

April 2007

Welcome to this Spring edition of the CVSC Newsletter.

It is once again the beginning of a new financial year and therefore member organisations please find your renewal notices with this mailing. You will notice that this year there is an increase in the cost of membership—this is the first increase ever and we hope that you will still consider this good value!

Please complete the membership form as soon as possible and return in the FREEPOST envelope provided. We are collecting a little bit more information about our membership organisations as we are moving over to a new contact management system, which will help us deliver our services more effectively and also work more closely with our colleagues in other County Voluntary Service Councils.

Should you or your organisation wish to join as a new member please get in touch, or download a form from our website www.cvsc.org.uk

Joint Service Provision in Llanrwst

CVSC are pleased to welcome Conwy Community Transport Rural Service into the CVSC Rural Office in the Gates Mews, Llanrwst. The recent move has gone very smoothly and now both agencies benefit from shared premises. The office is now open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

We invite local people and community groups to drop-in and visit staff to find out more about the services on offer! Contact Wendy or Eirian on the numbers below for further information.

**CVSC contact telephone remains 01492 641996
and Conwy Community Transport Rural Service is 01492 643267**

Staff Changes

We have a number of additions to introduce -

We welcome back **Sian Hanley** to the position of Learning Development Officer (Basic Skills). She will be based here in CVSC on a part-time basis. Her remit is to help strengthen the capacity of the voluntary sector and community groups.

We also welcome **Rhian Morris**, taking up the role of Youth Volunteering Development Officer and based within the Volunteer Bureau in Llandudno.

Jill Owen takes up the position of Health and Social Care Administration Officer, supporting Colette Neal as Facilitator and based here in the Colwyn Bay Office.

Another big welcome to our new volunteers **Alison and Jeremy**. We appreciate their time and contribution made in the Colwyn Bay Office.

CFAP CVSC Small Grants Scheme

Awards from Round 6

- ✦ Clwb Cemig
- ✦ Coastline Bluegrass Music Event
- ✦ D & G Enterprises
- ✦ Glan Conwy Memorial Hall
- ✦ Llandudno Junction War Memorial Institute
- ✦ Llandudno Trust
- ✦ Llangernyw Gardening Club
- ✦ Llysfaen Village Hall
- ✦ Maen Alaw Cyf
- ✦ No Limits Outdoor Pursuits Club
- ✦ Parish of Colwyn Bay
- ✦ Parish of Llanrhos
- ✦ Penrhyn Bay Players
- ✦ Seion Chapel, Rowen
- ✦ Trefriw Gardening Club

Deferred payments will be made to a further five other groups in the next round.

Closing date for round 7 is Thursday 31 May 2007 with the panel meeting on Tuesday 10 July 2007.

Contact us here at CVSC for an application form—check out the web for the criteria -

www.cvsc.org.uk

CYPP Grant for the Under 8's - Awards Made March 2007

- ✦ 2nd Llanrwst Rainbows, £90 toward art & craft materials
 - ✦ Cadwgan Playgroup, £190 for a JIGSAW Playmat
- ✦ Cylch Meithrin Betws yn Rhos, £130 to help purchase a storage cupboard
 - ✦ Cylch Meithrin Ffordd Dyffryn, £190 for various play items
- ✦ Cylch Meithrin Groes, £120 for games, dressing up clothes and a toy work bench
 - ✦ Cylch Meithrin Morfa Rhianedd, £150 for equipment
 - ✦ Cylch Meithrin Pentrefoelas, £200 for storage
 - ✦ Cylch Meithrin Rowen, £90 for bikes
- ✦ Deganwy Out of School Club, £100 toward art & craft materials
 - ✦ Playtime Mother & Toddler Group, £250 towards "Softplay"
- ✦ St. David's Parent & Toddlers, £50 toward the repair of the shed roof.
 - ✦ St. Joseph's Playgroup, £150 for a sofa
- ✦ Upper Colwyn Bay Playgroup, £60 for a heater and safety gate
- ✦ Upper Colwyn Bay Parent & Toddler Group, £60 for floor mats and toys
- ✦ URC Toddlers Group, £60 toward the purchase of musical instruments
 - ✦ Ysgol Feithrin Betws y Coed, £90 for a fridge.

