

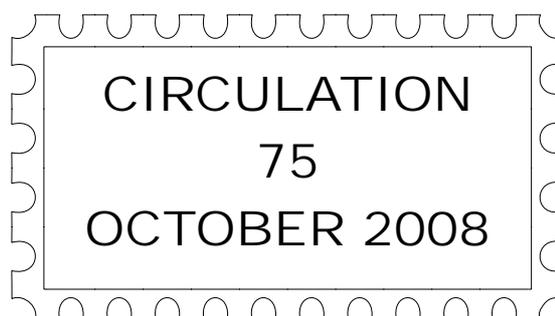


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October 2008

Welcome to this Autumn edition of the CVSC newsletter. For many of you this will be received for the first time on e-mail. Please do let us know your e-mail should you wish to receive it in this format in the future. Also let us know of any other colleagues in your organisation who can easily be added to the e-mail listing.

Funders Fair and AGM—see enclosed flyer for full details

CVSC are delighted to announce their Funders Fair and AGM on Friday 31 October, Llandudno Town Hall, 10am —2pm. Join us on the day to take advantage of the many opportunities available which include —

- ◆ AGM Speech “Fundraising in a recession” by Pam Dodd, Interim Regional Manager of the Institute of Fundraising
- ◆ Exhibits from local grant funders
- ◆ Workshops throughout the day
- ◆ New edition of Conwy Local Funding Guide
- ◆ Volunteering Awards/Presentations

Don't miss out—can you afford to miss this opportunity?

Llanrwst Workshops

The above workshops will be repeated in our Rural Outreach Office in Llanrwst during the month of November. If you can't make it to the Llandudno event, here is another chance! Further details and how to register your place in our Funding Page 75.2

CVSC Training programme

Our successful training courses continue with the autumn programme to be found on page 75.5. Remember—they are held locally in the Colwyn Bay Offices and are informal sessions on relevant topics and we provide ongoing help and support. Come along and network with your colleagues and share your experiences.

New members of staff

CVSC would like to extend a welcome to our 3 new members of staff—**Ceri Bailey, Administration Assistant/Receptionist, Ceri Jones, H & S Care Intermediate Care Support Officer** and **Sarah Saunderson, Llanrwst Administration Assistant/receptionist**. There is an introduction to Ceri and her project on page 75.6. Ceri will be based in our Colwyn Bay Office and Sarah will be based in our Llanrwst Office and both will ensure access to all our services. We hope they enjoy their new roles!

Conwy Community Facilities Brochure 3rd edition

Production is underway with this partnership initiative undertaken with our colleagues in CCBC Community Development Service. We will be launching the new updated and expanded version at the following events -

6—8pm, Tuesday 11 November 2008, Canolfan Gymdeithasol Gwytherin

6—8pm, Wednesday 12 November 2008, Llandudno Junction Community Club

Representatives from Village Halls and Community Centres will have received direct invitations, but come along if you are interested, and make sure of your copy of the brochure.

RSVP by 24 October to Nia Carrington Jones nia.carrington.jones@conwy.gov.uk

DO YOU REQUIRE A 'HOTDESK' IN THE CENTRE OF LLANRWST? WE CAN OFFER A SMALL OFFICE, WITHIN CVSC'S OFFICE ON THE HIGH STREET. COMPETITIVE RATE FOR COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANISATION. WEEKLY OR DAILY BASIS, CONTACT WENDY JONES FOR DETAILS.

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales makes grants to small and medium sized charities whose work supports the Foundation's mission of helping those at greatest disadvantage play a fuller role in society. Grants are for revenue costs, and can include core costs.

To see more about the work of the Foundation, including the types of grants made, which groups can apply, what can be funded etc, please go to www.lloydstsbfoundation.org.uk where you can also undergo a quick (5 minute) eligibility check.

Cerys Thomas the Grants Manager for North Wales is happy to discuss potential applications with groups, but you should visit the website first to see if you are eligible. Cerys can be contacted on northwales@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk or 07500 787749, and works part-time, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Cerys will be hosting 1 to 1 surgeries here at the Colwyn Bay Offices on Thursday 29 January 2009 from 10am. If you are a registered charity with income less than £1 million and are interested in this fund and attending a surgery appointment, please contact us here at CVSC on 01492 534091 or mail@cvsc.org.uk. Closing date Friday 23 January 2009.

Funding Information Workshops, CVSC Llanrwst Office

These are repeat versions of the workshops taking place at CVSC Funders Fair.

