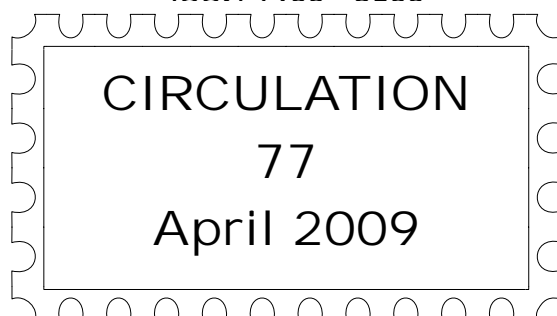




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Should you or your organisation wish to contribute a news item or flyer - then please forward to Jan Smith, Information Officer, by Tuesday 30 June 2009

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April 2009

Welcome to this Spring edition of the CVSC Newsletter. May I please take this opportunity to remind you all that with the beginning of a new financial year CVSC Membership is now due. Cost remains for a further year at only £15 for a range of priority services. Please see the enclosed information.

Training Needs Analysis (TNA)

Thank you very much indeed to those who took the time and effort to complete and return our recent TNA questionnaire. The results will be analysed and used to influence the training topics we deliver in the second half of the year. The most popular choices included—

- ◆ Planning Ahead
- ◆ Monitoring and Evaluating the Organisation's service delivery
- ◆ Volunteer recruitment, selection and induction
- ◆ Getting the best from your volunteers
- ◆ Supervision and appraisal
- ◆ Staff Development
- ◆ Developing and writing a communications strategy
- ◆ Creating publicity and marketing materials.

Congratulations to our winner from MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE who will receive a free day's training from the 09/10 programme.

Staff and Office News

It is with regret that we announce the closure of the CVSC Office in Llanrwst. However we would like to emphasise our continued commitment to all community and voluntary groups in the County of Conwy. We wish **Sarah Saunderson** all the very best in her new position, taken up before the office closure.

We also wish both **Ceri Jones** and **Jill Owen** of the Intermediate Care Mapping Project and the Health and Social Care Network all the very best in joining the team at the Volunteer Centre as Volunteers' Co-Ordinators. Further information is available on page 77.6

Trustee Update

Tom Jones, a longstanding Trustee of CVSC has resigned from the Board and as Vice Chair on health grounds. We would like to thank him for his years with us and wish him and his family good health for the future. **Don Henshall** was elected as the new Vice Chair at a recent Trustee Board meeting and we offer our congratulations.

CVSC Welsh Language Scheme

This Voluntary Scheme was prepared in accordance with the Welsh Language Board Guidelines under the Welsh Language Act 1993. It is available on request, or as a download from our website

www.cvsc.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE! ADVANCE NOTICE!

**CVSC AGM, FUNDER'S FAIR AND WORKSHOPS
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009, LLANDUDNO TOWN HALL**

eaga Community Fund

The eaga Community Fund has been created to support community organisations as they seek to tackle at a local level the social and environmental issues that constitute eaga's own business interests.

Who can apply?: Community groups, local charities and voluntary organisations that meet the eligibility criteria of the fund.

What can it fund?:

The fund will support projects that educate, raise awareness and demonstrate engagement in addressing environmental issues at a grass roots level in Wales.

How much?: Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support revenue and capital projects.

Deadline: The closing date for applications is Tuesday 28th April 2009.

Contact: The Community Foundation in Wales, 14-16 Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1DG.
Tel: 02920 520250 Email: mail@cfiw.org.uk

The Morgan Foundation "making a difference"

Purpose—to support charities across North Wales, Merseyside, West Cheshire and North Shropshire

Aim—to provide funding for small to medium sized organisations who are addressing specific needs and are particularly keen to support those who have a large volunteer input.

Grants—may be considered for a range of purposes and could include:

- ◆ Single awards for capital projects
- ◆ Start-up and/or ongoing running costs for specific projects
- ◆ Multi-year revenue grants for core funding
- ◆ "Smiley Bus" minibuses to eligible organisation

Further information including application form from www.morganfoundation.co.uk

Sign up to Funding News—a monthly newsletter update!