Community Chest—National Lottery Funded Small Grants scheme providing funding for sport and physical activity opportunities for communities in Wales.

The application pack is currently being updated and redesigned, but in the meantime please note the following changes -

The maximum award has been raised from £750 to £1,000 in any financial year (April to March). Sports Clubs may apply for two awards in a financial year. Each award can be up to a maximum of £1,000 however, one of these awards may be for a physical activity not normally offered by the applicant eg offering walking or cycling activities from the club base.

The Sports Council is keen to see **"more people more active, more often"**

Future closing dates for 2007: 22 May, 31 July, 25 September and 27 July

Contact Caroline Jones on 01492 575557 or Rhodri Morgan on 01492 575556

The Ron and Margaret Smith Cancer Appeal (formerly known as The Ron Smith Cancer Appeal)

The Appeal was set up 15 years ago by Margaret Smith after her husband, Ron, died of cancer. Its original aim was to see a centre established in North Wales providing radiotherapy treatment. This was met in 2000 when the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre opened at Glan Clwyd and patients no longer needed to travel to Clatterbridge and Christies for treatment.

Following Margaret's sudden death last year the committee decided to honour her dedication and hard work by renaming the appeal **The Ron and Margaret Smith Cancer Appeal** and to continue her good work. Fundraising comes from a variety of sources and all monies raised go towards buying extra equipment and providing up-to-the-minute training for staff at the Centre. All workers are unpaid volunteers so our expenses are kept to an absolute minimum. Our current pledge of £100,000 will buy computer software which will allow treatment to be targeted more effectively. Any help (however large or small) will be greatly appreciated by the Appeal and, more importantly, by patients and staff. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Doris Roberts tel: (01745) 812504

Colwyn Bay Market

The Licensing Service of Conwy County Borough Council have recently taken over the management and operation of Colwyn Bay Market. The Market takes place every Tuesday and Saturday on Station Road, Colwyn Bay and is extremely popular for visitors and shoppers. There are over 40 regular stalls, an extensive selection of quality goods and there is always a great atmosphere to be found.

The Licensing Service would now like to offer all registered charities in the Borough of Conwy County an opportunity to have a free stall on the market which hopefully will assist each organisation with their own individual fundraising activities.

The idea is to give a monthly slot on the market for Charities and this can be extended to fortnightly if there is sufficient demand. The place would be offered on a rota basis for the first Tuesday of each month commencing on 1st May 2007. Each charity would be required to provide, set-up and dismantle their own stall and to meet in accordance with the Colwyn Bay Market Conditions that are in effect.

For further information to discuss booking a place on the Market, please contact Conwy Licensing Service on 01492 576626 or email: licensing.unit@conwy.gov.uk

DAN 24/7 ...is a free and bilingual telephone helpline providing a single point of contact for anyone in Wales wanting further information and /or help relating to drugs and/or alcohol. Provides access to appropriate local and regional services.

0800 6 33 55 88

Expert patients programme Wales—learning to manage your long-term health condition—
“Looking after Me”

MaenAlaw, Penmaenmawr, Wednesdays from 18 April until 23 May 2007

Please contact Gwynedd Local Health Board on 01286 674236

Canolfan Marl, centre of excellence for people with disabilities, is developing with voluntary organisations including Vision Support, Physical Disability Action Forum now in residence. A Resource Area is also under development. Should you wish your organisation to display leaflets or posters please forward them to Jan Smith here at CVSC for collation.

Children & Young People's Partnerships



CONWY CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

The Network met in Llanrwst on 15 March in the recently opened Glasdir building on Station Road and was chaired by Ann Williams of Mudiad Ysgolion Feithrin. Representatives from a diverse range of voluntary organisations enjoyed a presentation given by Brian Watson, Senior Youth Worker with Conwy County Borough Council, about the participation of young people in developing the Young People's Charter for Conwy.