- ◆ **Welsh Church Acts Fund**, 5 November 2008, 10am to 11.30am Closing Date 29 October
- ◆ **CVSC CFAP Small Grants**, 11 November 2008, 10am to 11.30am. Closing date 4 November
- ◆ **Top Tips to filling in application forms**, 11 November 2008, 2.30—4pm. Closing date 4 November
- ◆ **What constitutes a constitution**, 18 November 2008, 10am to 11.30am. Closing date 11 Nov
- ◆ **Why bids fail—what not to do!** 26 November 2008, 2.30—4pm. Closing date 19 November

Cost £5 with refreshments provided. Numbers limited so bookings made on a first come first served basis. Contact CVSC to book your place - 01492 534091 or e-mail mail@cvsc.org.uk

Free Fundraising Tool!

Earn your organisation sustainable income from web searches.

To find out how to create an easy no-cost income stream, check out the link below

<http://cvsc.poweredbywhitebox.com>

Full back up and support provided by Homepages. You can even get your own version of this to invite your own members and associates to get involved - and earn yourself further income!

www.how2fundraise.org is a new free website with a wealth of information for anyone looking to raise money. The site is built by the Institute of Fundraising.

AVOW Funders Fair, Tuesday 14 October 2008, 10am to 4.30pm at The Memorial Hall, Wrexham

Includes a range of exhibitions by major fundraisers and presentations from Children in Need, Environment Wales, Charity Bank, Grundtvig, Heritage Lottery Fund

Contact AVOW for further information on 01978 312556 or e-mail info@avow.org

DVSC AGM and Funders Fair, Friday 21 November 2008, 10.30am to 3.30pm at Morfa Hall, Rhyl

Funders will include representatives from: Children in Need, WCVA, Morgan Foundation, Sports Council for Wales, Big Lottery Fund/ Awards for All and WEFO Transnational Programmes

Further details from Bronwen Isaac on 01824 702441

Watkin Jones Community Fund—set up to assist projects which make a real difference to communities in North Wales. The scheme offers grants of up to £1,000 and is open to all community based groups and not-for-profit organisations based in North Wales. Further information and an application form from 01745 538200 or e-mail communityfund@watkinjones.com or visit www.watkinjones.com

Conwy Youth Service have 95 grey plastic stacking chairs available “free to a good home”. Must collect. Further information from Garth Thomas on 01492 642157 or garth.thomas@conwy.gov.uk

TUDNO FM – LLANDUDNO COMMUNITY RADIO LTD

Tudno FM was awarded a five year community radio licence from OFCOM and started full live broadcasting on Jul 12th 2008 on 107.8 FM

The station aims to provide education and training facilities in radio production and encourage people from the community, including local schools and colleges, community groups and charities to get involved with the station.

Local groups and organisations will play a major part in station output and many will find themselves producing and presenting their own programmes. It is a COMMUNITY project and that means YOU!

Tudno FM are based in the Ty Hapus Community Resource Centre in Llandudno (the old John Bright’s School Sports Hall). If you are interested in getting your voice heard or being a part of the team then please contact Derrick Orme on 01492 863190 or email communityradio@mac247.co.uk

Nationwide Community Heritage Award

Mel Lewis, Llandudno Junction Community Club, was awarded with Regional winner at the award ceremony. She was also selected as National Finalist, and will represent Wales in the individual category, at the Tower of London on 11th November. Mel was awarded with £500 in the National category and has donated the money towards the disabled toilets project in the Club.

Many congratulations to Mel!

Consultation—The Charitable Incorporated Organisation

A consultation on the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, or CIO has been published. The CIO is the first corporate form designed specifically for charities and has been widely anticipated by the sector. This is a joint consultation with the Office of the Third Sector (OTS).

The consultation will run for a period of three months and the closing date for responses is 10th December.

The Charities Act 2006 set out the basic structure for CIOs but two sets of Regulations, an Order and model constitutions are needed to complete the legal framework, and it’s these draft Regulations, Order and constitutions that are being consulted on.

Please note the draft Regulations are technical legal documents. In order to help people a short guide which gives an overview of the consultation document has been prepared and is available on the Charity Commission website at: <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/enhancingcharities/cio.asp>

Llandudno Branch Carers Wales

- ◆ **Carers’ Rights Day**, Friday 5 December 2008, Llandudno Town Hall, 10—2pm. Come along - 42 high profile agencies in attendance!
- ◆ **Christmas Fair**, Saturday 6 December 2008, Trinity Church, Llandudno

For further information contact Betty Perrin on 01492 874505

**WCVA Regional Policy Event
Thursday 16 October
Morfa Hall, Rhyl**

The theme of the day is:
The new safeguarding agenda - Independent Safeguarding Authority and the voluntary sector

