
CVSC Newsletter October 2007

**Welcome to this very special 10 year Anniversary edition!
It is with great pride that we celebrate 10 years working with voluntary
organisations, community groups and volunteers in Conwy.**

Party of the Decade!

Please find your invitation enclosed, to join with us for the celebrations on
Friday 2 November , at Llandudno Town Hall between 10 am to 4pm.

It will be a very informal drop in day, with a party atmosphere! The day will be opened by Mary Trinder, Chair and David Taylor, Chief Officer, with the cutting of our special Birthday Cake. The formal business of the day, **the AGM, is at 10.30am** and from then on there will be a series of events including CFAP Grant Awards from Round 8, Millennium Volunteer Certificate Awards— and of course showcasing of the wide variety of CVSC services and projects. If you have any stories or achievements regarding your organisation that you would like to share with us—or how CVSC has “made a difference” we would really like to hear from you! We will promote them on the day!



Please note our celebration logo—kindly designed by Adam Williams!

New - Membership E-Mail Information Service

This new service aims to provide member organisations with speedy and priority information. If you have not already done so, then please do provide us with an e-mail contact for your organisation, to ensure you receive this information. Alternatively an e-mail address can be created at your local library or on one of our community use computers. You can similarly access our website in this way.

New—Grass Roots Fund—pilot

Please check out the Funding Section to find out about this new source of funding for small disadvantaged groups. CVSC has received £4,141 to administer—groups must ensure that the money can be spent by June 2008!

Thank you for your Letters of Support!

We recently requested letters of support from grant recipients, to underpin our application to the next round of CFAP grants in order to continue to administer our very successful Small Grant Scheme. Many thanks indeed for your generous support. We will keep you informed of our progress!

Spotlight North Wales, Venue Cymru, Wednesday 21 November 2007

Join CVSC at this “showcase event dedicated to celebrating success and ensuring a bright future for North Wales. The conference will turn the spotlight onto some of the region’s success stories and will explore the challenges ahead”.

Further information is available at www.spotlightnorthwales.com

CVSC CFAP Small Grants Scheme Round 9

The closing date for Round 9 is Friday 21 December 2007. The panel will meet in early February 2008.

Please note the guidelines and eligibility criteria are on our website www.cvsc.org.uk

Awards from Round 7 include: Calfaria Church £1,500, Conwy Food Fest £1,300, Cylchdaith y Bedyddwyr £450, Cytûn Conwy £1,180.50, Golygfa Gwydyr Ltd £2,500, Horeb Chapel £975, Llandudno Blind Bowling Club £800, Llandudno Community Radio £1,399, Llanfair TH Community Centre £772.50, North Wales Victim Support £2,098, St John's Uniting Church £1,000

New Grass Roots Fund !!

CVSC are administering a pilot **Grass Roots Fund** which is designed to build capacity in small voluntary and community groups formed by communities of interest.

These groups may not have easy access to other funding streams and are thus disadvantaged.

These groups have been identified to include:

- ethnic minority groups
- disabled people's groups
- lesbian, gay and bisexual groups
- women's groups
- homelessness groups
- refugee and asylum seeker groups
- gypsies and travellers' groups
- groups helping people with low levels of literacy or numeracy
- isolated groups
- ◆ language communities



We recognise that, in some cases, groups serving these communities wish to develop and evolve, but are unable to do so as their capacity is weak. This is why we are proposing this development fund, to nurture small groups and organisations to enhance self esteem and to support them to continue.

Application packs are now available. Deadline 21 December 2007. Groups should ensure any funding awarded can be spent by the end of June 2008

Contact CVSC on 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org.uk for further information and an application form. Once again the guidelines and eligibility criteria are on our website www.cvsc.org.uk

LIFELONG LEARNING – FUNDS AVAILABLE - GRUNDTVIG AND YOUTH IN ACTION

A member of staff attended a Life-Long Learning Seminar in Llandudno on the 26th September, and was heartened to hear of a small grant scheme, easily accessible, for community and voluntary groups to access in order to fund creative projects involving adults in both the UK and other European countries. This Grundtvig scheme funds small-scale, community based activities. It is designed to develop basic skills and to enable learners to play a more active role in their communities.

