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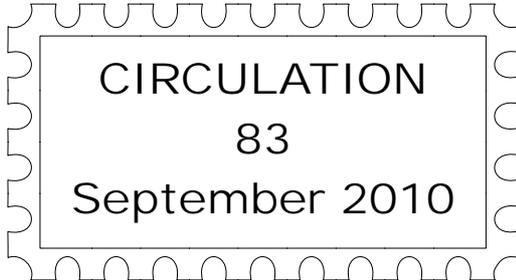


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Should you or your organisation wish to contribute a news item or flyer - then please forward to Jan Smith, Senior Development Officer, by Friday 28 January 2011

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 **Conwy Community Directory**

For your community information needs
visit:
www.conwycommunitydirectory.org.uk



Hello,

My name is Wendy Jones and I have recently been appointed to the position of Chief Officer of CVSC. I would like to introduce myself to you as readers and members.

My career to date has spanned the private, public and voluntary sectors and has included roles in Administration, Finance and Management.

My involvement with CVSC began as far back as 1999 when I was initially employed in an administrative capacity, but quickly moved to the position of Funding Officer which allowed me to expand my experience of accessing funding for community and voluntary groups.

Then in July 2002, I was successful in obtaining a post with the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) as a Grants Assessor for a large Lottery funded scheme and in 2004 was promoted to the position of Grants Officer on a European funded project. Both of these roles developed my skills in financial and personnel management and exposed me to the rigours of Welsh Assembly Government and European monitoring procedures. This experience, coupled with the training I received at WCVA, allowed me to successfully apply for the position of Finance and Administration Manager with CVSC in early 2006. In 2009 I was promoted to the role of Deputy Chief Officer.

I am seeking to effect an extremely smooth transition and am looking forward to the challenge of creating a Voluntary Services Council that can lead the way, in what may become a testing time for CVSC and the Third sector as a whole.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all at our forthcoming AGM and Conference on Friday 22 October – please see the enclosed flyer for further details.

I am pleased to announce some staff changes as follows –

Ceri Jones has been appointed to the position of Volunteer Organiser

Jan Smith has been appointed to the position of Senior Development Officer

Rhian Morris has been appointed to the position of Engagement Gateway Local Advisor

Two positions are currently out to advert – Finance and Administration Officer and Administration Assistant, Llandudno Office.

We have said farewell to **Jason Edwards** who has left the role of Engagement Gateway Advisor to join Community Transport Association. We wish him well in this new position.

Please read through this autumn edition of our newsletter carefully and make sure you take advantage of all the opportunities on offer. Please note our very first Trustee's Week celebrations due to take place on Friday 29th October. Further details can be found on our Training page.

Wendy Jones
Chief Officer

CVSC SMALL GRANT SCHEME

This fund is open to voluntary organisations and community groups or charities in Conwy with a turnover of less than £100,000 per annum, to provide facilities or carry out activities which promote the regeneration of communities. The maximum grant awarded is £5,000. If you have a project in mind please contact Sonia for further information on 01492 523853 or e-mail soniakendall@cvsc.org.uk.

Closing date for the next round is Friday 29th October 2010

Broadband Support Scheme

The Welsh Assembly Government has launched its [Broadband Support Scheme](#), designed to reduce the number of rural areas of the country without broadband Internet. The scheme will enable individuals and communities in Wales' remaining broadband 'not-spots' to approach service providers directly, with support of Assembly Government funding. Support is available for up to a maximum of £1,000 for individual premises, covering up to 100 per cent of costs.

The scheme is technology neutral and the Welsh Assembly Government does not favour any particular type of technology. Examples of the types of broadband solutions that could be supported include: a broadband satellite connection installed for the home or business; a community purchasing a 'larger scale' satellite connection which is distributed around the village by a small wireless network; a wireless network being delivered by a service provider across the community; and a community purchasing a next generation broadband service such as Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC). Individuals, communities, small to medium-sized businesses and third sector organisations in Wales may apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

(Source: Grantfinder Newsflash, 2/8/10)

Free Ads on Google

Charities in the UK should make sure that they take advantage of the Google Grants scheme that lets them advertise using the Google Ads system for free! Essentially Google are offering charities 'cost-free click throughs' so that you can promote your cause, campaign or events for nothing. There are a few restrictions and they do ask that you actively monitor the account, but other than that it is free 'virtual' money. To apply for your Google Grant [click here](#).

(Source: Charity Business Newsletter, July 10)

Naturesave Trust

The [Naturesave Trust](#) has announced that it will now provide start up 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects. The Trust is keen to help communities, in particular, that do not have the initial start-up capital to undertake all the preliminary work to get to the planning stage, and most importantly, for the community to retain as much control as possible over the operating income once the project has been successful. Grants are available whatever type of renewable power generation the community is considering. Applications can be made at any time. For further information go to the website http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html

New online charity calendar to help fundraising efforts

The developers of a unique free online calendar dedicated to charity events are urging all charities, both national and local, to upload details of their events for free. www.calendarcheck.co.uk is a new website designed to help organisers plan their events more effectively and boost fundraising potential by avoiding clashes with other high profile occasions.

