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Network Wales Awards launch with new category

The Network Wales Awards, supported by Class Telecommunications, have been set up to showcase the work of the third sector and provide national recognition for outstanding achievements.

Individuals can nominate their own organisation for an award and can also nominate other organisations in separate categories.

This year, WCVA has added a new category to the existing three. Nominations can now be received for organisations who have involved service users, carers and their representatives in the co-design of services that bring beneficial new thinking to the health, social care and wellbeing sector.

The categories are:

- Class award for best communications
- Green award
- Health, social care and wellbeing
- Most admired organisation

Each nominated organisation will receive a certificate of commendation and the winners will be presented with an award at WCVA's annual conference dinner in December.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 21 October 2010. To receive a nomination form for the Network Wales Awards please contact the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or visit www.wcva.org.uk.

Funding conference promises insight and advice

Worried about funding and where it's going to come from? Well, you're not the only one, but help is at hand. Mark Tuesday, 12 October in your diary – that's the day of WCVA's Wales Third Sector Funding Conference at Venue Cymru in Llandudno.

You'll have the chance to hear directly from funders, garner funding advice straight from the experts and learn the secrets of fundraising success. There will also be some inspirational plenary speakers, a huge range of workshops and a bustling exhibition area – perfect for networking.

The morning has a plenary session from Jane Hutt, AM, and following this, Joe Saxton of nfp Synergy will speak about how charities can stay competitive in a turbulent world.

Afternoon highlights include Derek Walker from the Big Lottery Fund and Liz Lipscomb of the Charities Aid Foundation. Also, Mervi Slade of Charitable Giving will explain how your group can make the most of payroll giving.

There will also be a number of workshops covering the main elements of a sustainable funding strategy. Alan Eagle of Santander UK Foundation will offer advice on how to 'avoid the bin', representatives from Carmarthenshire County Council and West Glamorgan Council will talk about the secrets of winning tenders and Martin Rhisiart, of the University of Glamorgan, and Eva Trier, of CM International, will discuss the benefits of scenario planning.

For more information, visit www.wcva.org.uk or call WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

WCVA responds to consultation and says ‘no’ to any reduction in lottery funding in Wales

WCVA has said that it does not support any change that reduces the overall share of Lottery funding received by the four distributors to spend in Wales, or reduces the overall funding for the third sector.

WCVA has responded to the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport (DCMS) consultation on its proposals to reduce the allocation to the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) from 50% to 40%, and to reallocate this to the sport, arts and heritage Lottery distributors.

Unlike the other distributors, BIG's share for Wales takes account of social need. If funds are moved from BIG to the other distributors without an adjustment for social need, Wales could lose out by between £5m and £6m. In its response WCVA has sought assurances that overall Lottery funding in Wales is not cut as a result of any change.

The response also seeks assurances that there is no reduction in funding for the third sector. It highlights that BIG is the main third sector funder for the third sector, and any reduction in its allocation will be a matter of concern to a very wide range of organisations.

BIG is also charged with promoting community cohesion, and any reduction is likely to have an adverse effect on organisations working to promote equality and advance social justice. The response argues that if the government does transfer funds from BIG to the other distributors, they should be required to use at least the amounts transferred exclusively for community-led third sector projects.

In a related development, DCMS has announced a further consultation on a change to policy direction for the BIG Lottery Fund aimed at a change in direction to focus future funding streams on projects that assist people and local communities served by the third sector.

The expectation is that BIG would continue to fund the same types of projects, but that there should be a specific focus of their funding on the third sector. We will soon be putting the options related to these proposals to the sector.

The full consultation can be found at <http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx> WCVA will be responding to this in due course. If you have any comments please contact Michael Delahunty (mdelahunty@wcva.org.uk).



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