Available from www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/news



Awards for All—changes to the programme and application process

- ◆ Withdrawal of HLF funding
- ◆ New application pack and guidance notes (from April 2009)
- ◆ Application process designed to make it even easier to apply. It is now in 2 stages and only takes 8 weeks. Includes reading guidance, sending in application. Within 30 working days a conditional offer may be made. Organisation then provides necessary documents within 20 working days with the grant being confirmed within 10 working days.

You can apply if you are a voluntary or community organisation, school, town or community council or a health body. Further information available from CVSC or 01686 611740 or www.awardsforall.org.uk

For an application pack call: 0845 600 20 40



CVSC SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME 2008-2011

Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups

In the last round, 21 groups and organisations were successful and a total of £63,000 was awarded. Have YOU a project in mind?

If so, please contact us on 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org.uk for the guidelines and eligibility criteria. They are also available for download from our website www.cvsc.org.uk.

Please note that the panel will not consider applications unless prior consultation has taken place with a CVSC officer. Deadline for next round is Friday 4 September 2009.

Conwy Arts Service—Arts Development Grants (deadline 11 May 09)

Constituted organisations can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 to help with project costs. Further information from Sian Hughes on 01492 575572 or e-mail sian.hughes@conwy.gov.uk

Wales Gets Switched On to Switchover Help Scheme

The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up to help eligible older and disabled people to make the change to digital TV this summer. People are eligible if they are:

- Aged 75 or over
- If they have lived in a care home for six months or more,
- If they get (or could get) attendance or constant attendance allowance, mobility supplement or disability living allowance,
- Or if they are registered blind or partially sighted.

For a one-off payment of £40, eligible people will be offered:

- Easy-to-use equipment to convert one television set
- Installation of that equipment
- An aerial check and upgrade if necessary
- A demonstration of how it works
- Someone to call for help while they are getting used to it.



This service is **free** for people who are eligible and also receive pension credit, income support or income based jobseekers allowance. For more information, log onto www.helpscheme.co.uk

COASTLINE BLUEGRASS MUSIC EVENT June 5-6-7 2009 www.coastlinebluegrass.co.uk

Plas Uchaf Farm nr. Llandudno Junction N. Wales LL28 5PD

The **Coastline Bluegrass Music Event** is in its 4th year, located on a beautiful working hill farm near Llandudno Junction, Conwy. **Ticket prices have been held at 2008 rates and start at £35 for a full weekend including camping and admission to all concerts and workshops. Children under 16 are admission free if accompanied by a paying adult.** CBME is an ideal event for families, and we encourage youngsters to learn to play with our 'Young Bluegrassers' concert, and extended workshops. You can win a Martin guitar in the raffle too. The bands performing this year are '4 Wheel Drive' from the Netherlands, 'Toy Hearts', 'Chill Until Blue' and 'Jaywalkers'. Appalachian dance groups appearing will be 'Feet First' and 'Wicked Soles'.

Detailed ticket prices and contact information can be found on the website

Derws Neighbourhood Watch Shop—1 Market Street, Llandudno, LL30 2SY

Offers free advice on crime reduction and encourages local residents to become Neighbourhood watch members. They also assist in making up the neighbourhood watch membership packs and “no Cold Calling” packs for Trading Standards. Opening hours 9.30—2.30 Mon—Fri and 9.30—5pm Saturday.

Please come along and support the shop!

IT Tips from Sue Jackson of ByteBack Training www.bytebacktraining.co.uk

Working with Word Views—To Select a document view

Click the **View** menu to select **Print Layout, Normal, Web Layout, Outline, Reading Layout, Document Map, or Thumbnails** or

Use the View buttons (bottom left of your screen)

You can use the **Document Map** or **Thumbnails** to jump quickly to different sections of your document. You will find both of these viewing modes in your View menu.

