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Conference to shape new era for third sector

Plans for a new relationship between the Welsh Government and the third sector will be unveiled at WCVA's annual conference in Llandudno on Thursday 28 November.

Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Jeff Cuthbert, will take the stage to address the sector and outline his vision for taking forward the Welsh Government's Continuity and Change consultation which closed in August.

The consultation has reviewed the relationship between the sector and Welsh Government and will be used to inform thinking in a number of key areas. These include the Government's future support for the sector, and the sector's contribution to public service delivery and the Programme for Government at national, regional and local level.

Delegates at WCVA's conference will have one of the first opportunities to hear the Welsh Government's response to the consultation and will also have the opportunity to put questions to the Minister at the end of his speech.

The conference theme is the future of the sector in Wales and the content will help inform third sector managers on the key strategic issues within the third sector landscape.

Organisations can get two places at the conference for the price of one if they book before 1 November 2013, and all delegates are invited to a free eve-of-conference drinks reception at the Empire Hotel in Llandudno which is being hosted by WCVA's affinity scheme partners.

Visit www.wcva.org.uk to book.

Get involved with Trustees' Week 2013

This year's Trustees' Week is due to take place from 4-10 November.

Now in its fourth year, Trustees' Week is run by a group of sector bodies including the Charity Commission, WCVA, Institute of Fundraising, and Small Charities Coalition, and is an event to showcase the great work that trustees do. It also highlights opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

With research estimating that almost half of charities have at least one vacancy on their board and only 0.5% of trustees in England and Wales are aged between 18 and 24, this campaign aims to raise awareness of trusteeship, encourage more people to think about becoming a trustee, and give charities a chance to 'thank' their existing trustees.

For more, visit www.wcva.org.uk or www.trusteesweek.blogspot.com

Nominate now in the Third Sector Awards Cymru 2013

You've got under a month to make sure your organisation - or one you really admire - can celebrate winning this year.

Yes, we'll stop taking nominations for this year's Third Sector Awards Cymru, supported by Class Telecommunications, on November 15 at 5pm. So you haven't got long to vote for your group in one of the following five categories.

- The Class Award for Best Communications
- The environmental award
- The health, social care and wellbeing award

- The award for good governance
- The award for innovative fundraising

Alternatively, pick a group you really admire and nominate them to win the award for Most Admired Organisation. (Sorry, you can't nominate your own organisation in this category.)

To nominate, visit www.wcva.org.uk.

All shortlisted groups will be invited to a gala dinner and awards ceremony in Cardiff in January 2014. Make sure to get your form in on time to be in with a chance of attending this exclusive event.

Investing in Volunteers - *Making a difference for volunteering*

Tuesday, 10 December 2013 - Newport YMCA

Have you achieved the Investing in Volunteers award? Are you working towards the award?

Are you interested in promoting Investing in Volunteers in Wales?

If so, you are invited to this special event to celebrate what has been achieved through Investing in Volunteers (IiV) and to extend good practice in working with volunteers throughout Wales.

The day will be an opportunity to:

- share experiences of Investing in Volunteers
- hear the latest IiV developments in Wales
- explore ways of using IiV to promote good practice
- explore and maximise the impact of IiV on organisations

Visit www.wcva.org.uk to book.



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