



### Language

The long campaign for the public use of the Welsh language – including Welsh language radio and TV stations, and for Welsh political autonomy or independence – has used a mix of constitutional tactics and more dramatic protest. Plaid Cymru has contested local, British and European elections in Wales, but Welsh language campaigners have also refused to pay BBC radio licences and prominent activist Gwynfor Evans engaged in public fasts. The movement has included some acts of sabotage, such as burning down English second homes in Wales, and a guerrilla style attack on a reservoir built in a Welsh valley to provide water for Liverpool, but the Welsh campaign has made varied use of nonviolent direct action tactics.

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Anthology of accounts by 17 British women campaigners, engaged in a range of militant direct action, including one by Welsh Language Society (Cymdeithas yr Iaith) activist, Angharad Thomas.

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Covers Plaid Cymru, history and Welsh politics and government. An earlier book by Evans from the same publisher is: Evans, Gwynfor , [Fighting for Wales](#) [4] Talybont, Y Lolfa, , 1992, pp. 221

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Memoirs of this key figure in the nationalist movement and committed advocate of nonviolence.

Howys, Sian, [Breaking the law to make change](#) [6], In Bierley, John , [Gathering Visions, Gathering Strength](#) [7] Bradford and London, GVGS Publishing Group and Peace News, , 1998, pp. 13-15

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Morgan, Gerald, [The Dragon's Tongue: The Fortunes of the Welsh Language](#) [11], Cardiff, The Triskel Press, 1966, pp. 144

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States the case for devolution, criticizes British regional policy, and traces the emergence and development of a distinctive Welsh politics.

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