**Plaid Cymru Party Conference 2023: round-up**

Overview

Plaid Cymru’s 2023 Annual Conference was held at Aberystwyth Arts Centre, October 6 -7. Rhun ap Iorwerth assumed leadership during a year marked by significant challenges for the party. Plaid Cymru faced a scathing report on the party’s internal culture and has encountered persistently static opinion poll results. Despite the challenges this year has posed, Rhun ap Iorwerth sought to set the tone for his leadership while paying tribute to his predecessor Adam Price for all the work he has done for the Party and Wales.

Plaid Cymru’s conference was notably scarce of any policy announcements or strategies laid out for how they plan to take on Welsh Labour. This conference seems to have been geared towards paving the way for new leadership and rallying support from members.

As a great orator, it is no surprise that Rhun’s keynote address resonated strongly with delegates, it exuded both passion and pragmatism. His keynote speech set out to appeal outside of Plaid’s traditional base supporters, challenging the perception that it primarily caters to Welsh speakers. Rhun was emphatic in dismantling that narrative, stating “We are for everyone equally. Plaid Cymru speaks your language whatever that language is”.

Key figures

* Rhun ap Iorwerth – Party Leader
* Siân Gwenllian – Deputy Leader
* Liz Saville Roberts – Westminster Leader