(Source: DSC e-news, June 10)

WCVA Third Sector Funding Conference, Venue Cymru, 12 October 2010
Contact WCVA helpdesk 08002888329 or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk

MANTELL GWYNEDD FUNDERS FAIR 10 NOVEMBER 2010



Mantell Gwynedd Funders Fair and AGM on the theme of 'Enterprise' will take place on 10th of November, 2010 at Glaslyn Leisure Centre, Porthmadog. Registration, Tea and Coffee at 9.30 am. The key-note speakers - John Bennett, Chief Executive Welsh Social Enterprise Coalition, WAG and Alun Jones, Chief Executive Menter a Busnes.

Workshops and networking opportunities throughout the day.

For further information or to book please contact Ellen ap Dafydd, Mantell Gwynedd on 01341 422 575 or ellenapdafydd@mantellgwynedd.com

Launch of new 4th edition of the popular Community Facilities brochure!

The recent launch event took place at Glasdir and celebrated further joint working to produce an updated and enlarged edition of the colourful and useful brochure which attempts to map the local activities and facilities in our local communities in Conwy.

Contents now include 71 community facilities, libraries, youth centres, leisure centres, multi use-games areas and wheeled play areas.



(Jan Smith, Caroline Jones, Wendy Smith and Karen Owen representing partner agencies)

Pick up your copy locally in the area or view online at www.cvsc.org.uk or www.conwy.gov.uk/leisure

Wales Trustee and Governance Conference, Glyndwr University, Wrexham on 11 November

Contact WCVA helpdesk 08002888329 or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk

CVSC Development of e-mail information services

Does your organisation already receive our e-mail information service? If so, then you are being kept up to date with a variety of information, events and opportunities.

If not, then you are really missing out! In the month of August alone we forwarded 30, many of them time sensitive. So, if at all possible please provide an e-mail contact for your organisation.

In order to reduce “information overload” we will be uploading much more information direct to our website for viewing and accessing. You can then be notified of these news items via your inbox. To facilitate this process we will be signing you up to this more streamlined service shortly.

Please remember we can help you access funding and suitable training to support you and your group to engage with new technology and reap the tremendous benefits to be had.

Contact CVSC on 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org.uk

Charity Commission—5 steps to online success!

October is one of the busiest months of the year for charities submitting accounts and annual returns to the Commission. There is a clear and easy guide to the quickest way for charities to meet this legal requirement by using the Charity Commission online services.

Check what you need to submit, get a password, log on, submit your information and if any problems there is a helpline. For the full article visit www.cvsc.org.uk

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

Are you a member of a voluntary organisation or community group working with children and/or young people?

Have you ever wondered how the decision making process works in relation to services for children, young people and their families in Conwy, and how we in the Voluntary Sector can influence that?

Want to know more?

Come to our next CYPP Voluntary Sector Network meeting:

30 September at 10am in Llandudno Junction Community Club,
Victoria Drive, Llandudno Junction LL31 9PG.

You will get the chance to hear the latest information about the Children & Young People's Plan for Conwy, and share a cuppa and chat with new and existing friends working in a similar field.

For more information, please contact Ann Westmoreland CYPP Liaison Officer based with CVSC or visit our website www.cvsc.org.uk

CONWY & DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD

The Local Safeguarding Board (LSCB) is the multi-agency forum for agreeing how local child protection services should be planned, delivered and monitored. It is the statutory body responsible for protecting children and young people from significant harm and promoting their welfare. LSCBs have two main functions, namely, to coordinate all agencies' work to promote the safety and welfare of children and to ensure the effectiveness of that work.

Everyone is responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Conwy & Denbighshire LSCB works to achieve this by:-

- ◆ Leading collaboration across all agencies in the community
- ◆ Developing and setting policies and procedures
- ◆ Monitoring and auditing their implementation
- ◆ Ensuring appropriate training is available
- ◆ Promoting awareness and action in the wider community
- ◆ Conducting Serious Case Reviews when a child dies or is seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is suspected.

All Agencies have a duty to comply with the All Wales Child Protection Procedures, (www.awcpp.org.uk) and the guidance Safeguarding Children: Working Together Under the Children Act 2004 (<http://wales.gov.uk/publications/circular/2007/1637402/?lang=en>)

If you need help with updating your policies and procedures or need advice about writing a Child Protection Policy and associated policies for your organisation, contact **CVSC** on 01492 534091.