An update was given on ongoing work within the Children & Young People's Partnership and there was an opportunity for the wider membership to ask questions of the Voluntary Sector representatives as well as provide them with feedback. Minutes are taken of these meetings and are available on request, or can be accessed via our website www.cvsc.org.uk

At the end of the meeting Ann Williams advised members that Delohne Merrill of NCMA Cymru was standing down as a voluntary sector representative due to her imminent retirement. Delohne was presented with a posy of flowers as an expression of thanks for her dedication, commitment and valuable contribution as a voluntary sector representative on the Partnership and wished all the very best in her retirement. We will be seeking a Voluntary Sector representative(s) when we know the outcome of the ongoing work taking place looking at the structure of the Children & Young People's Partnership (see below).

Don't forget, these quarterly meetings are open to all voluntary or community groups active in Conwy working with children and/or young people.

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS FOR BETTER OUTCOMES

'Stronger Partnerships for Better Outcomes' is the Welsh Assembly Government's circular containing statutory guidance under sections 25(8), 26(5), and 27(4) of the Children Act 2004, which place a duty of local cooperation on local authorities in Wales and a range of partners to improve the well being of children and young people. Section 1 of the guidance sets out WAG policy in the context of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and describes the statutory provisions. Section 2 sets out the principles underlying cooperation; section 3 deals with improvement in the effectiveness of partnership working; sections 4—8 give guidance on joint commissioning, common assessment and information sharing, setting common measures and information on Local Safeguarding Children Boards and section 9 deals with the appointment of lead individuals in local authorities, NHS bodies and other partner organisations.

Along with the Assembly's document "Making the Connections: Delivering better services for Wales", this is one of the key drivers for reviewing partnership arrangements. A task and finish group has been set up, made up of representatives from health, social services, education and the voluntary sector to examine existing partnership arrangements and structures within the Children and Young People's Partnerships. The task and finish group will look at the scope for rationalisation of partnerships, consider the guidance and make recommendations to the Framework Board.

Diary dates

Children & Young People's Partnership Voluntary Sector Network

12 June 2007 2pm venue to be confirmed
17 September 2007 6pm venue to be confirmed
10 December 2007 10am venue to be confirmed

Contact Ann Westmoreland CYPP Liaison Officer for more details

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK 19—26 MAY 2007

Find out about events near you on www.alweek.org or for further information please contact NIACE Dysgu Cymru on 029 20 370900 or e-mail enquiries@niacedc.org.uk

RNID Cymru Information Talks

—Please contact Bethan Harris, Outreach Information Officer for North Wales if you or your organisation would like a talk on a range of subjects around deaf and hard of hearing issues. Telephone 01352 707 800 or e-mail bethan.harris@rnid.org.uk

**Wales Charity Law Conference
 Tuesday 1 May, 9.30—4.30pm
 The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells**

“Understanding our Changing Legal Environment”

WCVA Members £80
 Voluntary organisations £100
 To book a place please contact 029 2043 1724
 or email eventsadmin@wcva.org.uk

**ESF and the Voluntary Sector 17 & 24 May
 ERDF and the Voluntary Sector 7 & 14 June
 Both 2 day courses in Rhyl and FREE!**

Training events in plain English for people running or about to run, ESF or ERDF projects.

For more information please visit
www.wcva.org.uk/training
 or e-mail training@wcva.org.uk

Following the success of the BOOST Marketing training courses last year, Arts Council for Wales (ACW) have decided to run more courses in April and May 2007. The cost has been held at just £10 per person for arts organisations, and £7.50 per person for voluntary organisations - this includes all refreshments, lunch and materials.

For details contact Cheryl Crook 02920376505 marketing@artswales.org.uk

English Language Workshops by Cathy Morris, Friday, 18th May - ACW's Office, Colwyn Bay
 Welsh Language Workshops by Claire Phillips, Friday 25th May - Galeri, Caernarfon

Sustainable Funding Cymru (WCVA and County Voluntary Councils working together to build a sustainable future)

- Business and Strategic Planning, 14 June, Ruthin
- Preparing a sustainable fundraising strategy, 28 June, Rhyl
- Grants—fit for funding, 12 July, Llandudno
- Earning, 13 September, Ruthin
- Loan finance and asset based development, 20 September, Rhyl
- Giving and public fundraising, 27 September, Llandudno



Sustainable Funding Cymru is being supported by the Big Lottery Fund. This training can therefore be offered at a subsidised rate of £10 per person for voluntary and community organisations operating in Wales. Alternative rates will apply to the private and public sector.

