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## WCVA conference to consider sector's role in working with economically inactive groups

**On Monday 8 February 2010, WCVA is hosting a conference which will debate the third sector's role in delivering contracts to work with economically inactive groups.**

The UK Government Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform, Jim Knight, will be speaking at the *Promoting economic participation* conference, along with Leighton Andrews, Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning and WCVA Chief Executive Graham Benfield OBE.

Delegates will be able to put questions directly to the three keynote speakers during a panel discussion which will follow the main sessions.

The conference will also include a series of workshops, which will provide opportunities for third sector organisations to find out about the different projects and programmes they can contribute to.

This event is essential for any third sector organisation that works with economically inactive people, and will take place at the new Cardiff City Stadium. The conference is supported by Working Links.

*Full details are available on the WCVA website. Programme and booking forms also available from WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329. Contact Mike Richards for any conference enquiries on 029 2043 1754 or email [mrichards@wcva.org.uk](mailto:mrichards@wcva.org.uk).*

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## Third WCVA recession survey launched and available at [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)

**WCVA has conducted two surveys in the last 12 months to monitor the effects of the recession on organisations in Wales.**

These have shown that a broad range of organisations are experiencing financial difficulties, including the need to make staff redundant, or reduce the level of activities.

The reports from these surveys are available on WCVA's website on the publications page.

As cuts in public expenditure are expected in 2010, it is important to keep a close eye on how third sector organisations, both large and small, are being affected. This is so that any emerging effects can be relayed to policy makers and changes sought.

*To complete the questionnaire on-line go to the Research page of the WCVA website – [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk) or type the following into your web browser:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HJPF7JD>*

## Get your group signed up to Gift Aid

**Third sector organisations in Wales not already registered for Gift Aid are being invited to Gift Aid Registration Surgeries to help them get up and running with it.**

Gift Aid enables charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs to reclaim the tax paid on donations from individuals – for every pound given to charity an additional 28p can be claimed from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

In the current economic climate it is particularly important that organisations are making the most of all sources of income, yet currently an estimated £700 million is left unclaimed in Gift Aid each year. Research carried out by HMRC and CAF found that the biggest barrier to charities claiming Gift Aid is pre-registration – finding and understanding the relevant information to make a claim. Therefore the purpose of the Gift Aid registration surgeries, run by Giving Wales, is to provide organisations with the necessary information to get registered and claiming Gift Aid.

Giving Wales is a Welsh Assembly Government-funded project, facilitated by WCVA in conjunction with the Institute of Fundraising Cymru to increase the value of voluntary gifts in Wales.

The project promotes and encourages third sector organisations to use tax-effective fundraising techniques such as Payroll Giving, share giving and legacy fundraising to reach out to new donors and increase gifts from existing donors through Gift Aid.

Eileen Kinsman, WCVA's Giving Wales Officer, said 'The Gift Aid Registration Surgeries have been very popular. Lots of organisations have heard of Gift Aid and know that it is something they should be doing but don't know where to start.'

Further details of Gift Aid Registration Surgeries are available on WCVA's website, [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk) and from its Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk).

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## Call to reward Wales' outstanding volunteers

**February sees the launch of WCVA's Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards which this year are supported by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.**

Since the awards scheme started in 2004, it has grown over the years and now receives over 200 nominations in five categories, which have been chosen to reflect the range of volunteering opportunities across Wales.

As well as recognition of individuals, young people (under 25 years), and groups, the scheme also rewards 'green' volunteers and trustees. There will be up to three winners in each category, with 15 national winners presented with their awards at a ceremony in Cardiff in June, and all nominees awarded commendation certificates at a local ceremony or by post.

The 2009 winners included a 14-year-old 'eco warrior', a former teacher who works on a voluntary basis more than most people work when they are paid to for the RSPCA and a group of volunteers who support people with visual impairment – despite all being either totally blind or partially sighted themselves.

New supporter for 2010 CCLA exists to help charities make the best of their investments. See [www.ccla.co.uk](http://www.ccla.co.uk) for more information.

*Details of the scheme, including nomination forms, will be available in February from the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, or e-mail [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk). They will also be available to be downloaded from the website [www.wcva.org.uk/voty](http://www.wcva.org.uk/voty). The deadline for receipt of nominations is 9 April 2010.*

# Don't miss out on money to screen Age of Stupid

**The Welsh Assembly Government in partnership with WCVA is offering community and third sector organisations an opportunity to screen the film – *Age of Stupid*.**

This film has been developed by a small group of film-makers who believe that everybody needs to hear about what will happen to our climate if we do not urgently respond to the climate change crisis. More information about the film can be found at [www.ageofstupid.com](http://www.ageofstupid.com).

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges the world faces. The Welsh Assembly Government and WCVA are committed to playing their part in meeting the challenge and to Wales leading the way on addressing the causes and consequences of climate change.

We are offering £250 per group to arrange a screening. This funding is to cover the cost of community venue hire, light refreshments and the film license for public showing (a legal requirement).

We are hoping that by showing the film it will reinforce key climate changes messages, encourage debate and energise groups to make changes & take action.

If you are interested in this opportunity then please send for an application pack available by telephoning the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or emailing [policy@wcva.org.uk](mailto:policy@wcva.org.uk).

***Please note funding is limited and awarded on a first come first served basis. All events must be held before the end of March 2010.***

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## New website to help Wales' third sector recruit staff

**recruit3 is the new jobs website for the third sector in Wales, developed jointly by WCVA and Big Issue Cymru, replacing the Goodmoves service.**

**Offering job opportunities in both English and Welsh, recruit3 should be your first stop whether you're a jobseeker or an employer in need of fresh talent.**

The third sector in Wales employs over 46,000 people, and constantly demands new staff. recruit3 will cater to all jobseekers and employers, offering roles ranging from senior managers to fundraisers, carers, administrative staff and beyond.

Jobs advertised on the site will also feature in *Network Jobs* and in *The Big Issue Cymru*.

*Big Issue Cymru* has been running since 1994 and Wales's biggest selling weekly current affairs magazine.

*Network Jobs* is the weekly sister publication of *Network Wales*, and is circulated to the top decision makers in the Welsh third sector.

Launch date is 25 January, so whether you're a jobseeker or an employer on the hunt for fresh talent, get ready to point your browser at [www.recruit3.org.uk](http://www.recruit3.org.uk). It could be the best click you'll ever make.



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