

YOUTH VOLUNTEERING NEWS

Spring 2013

Welcome to Wrexham Volunteer Centre's Youth Volunteering News for Organisations who deal with young people and involve young volunteers.

NEWS & EVENTS

HISTORY OF VOLUNTEERING – VOLUNTEER'S STORIES WANTED

This year is AVOW's 25th Anniversary - our Silver Jubilee - and in celebration we will be arranging an exhibition and a book on volunteering in Wrexham area throughout the year. Wrexham has a rich history and ethos of volunteering. Volunteers have helped to shape Wrexham life, society and the whole area itself.

Tell us your story, share your experience!

- Have you ever been involved in a volunteer project or given up your time to make a difference in Wrexham County Borough?
- Do you have any photographs, artefacts, poems or stories about these events?
- Are you a keen local historian willing to share information or a Wrexham community member with a story to tell?
- Do you live in Wrexham County Borough or have you ever volunteered here?

No matter how long ago it was. Please share with us how you have helped to make a difference to the region and people who live here through volunteering. Please share your story and experience, contact us through an email john.ellis@avow.org or call 01978 312556.

GWIRVOL YOUTH LED GRANTS SUCCESS

The 2012/13 round of GwirVol Youth Led Grants has now closed with 10 projects receiving funding to run projects in the Wrexham County Borough. Just over £4500 was allocated to projects ranging from Girl Guides organising a St Patricks Day Lunch & concert for Elderly People to two groups of young people building a raised gardens to grow vegetables.

The 2013/14 GwirVol Youth Led Grants round starts again in April

OLYMPIC LEGACY SEES YOUNG PEOPLE VOLUNTEER 10,000 HOURS TO SPORT

As a direct result of the Olympics, young people in Wales volunteered more than 10,000 hours of their time supporting sporting activities across the country during MV50 Sport's first year.

The MV50 Sport initiative, the award for volunteering, was launched in September 2011 as part of the highly successful Millennium Volunteers programme and the legacy for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The award is given to 14 to 25-year-olds for volunteering 50 hours in school and community sport – and is expected to help get more people more active, as well as 'empowering and inspiring' youngsters to become role models and leaders. For further information about the Award visit: <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/volunteers/news-and-events/mv50sport-10000/>

LIVE UnLTD LOOKING FOR YOUNG MARKET TRADERS

Live UnLtd have teamed up with the National Market Traders Federation to give young people the opportunity to test trade their own products at a market stall. They will also get the opportunity to be part of the first National Youth Market and even be crowned Young Trader of the Year.

Applicants need to think about a product they could sell which could bring a benefit to their local area. Perhaps they could locally source the materials to make it, or they could provide other young people with work experience, or their product/service could provide a direct benefit to others with each sale.

For further information and how to apply please go to: <http://liveunltd.com/campaign-posts/young-trader-market-stall/>

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Wrexham Volunteer Centre is now on Twitter! If you are a fellow Tweeter and would like to follow us our user name is: **WrxVolCentre**

GRANTS

NEW YEAR OF GWIRVOL GRANTS 2013/14

GwirVol is pleased to announce the launch of the 2013-2014 youth volunteering grants.

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the delivery of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities in Wales and overseas that will support the step change in access to volunteering for young people aged 14-25 and especially for

disadvantaged young people. The GwirVol grant scheme offers three different strands of funding.

- **Creating Opportunities:** For organisations looking to create new youth volunteering projects, new youth volunteering roles or to recruit more young people into existing volunteering roles. Creating Opportunities grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.
- **Millennium Volunteers:** For organisations looking to recognise the commitment young people give to volunteering through offering the 200 hour award of excellence. Millennium Volunteers grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.
- **International:** For organisations looking to develop overseas volunteering opportunities that benefit young people and their communities in Wales as well. International grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £30,000.

How to apply:

You can get more information and download the application forms and guidance at <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/organisations/funding/>

The deadline for applications is 2pm Wednesday 5th June 2013.

GwirVol also runs the StreetGames grants which are open all year with no closing date. If your organisation involves young volunteers in sports activities go to StreetGames grants now!

Please note: GwirVol will only be holding one grant round in 2013-2014. There will be no second round September-November 2013.

VOLUNTEER AWARD SCHEMES

MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS AWARD SCHEME

******NOW OPEN TO 14 AND 15 YEAR OLDS******

The Millennium Volunteers Award Scheme is aimed at young people aged 14 to 25 who volunteer their time on a regular basis. They work towards a 200 hour Award of Excellence, along the way receiving certificates for recognition for 50 Hours and 100 Hours of volunteering.

If you have any volunteers in your organisation that would like to sign up to Millennium Volunteers or for more information contact: Lynsey Edwards at the Volunteer Centre on 01978 312556 or email: lynsey.edwards@avow.org

WREXHAM VOLUNTEER STAR AWARDS

Wrexham Volunteer Centre - Volunteer Star Awards are aimed at anyone who volunteers their time. The scheme has no lower or upper age limits.

The aim of the scheme is to reward and recognise the effort and time spent by volunteers volunteering in the Wrexham County Borough.

Certificates are award to volunteers for the following number of hours:

- *10 Hours* *50 Hours* *100 Hours* *200 Hours* *500 Hours*
- *Long Service Award (nominated award)*

If you have any volunteers in your organisation that would like to sign up to the Volunteer Star Awards or for more information contact: Lynsey Edwards at the Volunteer Centre on 01978 312556 or email: lynsey.edwards@avow.org

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