To book your place or for further information please contact WCVA's Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329

Awbery Management—North Wales Business Management Programme

A series of one and two-day workshops giving managers the business planning tool kit to shape their companies' future.

Imperial Hotel, Llandudno from 18 April 2007. Further information from

www.awberymanagement.co.uk

Fulfilled Lives, Supportive Communities

A Strategy for Social Services in Wales over the next Decade

This document which was published in February 2007 proposes a vision of how social services and social care will contribute to a better Wales. It sets out the key themes and the future direction.

The Vision

Social Services which are strong, accessible and accountable, in tune with citizens' and communities' needs and promote social inclusion, citizens' rights and good outcomes. This vision will be delivered in a joined up, flexible and efficient way, in partnership with the service user and to consistently high standards across Wales.

For the citizen this will mean:

- People who need services will have a far greater say over what they need and how it is provided.
- Earlier interventions to promote independence and the attainment of a person's full potential. Helping people to self care will have benefits for everyone.
- Fewer children needing to be looked after by local authorities or to spend as much time in local authority care. Those that are looked after will stay as close to home as possible.
- Disabled people will receive quickly the help and equipment they need to lead fuller lives,
- Older people affected by illness and impairments will be supported at home with the need for admission to hospitals or residential care greatly reduced.
- Children and adults will be properly protected from avoidable harm.
- Individuals' needs will be met through a single contact point as far as possible.
- Services will be provided with personal dignity, privacy and with full regard to equality in all settings.
- Carers' needs will be recognised and supported.

The following areas require particular attention:

- The need for better assessment and care management to make sure people receive services which give a timely response to their needs.
- Those who use the services and their carers need to be engaged and listened to as a continuous process.
- Services need to concentrate more on helping people to keep their independence, particularly older people who also have a disability
- Services need to be more reliable, responsive, consistent and of high quality.
- The social service workforce needs to be involved in the local authority's decision making.
- Local authorities need greatly to improve joint working arrangements both within the authority and with other partners.
- Local authorities need to manage their performance in a rigorous open way.
- Strong leadership for social services is required within councils at all levels.

For a copy of the summary or the full strategy document of Fulfilled Lives, Supportive Communities please contact:

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News from the Bureau

NATIONWIDE AWARDS FOR VOLUNTARY ENDEAVOUR, 2007

Nationwide are celebrating 10 years of sponsoring the above Awards and are inviting nominations in the following categories:-

- Adult Individual (over 18 years)
- Young Person Individual (under 18 years)
- Adults (Group)
- Young People (Group)

Nominations close on the 30th April so there is not a lot of time to get those nominations in to the sponsors.

Contact Alan at the Bureau to get more information and a Nomination form.

Volunteers' Week 1-7 June

Please let us know of any events that you are involved with to celebrate Volunteers' Week so that we can give you some publicity

**BODELWYDDAN CASTLE TRUST
 VOLUNTEER OPEN DAY 7TH MAY**

Interested in the work of the Trust and could become a volunteer? Then go along to their Open Day on May Day Holiday Monday.

GWIRFODDOLWYR Y MILENIWM

**FUNDING
 FOR YOUNG
 VOLUNTEERS**



MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS

If you already do or would like to use 16-25 year old volunteers, then under the MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS scheme you could get funding. The young people could also get Certificates to recognise their voluntary work.

The closing date for the next tranche of applications for funding is 9th May.

Speak to Alan or Sophia for details of how to become a Delivery Partner

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

CINNAMON TRUST are looking for people to offer to walk the dogs of elderly or incapacitated owners

RSPCA - More opportunities for animal lovers to help care for animals, socialising with cats, dogs and small animals, helping them to become fit for adoption by new owners

NORTH WALES DEAF ASSOC'N need help to deliver 200 of their Yellow Moon magazines in their locality.

SNOWDONIA SOCIETY need volunteers with a keen interest in the work of the Society to serve as a Trustee on the Society's Board

HOME-START CONWY are particularly looking for Welsh-speaking volunteers to help families gain parenting skills

RURAL LEISURE DEVELOPMENT are looking for volunteers to help with coaching sessions in a variety of sports in the rural areas of the County

Interested? Ask Alan or Sophia on 01492-871110 for more details