The 'Learning Partnerships' do not have to culminate in formal qualifications, but can cover any topic that helps provide adults with pathway to improving their knowledge and competences. Preparatory visits can be funded, there is a simple 'on-line lonely hearts' type website where you can post your organisations details in order to find an European partner. Please visit this website to read more!!

www.grundtvig.org.uk

The Youth in Action Programme offers a range of international activities for young people aged 13 to 30. Please visit www.connectyouthinternational.com for more information.

There is a limited amount of printed material at CVSC in the Colwyn Bay Office for reference if required.



Landfill Community Fund appeals for applications

WREN focuses its funding on community-based projects and has given over £1 million to community projects in the Conwy area since 2003. Here are two examples

Pandy Tudur Village Hall have been awarded £35,000

Pandy Tudur is a small rural village, its current hall is the vestry of the Chapel. It has an extremely small and poorly equipped kitchen and an outside toilet which can be very cold in the dark winter evenings!

The management committee will take over a lease of the vestry, once all funding in place, and promote and run it as a facility for the whole community. They have plans to start a new Youth Club, Toddlers Group, afternoon crafts group, pensioner's luncheon or club and will offer their facilities to many other users.



Derws Play Area – were awarded £19,422

The Derws housing estate had been targeted by a high degree of youth related crime over the past few years. The local Neighborhood Watch group and local residents came forward with an application because they felt that children and young people in the area has nothing to do and by providing facilities they would be encouraged to concentrate their activities on the local playing fields where there activities could be monitored. Their application was successful and the project is now complete and is a well used facility.



WREN has a dedicated team of staff who will advise if your project is eligible for funding and guide you through the application process, their contact details are as follows:

Rebecca Old – Project Administrator 01953 714114 rebecca.old@wren.org.uk

Meleri Jones – Locally based project manager – 01248 674 907 Meleri.jones@wren.org.uk

Visit the web site www.wren.org.uk

Or come along to one of the

WREN 'DROP IN' EVENTS

WREN have 3 drop in dates in the Conwy area and are urging community groups, not for profit organisations and Community/Town Councils to come forward to discuss their ideas and determine the possibility of WREN funding for their projects.

Please see enclosed leaflet for basic information before attending

Thursday 1st November 3pm – 5.30pm

Monday 5th November 3pm – 6.00pm

CVSC Head Office, 8 Riviere's Avenue, Colwyn Bay LL29 7DP

Wednesday 7th November 3pm – 6pm

Craig y Don Community Centre, Queens Road, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno LL30 1TE

Booking advisable but not essential!!

If you are unable to come to any of the above but would like to discuss your project please contact WREN

Cyfieithu Cymunedol Conwy (Conwy Community Translating), one of Menter Iaith Conwy's schemes is expanding!

Due to the huge demand for translation from the voluntary sector we have employed another full time translator. You may not be familiar with our service, established a few years ago, but our goal is to provide a reasonably priced translation service for the local community and community groups in the county of Conwy. As well as translating we also offer an editing and amending service and a Simultaneous Translation service.

So if you've got anything you need translating from English into Welsh, or from Welsh into English, or need any further information, please contact us at: Cyfieithu Cymunedol Conwy, Top y Grisau, Menter Iaith Conwy, Y Sgwâr, Llanrwst, Conwy, LL26 0LG. (01492) 642 796 post@cyfieithuconwy.org

The North Wales Energy Efficiency Advice Centre is one of a network of 52 advice centres which, in partnership with local authorities, offers free and impartial advice to all home owners on saving energy in the home and insulation grants that are available. As well as providing a free-phone advice line **0800 512 012**, they visit communities throughout North Wales with information events, schools' talks and presentations to organisations. Talks available include:

