

Please join Kentuckians For The Commonwealth as we learn about community development efforts in the post-coal economy of Wales at this free and open community event.

# **Public Forum on Economic Transition in Wales and Appalachia**

**Tuesday, October 7**

Appalshop Theater

91 Madison Ave., Whitesburg

**6 pm** - Open reception and local candidate meet and greet

**7 pm** - Public forum with video presentation and speakers



**Have you been wondering how our region can make a just economic transition? Do you have ideas about how we might develop our communities here in eastern Kentucky to build a bright future?**

The coalfields of South Wales in the UK shut down thirty years ago, and former mining communities were forced to diversify their economy. As central Appalachian coal employment continues to decline, many are looking to Wales for ideas.

Learn more and share your ideas at this free community event hosted by Appalshop, Kentuckians For the Commonwealth and the Center for Appalachian Studies at Appalachian State University:

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A 6 pm open reception with refreshments will welcome the two visiting speakers: Dr. Hywel Francis is a Member of Parliament representing the Aberavon district, and Mair Francis is the founder of the Dulais Opportunity for Voluntary Enterprise, commonly known as the DOVE workshop. **Candidates for local offices are invited to meet the speakers and public at this event.**

At 7 pm, eastern Kentuckians Evan Smith from the Appalachian Citizens Law Center and Robin Gabbard from the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky will also join the discussion to speak about local efforts to build sustainable communities.

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Ideas from Wales will also be discussed at an Arts and Youth Forum, Tuesday October 28 at 7 pm at Southeastern Kentucky Community and Technical College, Harlan Campus.



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