Use the scroll button on your mouse to zoom in and out of documents quickly. Just hold down the Ctrl key and roll the scroll wheel forward to get a closer view of the document, or roll it back to shrink it. You will find this feature very useful and it works in most of the packages.

Children & Young People's Partnership



Children & Young People's Partnership Voluntary Sector Network

The Network meets four times a year, with each meeting being held in different parts of the county and at different times of the day to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend. The first of this year's meetings was held in the afternoon of 24 March in Glasdir, Llanrwst. Joyce Spencer, a young person who has been representing young people from the voluntary sector on Funky Dragon, (Wales Youth Parliament) attended to give a presentation about her involvement. Her time of office is coming to an end and help was sought from voluntary organisations to circulate and seek nominations for new representatives from Conwy. Information was also given by Jade about the work being undertaken by the young people on Conwy Youth Council. 'Update from the Partnership' is a standard agenda item and is an opportunity to be kept up to date about the ongoing strands of work such as Partnership funding, which includes Cymorth, new projects, Core Aim Groups highlight report etc. More details can be obtained from minutes which are posted on the CYPP website www.conwy.gov.uk/cypp or contact Ann Westmoreland. Provisional dates for the next meetings are 9 June (evening), 30 September (morning) and 15 December (afternoon). If you are a member of a voluntary or community organisation and would like to register to receive information please contact:

Ann Westmoreland tel 0149 523849 or e-mail annwestmoreland@cvsc.org.uk

We are on the Way

'We are on the Way' is an information booklet prepared by the Welsh Assembly Government setting out its policy agenda to transform the lives of disabled children and young people. The Seven Core Aims apply equally to disabled children and young people, although they often have additional barriers to overcome in achieving and accessing the same opportunities. The booklet highlights what the Assembly Government has put in place, mapped under each Core Aim, and what it intends to do next to improve the life chances of disabled children and young people.

Copies of the booklet can be obtained by contacting Martin Davies tel 02920 825193 email martin.davies@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Safeguarding

From July 2010 (PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE) it will be a legal requirement for individuals applying to work or volunteer with children or vulnerable adults to be registered with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). This is not instead of having a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check as the two will work alongside each other. New applicants will be registered from July 2010 as will those who are moving into new roles within the field. It is anticipated that existing volunteers and paid staff will be brought into the scheme at a later date. It will be the responsibility of the individual to register with the Vetting and Barring Scheme which will cost £64 per individual but free of charge for volunteers.

Useful fact sheets and more information about the legislation can be found on www.isa.gov.org

LankellyChase Summer Playschemes

The LankellyChase Foundation is inviting applications for small grants of £500 to support summer playschemes throughout the UK. Playschemes must benefit children between 5-17 years old. There is particular interest this year in supporting specific activities for children and young people living in refuges, and for young carers.

Applications should be made no later than 8 May 2009. Further details are available from www.lankellychase.org.uk Playscheme Guidelines or email enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk.

(Source: fundinginformation.org, via WCVA)

CVSC Forthcoming Training

- ◆ **Running a Community Building, 29 April 2009, 10 – 3.30 in Glasdir, Llanrwst**
- ◆ **Making the most of IT, 7 May 2009, 10—3.30 in Ty Llywelyn, Llandudno**
- ◆ **Giving and Public Fundraising, 21 May 2009, 9.30 – 3.30,**
- ◆ **Handling conflict, 28 May 2009, 10—3.30**
- ◆ **Creating a website, 2 June 2009, 10—3.30 in Ty Llywelyn, Llandudno**
- ◆ **Accounting Basics for small groups, 18 June 2009, 9.30—12.30**
- ◆ **Grants Fit 4 Funding, 19 June 2009, 9.30 – 3.30pm**
- ◆ **Presentation skills and powerpoint, 29 June 2009, 10—3.30 in Ty Llywelyn, Llandudno**
- ◆ **Working with the statutory sector and networks and consortia, 9 July 2009, 9.30—3.30**
- ◆ **Earning, 16 July 2009, 9.30—3.30**

Courses held at CVSC Colwyn Bay offices unless otherwise indicated.