- ◆ Energy Efficiency in the Home
- ◆ Reducing our Energy Dependence
- ◆ Our Role in Causing and Abating Global Climate Change
- ◆ Transport - Planes, Trains & Automobiles - NEW

If you would like to find out more, be provided with information or leaflets or would like to book an afternoon or evening talk, please contact the North Wales Energy Efficiency Advice Centre by e-mailing Isobel.evans@wrexham.gov.uk

IT Tips—the start of a new regular column whereby Sue Jackson of Byte Back shares some useful IT shortcuts—No 1

TO SHOW FULL MENUS

Microsoft Office 2002 and 2003 automatically customises menus and toolbars based on how often you use the commands. When you first start an Office program, only the most basic commands appear in the Menus. Then, as you work, the menus and toolbars adjust so that only the commands and toolbar buttons you use most often appear.

To show a full menu simply double click the menu, or you can if you wish to permanently show the full menus

- Select the Tools menu and then
- Customise from the Customise dialog box
- Choose the Options tab
- Checkmark Always show full menus.

Voila! - how many clicks will that save?

Selecting this option in any Microsoft Office application enables it for all of your Office applications.

sue@byteback.force9.co.uk or Tel:07770 472488



Green
Flag
Award

Have you created or enhanced a green space in your community? Looking for some recognition and a quality mark for your achievement? The '**Green Pennant Award**' may be what you are looking for.

Run by the Civic Trust, the Green Pennant has become the acknowledged mark of quality for achievement in the creation of such community sites. It simple to enter with a straightforward judging procedure and is an exceptionally useful tool in the quest for grant funding.

If anyone is creating a community green space and would like information on the award then please do not hesitate to contact :

Mel ab Owain at

melabowain@btinternet.com or see
www.greenflagawards.org.uk

Children & Young People's Partnerships



RESTRUCTURING THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Those of you who have been following developments within the Children and Young People's Partnership will be aware that there are major changes taking place within its structure, as indicated in previous editions and at CYPP Network meetings.

A Restructuring Day was held on 11 September, attended by over 60 delegates from across the health, local authority and voluntary sectors. Workshops were held to try and pull together an overview of the plethora of duties, strategies and priorities (local and national), and responsibilities in terms of services etc which have to be delivered to improve the well being of children and young people. These functions and how they are going to be achieved, have to be translated into a single Children & Young People's Plan, the three year strategy for all children and young people's services in the area.

Seven Core Aim Groups will be established to drive this forward and potential Chairs for each group have been identified. A Chairs meeting will be called soon to look at membership and we will be seeking voluntary sector representatives to sit on each group.

An informal meeting is being held at CVSC on 23 October at 4pm for anybody working in the voluntary and community sector (paid or unpaid) who has indicated an interest. Come and meet existing representative and talk to them about what it is like, what is involved etc, without having to commit yourself. For more details contact Ann Westmoreland.

TRAINING EVENT

DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS AND ITS EFFECT ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This training day is being held in Colwyn Bay Cricket Club on 6 November 9.30—4.00 and is the latest in a series of training events funded by the Children & Young People's Partnership. The day will be facilitated by Sarah Ryan, Conwy Domestic Abuse Coordinator and Michelle Davidson-Beck, Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Coordinator.

The aims of the day are to give delegates a general awareness of domestic abuse, and then focus it on children and young people. Sarah and Michelle will look at indicators of abuse, explore some myths including discussion on how this may be affected by differences such as age, disability, culture etc, and much more.

The training will be free, but there will be a charge of £5 towards the cost of lunch and refreshments.

To book your place, please contact Ann Westmoreland tel 01492 523849 or email annwestmoreland@cvsc.org.uk



TRAINING GOES REGIONAL!

Voluntary Councils across Wales, in collaboration with Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), are developing a training programme which will offer top quality training on all aspects of running voluntary and community groups from funding and planning to managing staff and volunteers.