For booking forms and further information please contact WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 288 8329 or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk

Children & Young People's Partnership



Vacancies – Two Voluntary Sector Representatives on the Children & Young People's Partnership Board

We are currently seeking two individuals to represent the voluntary sector on the Children & Young People's Partnership (CYPP) Board. The CYPP Board exists to improve services to children and young people in the County Borough of Conwy. It is a multi-agency strategic planning group for all services relating to 0 – 25 year olds, their families and carers. The Board meets five to six times per annum, with extra meetings arranged when required. For more information, please contact Ann Westmoreland CYPP Liaison Officer on 01492 523849

Estyn Inspection – Youth Support Services Update

Estyn will be inspecting Youth Support Services in the County Borough of Conwy from 10 to 21 November 2008. An Estyn Partnership Task and Finish Group has been established to prepare for the inspection and an Action Plan drawn up in accordance with Estyn guidance. A series of workshops were held to brief key players and contributors about self assessment, the application and requirements of the Estyn Common Inspection Framework, the nature of the evidence and the basis for quality judgements (satisfactory, shortcomings and good features). A self evaluation assessment tool was distributed which organisations were asked to complete and return and, from these submissions, a Self Assessment Report drafted and circulated for comment. The process has been facilitated by Julie Janes of Quantum Edge on behalf of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board. Julie developed the self evaluation assessment tool and analysed the returns to inform the contents of the Self Assessment Report which will be submitted to Estyn at the beginning of October.

A briefing on the Estyn Inspection visit will be given to voluntary organisations **on 9 October, 2pm in the Conference Room, Eryl Wen, Llandudno**. There will be an opportunity to discuss the Self Assessment Report and an information session on the next stages in the process, covering what will be happening next, who has been selected for observation visits by the inspectors, and information requirements during the Estyn Inspection. This is an open invitation to attend, and all are welcome. Please book your place with Ann Westmoreland.

Children & Young People's Partnership Voluntary Sector Network

Approximately thirty people attended the recent Network meeting on 16 September. Liz Flack, Head of WCVA Criminal Records Unit gave a presentation on the role of the Independent Safeguarding Authority and the progress towards introducing the registration scheme for everybody who works with children or vulnerable adults. Suzanne Bradley, CYPP Liaison Officer at Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council introduced the NSPCC Safeguarding Communities Tool kit, and her involvement in its pilot in Denbighshire. The kit contains comprehensive step by step guidance for voluntary and community groups to look at what they need to do to ensure the safety of children within their organisation. Holly Evans provided an update on the use of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and forthcoming training dates. An Awareness Raising Day is being held on **13 October at the Optic Centre in St Asaph**. Contact **Holly Evans, CAF Coordinator tel 01492 575768** if you wish to attend.

The presentations were followed by a very full agenda aimed at briefing the sector on the ongoing work of the Children & Young People's Partnership. The Children & Young People's Plan has almost been finalised and will be available on the Council and CVSC's web sites by the end of October. As well as the work ongoing within the Core Aim Groups, information was given on the Estyn inspection, Genesis Phase 11, the Childcare Sufficiency Audit, the Welsh Language Board self assessment and the Youth Council.

A series of documents have been written in relation to the governance arrangements of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board. The Board has approved its Business Plan and an interim Working Agreement setting out its terms of reference, roles and responsibilities of members, administration arrangements etc, which Board members will be asked to sign. Similar Working Agreements have been drafted for the Core Aim Groups. A draft Working Agreement has been drafted for the Network and circulated at the meeting. It sets out the purpose of the Network, placing it within the context of the Children and Young People's Partnership, and amongst other things, covers membership, roles and responsibilities, terms of reference, the role of the CYPP Liaison Officer etc. Any comments and suggestions for improvement to Ann Westmoreland. Please contact Ann for a copy.

Two diary dates:- 9 December 2008, Date of next Network meeting

24 January 2009, Youth Work Curriculum Statement for Wales, an information session for the vol sector.

Cruse Bereavement Care will be running their new 48 hour accredited foundation course in the New Year- 'Awareness in Bereavement Care'. This will run one evening or afternoon per week for 16 weeks and will probably be held at St. David's Hospice, Llandudno. If anyone is interested in training to become a bereavement support volunteer please contact Trish Phillips the Cruse Administrator on: 0844 5617856 or e mail: crusenorthwales@btconnect.com

RNID Cymru's Outreach Information Service provides information about deaf and hard of hearing issues. Talks can be provided free to both large and small groups and can last from 10 minutes to 2 hours to suit your needs. Please contact Bethan Harries for further information on 01978 318900 or e-mail bethan.harries@rnid.org.uk

