



Leighton Andrews AM

Leighton Andrews was first elected to the Assembly in May 2003. In his first term he served on the Education, Culture, and Economic Development Committees.

Leighton was re-elected in May 2007, following which he joined the Welsh Assembly Government as Deputy Minister for Social Justice and Public Service Delivery, with special responsibility for housing issues. When the One Wales coalition government was formed in July 2007, Leighton was appointed Deputy Minister for Regeneration, working within the Department for the Economy and Transport and the Department for Social Justice and Local Government. In 2009 he was appointed Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning. Following re-election to the National Assembly for Wales in May 2011, Leighton Andrews was appointed Minister for Education and Skills. His political interests include education, the economy, culture, housing, the media, health and social inclusion.

He was born in Cardiff and studied at the Universities of Wales (Bangor) and Sussex. He is a former Head of Public Affairs at the BBC and lectured at the Cardiff University School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies in the year before his election to the Assembly. He was a visiting professor at Westminster University, and has been an honorary professor at Cardiff University since 2004. He is a former board member of Tai Cymru (Housing for Wales) and was co-founder of the Yes for Wales campaign in the 1997 referendum and convened the planning group for the "Yes" vote in the 2011 Referendum. Leighton is married with two children.

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Etholwyd Leighton i'r Cynulliad am y tro cyntaf ym mis Mai 2003. Yn ystod ei dymor cyntaf yr oedd yn aelod o'r Pwyllgorau Addysg, Diwylliant a Datblygu Economaidd. Cafodd ei ailethol ym mis Mai 2007, ac ymunodd wedyn â Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru fel y Dirprwy Weinidog dros Gyfiawnder Cymdeithasol a Chyflenwi Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus, gyda chyfrifoldeb arbennig dros faterion tai. Pan ffurfiwyd y llywodraeth glymblaid Cymru'n Un ym mis Gorffennaf 2007, penodwyd Leighton yn Ddirprwy Weinidog dros Adfywio, yn gweithio yn Adran yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth ac yn yr Adran

Cyfiawnder Cymdeithasol a Llywodraeth Leol. Yn 2009, cafodd ei benodi yn Weinidog dros Blant, Addysg a Dysgu Gydol Oes. Ar ôl ei ailethol i Gynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru ym mis Mai 2011, penodwyd Leighton Andrews yn Weinidog Addysg a Sgiliau. Mae ei ddiddordebau gwleidyddol yn cynnwys addysg, yr economi, diwylliant, tai, y cyfryngau, iechyd a chynhwysiant cymdeithasol.

Fe'i ganwyd yng Nghaerdydd, a bu'n astudio ym Mhrifysgol Cymru (Bangor) ac ym Mhrifysgol Sussex. Mae'n gyn-bennaeth materion cyhoeddus y BBC, ac yr oedd yn ddarlithydd yn Ysgol Newyddiaduraeth, y Cyfryngau ac Astudiaethau Diwylliannol Prifysgol Caerdydd yn ystod y flwyddyn cyn ei ethol i'r Cynulliad. Roedd yn athro gwadd ym Mhrifysgol Westminster, ac mae wedi bod yn athro er anrhydedd ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd ers 2004. Mae'n gyn-aelod o fwrdd Tai Cymru ac yr oedd yn gyd-sylfaenydd ymgyrch le dros Gymru yn refferendwm 1997. Ef a sefydlodd y grŵp cynllunio ar gyfer y bleidlais "le" yn refferendwm 2011. Mae'n briod, gyda dau o blant.