CVSC will be working closely with colleagues in Denbighshire, Gwynedd and Ynys Môn County Voluntary Councils. Below is a selection coming up soon, but please check out the CVSC website regularly to keep up to date with new opportunities being promoted and made available across the North West Region.

CVSC

- **Effective Monitoring of Outputs and Outcomes**, Monday 29 October 2007, 9.15 - 3.30pm, Colwyn Bay Cricket Club. Free event. Closing date 22 October. Full information and booking form in the Health and Social Care Section of this newsletter.

DVSC

- **Role of Officers of Voluntary organisations**, Monday 19 November, Rhyl, Wellington Road Community Centre, 7 – 9pm

£5 per delegate (inclusive of course fees and tea/coffee)

To book a place please contact Bronwen Isaac, DVSC on 01824 702441 or e-mail

bronwen@dvsc.co.uk

Medrwn Môn

- **The Committee Cycle and Monitoring(am) and Evaluating the Organisation's Service Delivery(pm)**. Tuesday 13 November 2007, Nant yr Odyn, Llangefni. Closing date 27 October.
- **Getting the best out of IT**. Tuesday 27 November 2007, Communities 1st offices, Llangefni.
- Closing date 10 November

Both courses 10 am to 3.30pm and cost £13 including lunch.

For further information please contact Derlwyn Hughes on 01248 724944

Participation Cymru Training Programme

- ◆ **Consulting with the Community** 15 November, Caernarfon
- ◆ **Community Engagement** – tools, techniques & strategies 22 & 23 November, Caernarfon
- ◆ **Public Engagement & Participation Training**. Module 1 Why engage and who to engage with, 10 March 2008, Rhyl. Module 2 Communicating, consulting & engaging with your community. Module 3 Facilitation skills and designing an engagement process. Modules 2 & 3 11 & 12 March 2008, Rhyl.

For more information on other courses available in mid and south Wales and for booking information please contact WCVA Help on 0800 2888 329 or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk or visit www.wcva.org.uk

Sustainable Funding Cymru

- An introduction to Sustainable Funding, Llandudno, Tuesday 13 November 2007
- Grants – Fit for Funding, Llandudno, Tuesday 4 March 2008
- Business and Strategic Planning, Ruthin, Tuesday 15 January 2008
- Preparing a Sustainable Fundraising Strategy, Wrexham, Tuesday 19 February 2008

Forthcoming training being delivered through the medium of Welsh in North Wales during Autumn 2007

- ◆ Preparing a sustainable fundraising strategy, 7 November, Porthmadog
- ◆ Earning, 21 November, Llanberis
- ◆ Giving and public fundraising, 4 December, Caernarfon

Further information from help@wcva.org.uk or visit the website www.wcva.org.uk/training

More information about sustainable funding can be found at www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk



**North Wales Breast Screening Centre
Conwy Programme 2008/2009**

GP Practices in these areas will be screened on our mobile units

<u>Llandudno</u> January—March 2008	<u>Llandudno Junction</u> May—July 2008
<u>Kinmel Bay</u> July—September 2008	<u>Llanfairfechan</u> July—August 2008
<u>Llanrwst</u> August—September 2008	<u>Abergele</u> September—November 2008
<u>Colwyn Bay</u> December 2008–March 2009	These dates and sites may be subject to change



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Carers Outreach Service Annual General Meeting 2007

Carers Outreach Service invites you to attend its Annual General Meeting at Noddfa Centre, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr, on Wednesday November 7th at 1.30pm.
RSVP to Carers Outreach Service, 60 Deiniol Road, Bangor, LL57 1AA

“Conwy Crossroads Caring for Carers” Annual General Meeting 2007

Conwy Crossroads Caring for Carers would be delighted to welcome you to their AGM on Monday 22nd October 2007, 10.45am for 11am start—12 noon at the Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay. Short business agenda followed by Morning Coffee refreshments. This will be our “last AGM” as an “individual” scheme prior to joining forces on a regional level with the other 6 North Wales Crossroads Schemes. Please join us to celebrate our achievements to date & launch us into future success, sustainability & development.