CVSC Regional Training programme

- Charity Annual Accounts and Audit, 16 October 08, 10 – 4
- Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees, 6 November 08, 10 – 4pm.
- Introduction to Sustainable Funding, 27 November 08, 9.30 – 3.30pm
- Organising Your Work, 23 January 09, 9.30 – 12.30
- Preparing a Sustainable Fundraising Strategy, 19 February 09, 9.30 – 3.30pm

Please contact CVSC on 01492 534091 for further information or visit the website www.cvsc.org.uk

Sustainable Funding Cymru team course

- Cynllunio Busnes a Strategol (Cymraeg), Caernarfon, 20 January 09

Further information from www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk

A new edition of the Courses for Communities Brochure has been produced and covers the period October 2008 to March 2009. This is a nation wide programme of affordable training delivered through a partnership between the Local Voluntary Councils, Volunteer Centres and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). Hard copies are available from CVSC offices or visit the website

www.coursesforcommunities.org.uk

Voices for Change Cymru training—brand new training courses!

- ◆ Introduction to Welsh Politics, Rhyl, 15 January 2009
- ◆ Influencing the National Assembly for Wales, Rhyl, 28 January 2009
- ◆ Influencing Local Government, Rhyl, 12 February 2009
- ◆ Introduction to Campaigning, Rhyl, 12 March 2009
- ◆ Advanced Campaigning and Lobbying, Rhyl, 20 March 2009

Participation Cymru Training

- ◆ The Process of Public Engagement – Rhyl, 3rd/4th November 08
- ◆ Approaches for Engaging Hard to Reach Citizens – Caernarfon, 17th November 08
- ◆ Skills for Running a Participative Workshop – Caernarfon, 18th November 08
- ◆ Skills for Handling Conflict – Rhyl, 26th/27th November 08
- ◆ Group Facilitation Methods – Rhyl, 27th/28th January 09
- ◆ Action Learning Set Facilitation – Rhyl, 2nd/16th March 09
- ◆ Participatory Project Planning Tools – Rhyl, 3rd March 09
- ◆ Methods for Consulting with the Citizen – Rhyl, 17th March 09
- ◆ Visioning – an Engagement Planning Tool – Rhyl, 18th March 09

For further details please contact WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk

INTRODUCING MYSELF

My name is Ceri Jones and I joined CVSC on 1st September 2008, as an Intermediate Care Support Officer. CVSC has obtained funding for this post for six months. For the past eight years I have worked for North Wales Housing Association in Llandudno Junction, six of those years as a Finance Officer, my role included the calculation of service charges for general housing, claiming grants from WAG for the development department and registration of purchase invoices onto the capital/nominal ledger. The purpose of my new role is to explore the possibility of developing enhanced partnership working between the voluntary organisations operating locally and the Conwy Intermediate Care Service (CICS)

INTERMEDIATE CARE

Intermediate Care describes a range of services providing time limited support (up to 6 weeks) which promote independence by avoiding unnecessary hospital admission or admission to long term care, facilitates timely discharge from hospital and forms a bridge between hospital, home, dependence and independence.

Intermediate care is provided on the basis of a comprehensive assessment resulting in a structured individual care plan that involves active therapy, treatment or opportunity for recovery.

(Source: Welsh National Assembly guidelines: APPENDIX I)

Intermediate Care is not:

- ◆ Longer term rehabilitation
- ◆ Rehabilitation that forms part of acute hospital care
- ◆ Transitional care that does not involve active therapy or other interventions to maximise dependence, i.e. for patients who are ready to leave acute in-patient care and are simply waiting for longer term packages of care to be arranged, thereby preventing active rehabilitation potential

The Maintaining Independence Project Board, a multi-agency group including local authority, health, voluntary organisation and service user representatives was set up in Conwy in February 2005, to review existing provision and develop the availability of intermediate care across Conwy. The Conwy Intermediate Care Service (CICS) was subsequently developed from two predecessor rapid response teams which historically delivered different and geographically restricted services. The new CICS Team went live on April 1st 2006 delivering pan Conwy services.

WHAT NEXT

In 2006 a mapping exercise was carried out by Colette Neal, Health and Social Care Facilitator of the work that Voluntary Organisations do that complements the Intermediate Care Service. My first task will be to up-date that mapping exercise. The resulting report will be presented to the statutory NHS bodies and Social Services as a directory of services that they can refer into locally. If you took part in the original mapping exercise I will be contacting you to arrange an appointment, if I have not already done so. I will also be sending out questionnaires to other organisations that I am unable to visit, which I request be completed and returned to me by 31 October 2008. If you did not take part in the original mapping exercise but feel you would like the services you offer to be included, don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is cerijones@cvsc.org.uk.

