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Last updated: 27 May 2026 **Role:** Trefnydd (Business Manager), Chief Whip & Cabinet Minister for Culture and Sport (since 13 May 2026) **Constituency:** Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr (previously South Wales Central region 2021-2026)

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Detail	Info
Full name	Heledd Fychan
Born	20 September 1980
Current office	Plaid Cymru MS, former Senedd member

Background & Career

- 12 years at National Museum Wales as Head of Policy & Public Affairs
- Museum Association board 2009

- Former director of policy & political education for Plaid

Political Career

- Contested Montgomeryshire 2010, North Wales 2011
- Pontypridd councillor 2017-2022
- Campaigned to save Muni Arts Centre, reopen Mill St Post Office
- Led Pontypridd flood inquiry calls
- Plaid culture/sport spokesperson 2021
- Elected 2026
- Appointed Trefnydd/Chief Whip/Culture Minister 13 May 2026
- Also sits on the Senedd Business Committee

Key Statements & Quotes

- "Decolonising Welsh museums is my priority"

Twitter/X Discussion

> *Source: Nitter search, 27 May 2026*

- "At least now we've got passionate Heledd Fychan in charge" (on Welsh historic sites/heritage)
- Cynon Valley residents expressing frustration after comments calling for greater investment — reported by Aberdare Online
- Business Committee appointment announced alongside Llyr Powell (Reform), Lynne Neagle (Lab), Paul Davies (Con)
- "Plaid Cymru have named Heledd Fychan Minister for Culture. Decolonising Welsh museums is her priority. Things are about to get even worse" (culture war framing)
- "Heledd is a Fychan imbecile"

Reddit Discussion

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Sources

- GOV.WALES press release
- BBC News
- Senedd website
- Aberdare Online
- Nitter (X/Twitter search, 27 May 2026)

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