Our service delivery will remain the same, our office the same & all funding & donations etc. remain in Conwy, for Conwy. The changes are at a “business level” to enable us to work more effectively & economically across North Wales as a whole, by sharing the load as regards to legislation, regulation & all manner of strategy plans for the future delivery of Social Care Services.



If you are a member of a local neurological organisation, have support groups or have a neurological condition then please come along to the **Inaugural Meetings of the Conwy / Denbighshire Neurological Alliance**. These will take place at 2 venues, the Conwy Business Centre on Monday November 12th & Arwelon, Ruthin on Friday November 23rd. Both events will run from 12pm until 3.00pm & lunch will be provided. There is no charge. To book a place at either meeting, please contact Jill Owen at CVSC (01492 523841) or Lindsay Haveland at DVSC (01824 702441)

Training Event



“EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES”

Monday 29th October 2007

9.15am - 3.30pm

**Colwyn Bay Cricket Club,
Rhos on Sea**

The course will cover the following:

Definitions of Outputs & Outcomes. What they are & how to record them

Evidencing targets. What is appropriate evidence?

Recording additional outcomes. How to demonstrate added value in your service delivery

Understanding contracting

Using a service level agreement as a negotiating tool

Assessing cost per beneficiary

How to accurately cost service delivery

How to manage delivery to ensure that targets are achieved and how to respond to under delivery

There will be no charge for this event and Tea/Coffee and Lunch will be provided

Places are limited so bookings will be made on a first come first served basis

For further information

Please contact Jill Owen, Health & Social Care Coordinator at CVSC

On tel. 01492 523841

Closing date 22nd October 2007



Booking Form

To be returned to Jill Owen at CVSC

EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES

Monday 29th October 2007

9.15am—3.30pm

Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Rhos on Sea

Name.....

Organisation.....

Position.....

Address.....

Tel.No. & Email.....

Will you have any translation requirements?.....

Do you have any special needs of dietary requirements?.....

Data Protection and Authorisation of Use

Submitted details will be used internally by CVSC and other Health and Social Care Partnership agencies for administration purposes. As some of the information may be classified as "personal data" it will be processed in accordance with the rights and obligations of the 1998 Data Protection Act.



News from the Bureau

Visit

www.volunteering-wales.net
to see all our current volunteer vacancies

INVESTING IN VOLUNTEERS

Proud of the way you treat your volunteers?

Want to be recognised for good practice?

Would like a check-over on your procedures for volunteers?

Then apply for the Investing in Volunteers Quality Mark. This UK Award recognises organisations' commitment to high-quality volunteer involvement.

Remember, having the Award will demonstrate to potential funders that you are a professionally run organisation and are serious about involving volunteers.

For more information contact the Bureau or call

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for help with strategy, support, networking, buying
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**WANT PUBLICITY FOR YOUR ORGANISATION?
NEED VOLUNTEERS?**

Why not hire one of the windows at the
Volunteer Bureau?
Only £15 per week

Give Alan or Sophia a call to book
01492-871110 or e-mail
alanedwards@cvsc.org.uk

OUR 3000TH VOLUNTEER



Katie Edwards of Rhos-on-Sea is pictured receiving her Certificate at the Zoo from Mary Trinder, Chair of CVSC with (l-r) Alan Edwards, Sue Coleman (Zoo Education Officer) and David Taylor, CVSC

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

DAN'S DEN are looking for people with business planning & fundraising skills to assist the Development Officer

CAIS need volunteers to act as a link with communities to explain the work of CAIS

WALES AIR AMBULANCE need a volunteer to drive their charity shop van

MAKING TRACKS YOUTH INITIATIVE SCHEME need volunteers with an interest in conservation to help young people develop their skills

WARD VOLUNTEERS SCHEME are looking for volunteers to help care for garden areas in hospitals

ST. PAUL'S PLAYERS are looking for volunteers to help with all back-stage roles

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH are looking for volunteers to help with their campaigning and lobbying activities

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