Partnership Council focus on commissioning and procurement

The third sector's experience of public service commissioning and procurement was the main subject of July's Partnership Council meeting held in Llay Miners Welfare Hall, near Wrexham. The sector's representatives highlighted some of the long-standing problems to Minister Brian Gibbons and Deputy Minister Leighton Andrews. These included processes that are dominated by public sector provider interests, lack of external or user involvement, confusion about appropriate uses of grants and tendering, and the absence of a level playing field in procurement procedures.

It was agreed that there was some helpful guidance in place. *Delivering Beyond Boundaries*, the Assembly Government response to the Beecham review, had highlighted the sector's role both in designing services, and in delivering services. The recently published Value Wales guidance on procuring from the third sector addressed many of the problems that organisations had experience in tendering processes. The *Third Dimension*, the strategic action plan for the Voluntary Sector Scheme, reinforced the requirement for effective third sector involvement in public service design, commissioning and evaluation, including in arrangements for ensuring service scrutiny. It included actions to secure greater visibility and recognition for the sector in procurement, and to encourage appropriate use of "social clauses" in contract specifications.

Partnership Council members, however, highlighted the need for more to be done to improve commissioning and procurement, and to achieve more consistent practice at local level across Wales. The meeting agreed that the priority for commissioning and procurement was to achieve better quality services, and not simply to reduce costs. The value of long term relationships and two way dialogue between commissioners and providers was emphasised

The sector put forward a number of recommendations, including:

The principle of third sector involvement in commissioning decisions about service delivery options should be explicitly endorsed by the Assembly Government and promoted through formal guidance;

The Assembly Government should develop more detailed guidance on the circumstances in which grant funding should be used in public service delivery, and should actively endorse an investment and partnership approach in the right circumstances

The Value Wales guidance on procuring from the third sector should be implemented by all parts of the Assembly Government, its Sponsored Bodies and health bodies, and actively promoted to local authorities

Work on developing social clauses should be the subject of consultation with the third sector

The nature of the sector's involvement in commissioning, and the extent to which it plays a bigger part in a mixed economy of provision, should be assessed and reported on as part of public service inspections and reviews

Brian Gibbons and Leighton Andrews welcomed the discussion and recommendations, some of which were already being addressed through the implementation of the *Third Dimension*. They agreed to consider the recommendations and continue the discussion about these at the next Partnership Council meeting in November.

The Voluntary Sector Partnership Council will hold its next meeting in Merthyr Tydfil on 6 November 2008. Minutes from the July meeting will be made available on www.wcva.org.uk on the Policy and Research pages. For more information on the work of the Voluntary Sector Partnership Council and the Voluntary Sector Scheme contact Mirriam Nasrat (mnasrat@wcva.org.uk)

News from the Centre

WALES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY, 2008

On the 10th September the Volunteer Centre held a ceremony to recognise volunteers and organisations who had gained national awards in the competition.

Our picture shows the award-winners with the Chairman of Conwy CBC, Councillor Glyn Jones



and Mary Trinder, Chairperson of CVSC.

Our congratulations on their achievements and thanks for their dedication and commitment.

At the same Award Ceremony we presented certificates to young people who were volunteering under the Millennium Volunteers scheme. The picture shows them proudly showing off their certificates.



GWIRFODDOLWYR Y MILENIWM



MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS

Conwy Whales recently held their Swimming Gala at Colwyn Leisure Centre and presented Certificates to their Award winners, in particular young volunteers who had achieved Certificates under the Millennium Volunteers Scheme.



Congratulations to the volunteers and thanks to Angie Board and her helpers for all their hard work to enable their members to enjoy water activities

Visit

www.volunteering-wales.net

to see all our current volunteer vacancies

CASH FOR YOUTH PROJECT

Through Welsh Assembly funding of £5,000, it has become possible to offer grants for youth-led initiatives in Conwy.

Decisions on applications for funding of up to £500 will be made by the Youth Bank Panel. The members of the Panel are pictured preparing for their task



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

CANCER RESEARCH are looking for Schools Ambassadors and Walk Organisers as well as other roles

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY need a volunteer to act as a Volunteer Co-ordinator across North Wales

WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICES are needing volunteer drivers to provide transport for patients to and from hospitals

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION need volunteers to help with their Poppy Appeal and to act as Caseworkers

CREST CO-OPERATIVE are looking for 'assistants to help at arts & crafts sessions at the headquarters in Llandudno Junction

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