To book a place please contact us here at CVSC on 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org.uk

For other North Wales Training Opportunities please check the updated Courses for Communities website—www.coursesforcommunities.org.uk

Courses for Communities Cymru is a nationwide programme of affordable training for community and voluntary groups, delivered through a partnership between Local County Voluntary Councils (CVCs), Volunteer Centres (VCs) and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

Please contact the individual County Voluntary Council direct for further information.

WCVA Training and Events

- ◆ **Staff Supervision, support and development, 12, 13 and 14 May 2009, Rhyl.** An Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) endorsed course
- REMINDER : **WCVA Regional Policy Event, 30 April 2009, Rhyl** “Implementing European projects: opportunities for the third sector”

Further information and to book your place please call 0800 2888 329
or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk or visit www.wcva.org.uk

DIARY DATE: **Wales Trustee and Governance Conference, Wednesday 4 November 2009, Venue Cymru, Llandudno**

Conwy learning festival

part of Adult learners' week

The Conwy Learning Festival group have an exciting programme of events arranged during Adult Learners Week 9—16 May 2009.

Participants names will be entered into a prize draw. For CVSC events please check out the enclosed flyer and for further information look out for the brochure, available soon, or visit www.learnersweek.org.uk

News from the Network

The Network continues to grow from strength to strength and now has in excess of 80 members, made up of both large national organisations and smaller organisations that are local to Conwy. At its last meeting held on 17th March, the guest speaker was Monica Dennis, Director of Healthcare Alliances, Wales. Monica gave a very interesting presentation about her involvement with A Dignified Revolution.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 2.00pm at Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Rhos on Sea and will include the Network's AGM.

There will be an opportunity to network and all members are welcome to attend.

Finally, the Network's Secretary, **Jill Owen**, will be joining the staff at the Volunteer Centre in a new position from 1st April 2009.

Although Jill will continue to be involved with the Network it will be on a part-time basis in future.



Creating links with Cartrefi Cymru

As you may be aware, Conwy County Borough Council's housing stock was transferred to a new housing organisation called Cartrefi Cymru in September 2008, which now undertakes all of the management and maintenance of some 3800 homes.

Cartrefi Cymru has developed a programme of improvements which will allow all of the homes to be brought up to a modern standard set by the Welsh Assembly Government, by 2012. As part of this process they will be looking to encourage social inclusion & create opportunities for local individuals who are outside the normal employment streams to benefit from work that will be created through the implementation of the improvement programme.

Initially they will create a database of organisations that work with vulnerable individuals who would like to get back to work. As the programme develops in the future, they will use this information to target employment and training opportunities.

If you would like to find out more or simply add your organisation's details to the database, please contact Owen Veldhuizen on tel. 01492 805530 or email Owen.veldhuizen@cartreficonwy.org

Website www.cartreficonwy.org

North Wales Coast Strategic Regeneration Area

The Wales Assembly Government has recently designated the area from Prestatyn in the east to Mochdre in the west including Rhyl, Kinmel Bay, Towyn, St Asaph, Abergele and Colwyn Bay as a Strategic Regeneration Area.

The issues that identify the area as requiring regeneration funding are: -

- Deprivation – Economic Inactivity/Unemployment
- Poor Housing Quality
- Transient Population – Significant in/out migration
- Physical Environment – Neglect, under investment and inappropriate development
- Benefits Culture – High benefits dependency
- Community Engagement – Community First areas
- Perception – Negative Image

This SRA designation will attract significant regeneration capital funding of up to £70m over the next seven to ten years into the area. The programme will be undertaken based on six themes - Space for Living (Housing), Health and Well-being, Education and Skills, Community Cohesion, Environment and Transport and Sustainable Economy. Under WAG guidance a multi-agency group has been established for each theme through which projects will be both developed and channelled.

Projects for the Colwyn Bay area will be submitted via the Bay Life Programme Management Board.

The core funding for the SRA will be from the Wales Assembly Government with additional funding streams being accessed such as Sustainable Transport, Environmental Risk (improved sea defences), Strategic Infrastructure, Interreg 11A, Environment for Growth, ESF, Physical Regeneration and JESSICA (town centre redevelopment scheme).