If you have any concerns about any child or young person and are worried they might be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty contact Conwy Social Services during office hours (8.45am—5.15pm) 01492 575111, or out of hours 01492 515777

Rural Health Innovation Fund Projects 2010/2011

15 Projects were successful in receiving funding under this funding stream across Wales. The following 5 projects have been agreed for funding in North Wales

Developing Community Support Networks with the aim of reducing suicide and self harm

Summary: Development of an improved integrated network of community based support for service users experiencing suicidal thoughts or following self-harm. This network will include third sector organisations and ASIST trained community support volunteers.

Telerehab

Summary: Roll out of a Telerehabilitation video conferencing system in North Wales, based on standard commercially available broadband and low cost video conference equipment. The system would be used to enhance the delivery and maintenance of wheelchairs and special seating.

Designed for Competence in Rural Localities

Summary: Designed for Competence is a methodology to deliver a skilled and integrated workforce across Health and Social Care within a locality. This proposal applies this to needs within rural communities where people, where appropriate, will be supported in their own homes in managing their conditions and care needs rather than be admitted to hospital.

Gwynedd Voluntary Services Council

Summary: The proposal builds on outreach mobile services provided by the third sector, by exploring opportunities to test a wider range of integrated services that could be provided to remote rural communities.

Community Pharmacy

Summary: The proposal sets out to pilot in three community pharmacies (one in South Gwynedd, Powys and Hywel Dda) a range of innovative services that could be provided to meet needs in rural communities, maximising the role of local community pharmacists. Services could include telephone/domiciliary reviews, outreach services, links with the community and use of IT eg the development of an internet pharmacy. The pilots would be co-ordinated by Public Health Wales who will monitor and produce a service evaluation report.

NB. Change of date:

Conwy Voluntary Health and Social Care Network Meeting

10am – 12.30, Thursday 11th November

CVSC Training
Venue, CVSC offices, Colwyn Bay unless otherwise indicated

Developing your Newsletter, Friday 8 October 9.30 – 1pm

Staff Development, Supervision and Appraisal, Monday 18 October, 9.30 – 4pm,

BBC Cymru Workshop “Have you got news for us?”, Monday 8 November, 9.30—1pm

Desk Top Publishing - Publisher, Wednesday 10 November, 9.30 – 3.30, Ty Llywelyn, Llandudno

Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees, Friday 26 November, 9.30—4pm,

**For further information and to make a booking please contact CVSC
 on 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org.uk or visit www.cvsc.org.uk**

**For further information regarding Training across
 other CVC's in Wales please visit:**

www.coursesforcommunities.org.uk



The Charity Commission, in partnership with Charity Trustee Networks (CTN), the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), Reach Volunteering, Getting on Board and the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales), has launched the **first annual Trustees' Week**.

Trustees' Week will take place from 25 to 31 October. The week and the supporting campaign celebrate the fantastic work done by existing trustees and aim to increase awareness and understanding of the trustee role.

Join our celebrations here at CVSC, Colwyn Bay on Friday 29 October from 10am to 4pm

Our drop-in Trustee event welcomes you to come along and -

- Find out what being a Trustee is all about
- Enhance your knowledge and skills
- “Meeting of Minds” —network and learn from practising and experienced Trustees
- Find out about CVSC Trustee information and Support services available to you, including forthcoming training, events and useful sources
- Recruit new Trustees
- Join in our mini workshops to get you thinking!

Free refreshments!

Please contact CVSC on 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org to book your place and make sure you let us know of any special requirements you may have.



News from the Centre

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS? LET US HELP YOU!

Register your Volunteer Vacancy with us at the Centre. We can then promote your opportunity through our window display, Volunteering Wales web site and the local press. Check out the enclosed flyer re our window hire!

New and existing organisations, perhaps you would like to call into the centre for a chat and a coffee to discuss your requirements? Do give us a call to arrange an appointment!

Telephone the Centre on 01492 871110 or e-mail volunteercentre@cvsc.org.uk

Volunteer Impact Assessment Tool—by the Institute for Volunteering Research

This toolkit will help you to assess the impact of volunteering undertaken with and through your organisation.

The toolkit is—tried and tested, easy to use, comprehensive, accessible and adaptable.

It will enable you to assess the impact of volunteering on volunteers, your organisation, your service and the wider community. It will also assess a wide range of impacts, compare results over time and explore intended and unintended impacts.

Available for consultation or loan—please contact us on 01492 534091

Need Funding for your Youth Led Volunteering Activities?

Gwirvol can “grant your wish!”



The next round of GwirVol grants has been launched! GwirVol International Volunteering, GwirVol Youth Volunteering and GwirVol StreetGames Volunteering grants are now officially on offer. If you or someone you know has an establishment which provides volunteering opportunities but the organisation is in desperate need of funding then it's time to rejoice as GwirVol is offering three different types of grants.

The closing date for applications will be 24th November 2010.

For extended information, such as contact numbers and application forms, visit the Grant page on the GwirVol website: www.gwirvol.org/en/grants.

Alternatively contact Rhian Morris at the Volunteer Centre.