

Ban the sale and consumption of alcohol within the Senedd

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Petition title: Ban the sale and consumption of alcohol within the Senedd.

Text of petition:

We call upon the Senedd to ban the sale and consumption of alcohol within the Senedd. The Senedd is a workplace and most workplaces won't allow alcohol on their premises. There are also many establishments within the capital that Members of the Senedd can go to after a days work to unwind, just the same as the rest of the citizens in Wales do.

People already feel there is a them and us culture within politics, this would go a little way to help changing that perception.



1. Background

The management of the Senedd estate, including any restrictions on the sale and consumption of alcohol, is a matter for the Senedd Commission.

Catering services in the Senedd are outsourced to an external contractor, Charlton House & Co Group (“Charlton”).

Under the contract, Charlton manages the Senedd’s restaurant, coffee shop, tea rooms, public café and provides catering services for Senedd hospitality and events. Charlton holds a licence for serving alcohol on Senedd premises.

2. Alcohol policy on Senedd estate

The Senedd introduced a policy in September 2014 providing that alcohol would not be served on the estate before 18:00pm.

The Senedd Commission’s *Policy for the use of the Assembly Estate*¹ states:

14.1 **No alcohol** for consumption on the Assembly estate **will be sold** or served by our licensees **before 6pm during the week in term time**. If the Assembly is not sitting, these rules may be relaxed on occasion, but only with the Llywydd’s express consent, which can be sought via the Venues team. [RS emphasis]

This restriction is also reflected in the Senedd’s Visitor Code of Conduct.

¹ This is an internal document.

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