Although the funding is for capital projects only, there should be opportunities for voluntary organisations, within the designated area, to submit bids. The refurbishment of an existing property would be an example, which may meet the funding criteria.

If you require further information about the programme and/or the application process please contact David Scott at CVSC on 01492 523851 or alternatively e-mail davidscott@cvsc.org.uk

NHS Reform

The Welsh Assembly Government's consultation process on the main proposals for the reform of the National Health Service in Wales has been completed. The next phase is to now concentrate on local and regional issues with the establishment of a North Wales Transition Reference Group. This group, which is a multi-agency partnership, will provide a forum to ensure appropriate relevant involvement and engagement of stakeholders in the healthcare reform of NHS services across North Wales.

Over the next six months regular up-dates on the reform process will appear in our newsletters and on the CVSC website www.cvsc.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK, 2009

As part of the celebration of the 25th Volunteers' Week, the Volunteer Centre will again be issuing Certificates to volunteers whose service organisations would like to recognise.

So, if you know a volunteer who's giving dedicated service, show your appreciation by presenting them with a Certificate and have their efforts recognised!

Call Alan for a simple Nomination Form so that you can submit the details of your deserving volunteers!

GWIRFODDOLWYR Y MILENIWM



MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS

Have you got young volunteers aged 16-25? Do they want to have their volunteering recognised for their CV or Record of Achievement? Then the Millennium Volunteers Scheme is just for them. Simple

paperwork, possible funding, and volunteers who are proud of their Certificates.

CASH FOR YOUTH PROJECT

GOOD NEWS! A new allocation of funding for 2009/10 means that over £4,000 is available for projects undertaken or led by groups of young people.

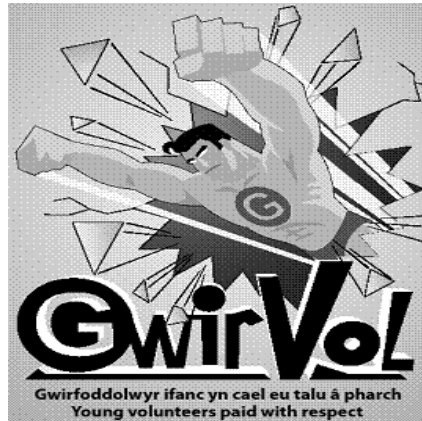
Decisions on applications for funding of up to £500 are made by the Youth Bank Panel.



As well as the grants listed in the last newsletter, grants have also been given to Step Into, who are working with the Old Colwyn Environmental Federation on a garden at St. Cynbryd's Church, Llanddulas, to Llandudno Junction Ladies Football Club for strip and goalposts, and Cylch yr Ifanc, Dolwyddelan to provide flower tubs and hanging baskets at Dolwyddelan Station.

Application forms are available from Rhian at the Volunteer Centre.

News from the Centre



Gwirvol is the unique Welsh partnership actively engaging with organisations and young people to increase youth volunteering opportunities in Wales.

Find out how Gwirvol can support your organisation to achieve your goals by

developing volunteering opportunities for the young people of Wales with their range of skills, talent and enthusiasm. Give Rhian, our Youth Volunteering Development Officer a call on 01492 871110 to find out more about getting young people involved in your organisation.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

TAN LAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION are looking for a volunteer who can teach Cross-Stitch at our Kiddies Club after school time. A selection of cross stitch pictures, threads and needles are available.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY ACTION FORUM need volunteers to help run a small office one day a week and to create a programme of activities like crafts and quizzes for disabled members..

SCOUTING are needing volunteers in many areas to help with running groups of all ages. No special skills are needed except an ability to relate to young people.

CHRISTIAN AID need volunteer teachers to visit schools to share stories about the work of Christian Aid's partner organisations, through assemblies, presentations, games and workshops..

Visit

www.volunteering-wales.net

to see all our current volunteer vacancies