

Y Lab Wales

The Public Services Innovation Lab for Wales



Goal is to support innovation and experiments across Welsh public services and to build their innovation and research capacity.

- Y Lab is a partnership between Cardiff University and Nesta that consists of social scientists and innovation experts.
- Collaboration with government, organisations and public services staff across Wales.

Focus on major social and economic challenges facing public services.

Innovation and research support is done through multiple methods, including innovation programmes and new collaborative networks which develop and test novel solutions to societal challenges.

Results & learnings

- Innovate to Save - programme received £5m from Welsh Government. The programme offers both financial and non-financial support to help organisations trial, test and implement new ideas that deliver better public services and generate savings. .
- Y Lab conducted research and found positive impacts on Food and Fun Clubs - programme that provides good quality meals, food and nutrition sessions and sports for children in low-income families.. Welsh Government committed to funding the project with £500 000 per year.

Read more: <http://ylab.wales/>