembly. It will set the agenda for a debate on the country's constitutional future that will lead through the forthcoming UK general election in 2005, through to the next Assembly election and beyond. As well as considering the case for primary powers the Commission will make recommendations on the size of the Assembly and its electoral system. This conference, addressed by expert speakers, will be the first opportunity to fully debate the Commission's recommendations.

Who should attend?

Politicians, and their staff, civil servants, local government and public sector officials, interest groups, lobbyists and public affairs consultants, academics and researchers, the media and anyone with an interest in public policy in Wales.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.45 Coffee

9.15 Welcome: Geraint Talfan Davies, Chair, IWA

9.30 **Responding to Richard**

Professor Charlie Jeffery, Director, ESRC programme on Devolution and Constitutional Change

10.00am **The Assembly's Future as a Legislative Body**

Alan Trench, Constitution Unit

10.30am **Future Elections to the Assembly**

Professor Laura McAllister, University of Liverpool

11.00am Coffee

11.30am **Funding the Assembly**

Professor Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University

12noon **Reception**

12.30 **The Future Shape of the National Assembly**

Lord Richard

1.00 Lunch

2.00pm **Public Opinion**

Richard Wyn Jones, Director, Institute of Welsh Politics,
University of Wales, Aberystwyth

2.30pm **The View From Westminster**

Gareth Thomas MP for Clwyd West

3.00pm Tea

3.30pm **The View from Cardiff Bay**

Chair: David Williams, Political
Editor, BBC Wales

Leighton Andrews AM

Helen Mary Jones AM

Mike German AM

Glyn Davies AM

5pm Conference ends



RESPONSE FORM

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