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Wales third sector funding conference 2013

Unlocking the secrets to fundraising success, Cardiff City Stadium, Tuesday 8 October 2013

Many sector groups are finding that demand for their services is increasing, yet funding is becoming harder to come by. *Unlocking the secrets to fundraising success* can help you boost your organisation's funding and open the door to a more secure future.

We've a whole host of experts on hand to help you reach your fundraising potential. Peter Lewis of the Institute of Fundraising will look at how charities diversify their income streams, while Tim Hobbs of the Social Research Unit, Dartington, will examine the journey from innovation to impact. Michael Hearty, Director General of

Finance and Corporate Services at the Welsh Government, will also be addressing delegates.

There are 25 stunning workshops to choose from too, covering all sorts of topics within the fields of community fundraising, digital fundraising, individual giving, trusts and foundations, trading, statutory, social investment and personal development.

You can read the full programme and book your place at www.wcva.org.uk.

New programme from Welsh Language Commissioner

The Welsh Language Commissioner has launched a new work programme.

The Work programme relating to the third sector in Wales 2013-15 aims to further promote and raise awareness of the official status of the Welsh language by imposing standards on organisations, leading to the establishment of rights for Welsh speakers and creating a better experience for Welsh language service users.

The work programme is split into three parts.

Part one outlines the Commissioner's powers and responsibilities in relation to the third sector. Part two sets out the background and recognises the gaps and opportunities with regards to promoting the Welsh language in the third sector. The third part sets out the targets and the timetable for achieving these goals in partnership with the key stakeholders.

You can read the full programme at www.comisiynyddygydraeg.org.

Third Sector Awards Cymru 2013 now open

The Third Sector Awards Cymru 2013, supported by Class Telecommunications, honour the hardest-working, most inspirational third sector groups across Wales.

You can download a nomination form at www.wcva.org.uk. Alternatively, email help@wcva.org.uk for a paper copy. The deadline for nominations is Friday, 15 November. Make sure you help that deserving organisation achieve the recognition it deserves

Join the new Social Services Citizen Panel

A recruitment campaign has begun for a new Social Services Citizen Panel made up of adults, young people and children who use social services, who are carers or who have an interest in social services in Wales and are able to work at a strategic level.

For two years, the group will meet regularly to discuss changes and developments in the social care sector. Their views and decisions will feed in to the strategic leadership work of the Deputy Minister's National Social Services Partnership Forum, giving people greater voice and more control over the services they receive. The panel

will contribute to the development of social care policy and its delivery at an important time in the radical transformation to make services in Wales sustainable.

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill is at stage one of the National Assembly for Wales' scrutiny process and it will be the legal framework underpinning these major changes.

If you are interested in joining please visit: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/publications/socialcare/guidance1/panel/?lang=en>

New service makes bank switching easier

16 September saw the launch of the new Current Account Switch Service, which makes it easier for small charities to switch banking providers. The new service is designed for charities with an income of under £1 million.

The new service, provided by the Payments Council, is free to use, and reduces the amount of time it takes to switch an account from between 18 to 30 days to just seven working

days - with clients able to choose their 'switch day'.

Any payments made to old accounts in error will be redirected to the new one for 13 months after the switch date, and the incorrect information of the person will be automatically updated to be correct. All direct debits and standing orders will automatically be transferred.

For more information, please visit www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/switch_service.



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