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Are you looking for funding?

If you are looking for funding for your organisation or project, WCVA can carry out a funding search for its members on Grantfinder. Contact the Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, help@wcva.org.uk or complete a funding enquiry form online [here](#).

If you are a local organisation your county voluntary council (CVC) can provide funding advice. If you need contact details for your CVC, click [here](#).

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Contracts & tenders

To promote your organisation to public sector purchasers and to get free email alerts of relevant tenders and contracts, register with Sell2Wales - www.sell2wales.co.uk.

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC Procurement Unit

For the attention of: Mr Ceri Millard, Bronwydd House, Porth, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF39 1DL. Tel 01443 680681, email purchasing@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk.

Object of the contract

Tenancy and Wellbeing Framework

The procurement is for the provision of Framework Service Providers who will provide Tenancy and Wellbeing Support to identified schemes for Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC. This tender is open to providers of tenancy and housing related support but also to domiciliary care providers with experience of tenancy and housing related support. In addition to tenancy support the Authority may place some reliance on framework service providers to provide domiciliary support as and when required. Providers not registered with CSSIW will be required to work and liaise with the Authority's existing accredited domiciliary care providers. The Authority requires that a framework be set up that will allow the Authority to run mini competitions against the framework as and when schemes become available. The framework will run for 4 years. Any contracts resulting from the mini competitions may extend beyond this term.

The potential value of the framework has been calculated based upon similar historical costs and anticipated further contracts to be placed through the framework, although the Authority offers no guarantee of any values or volumes.

All staff will be required to be CRB checked at an enhanced level.

Instructions to suppliers

Tender documents are available from <http://appswales.alito.co.uk/>. Tenderers are required to register on the system before being able to view the documents. If assistance is required obtaining the tender documents please contact alito@rctcbc.gov.uk. A registration guide is attached.

Reference number: RCT/PSS/S165/12

Deadline date: 31 October 2012 (14:00)

Resources

[Alito Registration Guide](#) (895 Kb)

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Time Banking Wales

For the attention of: Ceri Green, Aneurin Bevan House, 40 Castle Street, Tredegar, Blaenau Gwent NP22 3DQ. Tel 01495 722799, email info@timebankingwales.org.uk.

Object of the contract

Community Enterprise Networks Project Enterprise Channel

Background

Community Enterprise Networks (CEN) is an ERDF funded project which operates under Priority 5 Theme 2. CEN will contribute to the long term cultural change in communities, building enterprises in areas which have seen dramatic and continuous levels of decline in traditional industries.

Community Enterprise Networks are designed to provide and support an enabling environment for local enterprise growth and the establishment of social enterprises in disadvantaged communities. These Enterprise Networks act as a springboard by promoting and sustaining the capabilities of people to participate and contribute, and through doing so improve their prosperity and that of the wider community and economy.

Community Enterprise Networks will advance long term regeneration benefiting the most deprived areas of Bridgend, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff thereby progressing Community Economic Development (Theme 2).

An open tendering process will be in operation for this project.

[Click here for more information](#)

Reference number: 80350

Deadline date: 7 November 2012

Resources

[CEN Enterprise Channel Tender Brief](#) (85 Kb)

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: e-skills UK

For the attention of: Mel Welch, 1 Castle Lane, London SW1E 6DR. Tel 07557 973 676, email mel.welch@e-skills.com.

Object of the contract

Sector Priority Fund Pilot IT Apprenticeship Programmes

e-skills UK have secured funding under round two of the Sector Priority Funding Pilot to deliver Level 3 IT Professional Apprenticeships across Wales. e-skills UK are seeking contracting training providers to deliver this programme from October 2012. Funding is available until December 2014.

e-skills UK are aiming to deliver 108 Level 3 IT Professional Apprenticeships under this project. Apprentices will be recruited and starts allocated from October 2012. All apprentices must complete by 31 July 2014.

Please note: through this contract, e-skills UK aims to create new partnerships between Welsh Government approved Work Based Learning Providers and Further Education Institutions through this programme. The desired model is such that a partnership would be created whereby the WBL Provider (whether independent or part of an FEI) and the academic IT department of the FEI will share delivery of an enhanced Apprenticeship model, with the FEI delivering the academic and technical aspects of the course and the WBL Provider delivering the competency components and administering the contract.

However if those providers who are unable to create such a partnership, can provide evidence that they are able to deliver the technical aspects of this programme alone, such models will also be considered.

[Click here for more information](#)

Reference number: SPFPapps1

Deadline date: 15 October 2012

Resources

[Draft Programme Specification](#) (57 Kb)

[Tender Description & Criteria](#) (29 Kb)

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: WG DHSS - Children's Health & Social Services

For the attention of: Deralyn Mawdsley, Block A, Floor 3, Sarn Mynach, Llandudno Junction, Conwy LL31 9RZ. Tel 0300 062 5034, email deralyn.mawdsley@wales.gsi.gov.uk, www.winningourbusiness.wales.gov.uk.

Title of request for quote

Train the Trainers Initiative

This is a specification for the delivery of training on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in the Welsh context to key professional training groups within the Children's and Young People's Workforce; such as public officials, teachers, police, judges, lawyers, health workers and medical staff across Wales through a Train the Trainers initiative.

This will support the drive to develop and embed knowledge of the UNCRC within Wales.

The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous quote in terms of value for money based on the criteria set out in section 15 of the document and the anticipated term for the contract is 12 months.

Reference number: TTT1
Deadline date: 12 October 2012

Resources

[Tender Specification](#) (354 Kb)
[Terms and Conditions](#) (128 Kb)

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: WG SPFP - Value Wales

For the attention of: Sue Hurrell, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ. Tel 029 2080 1179, email sue.hurrell@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Object of the contract

Research and production of guidance on collaborative bidding for public sector contracts
This project is jointly funded by the Welsh Government, the Wales Co-operative Centre and the Wales Council for Voluntary Action. There are three deliverables, due by the end of November 2012:

1. A practical, short step-by-step toolkit - 'Bidding together - a guide for buyers and suppliers' - on the environment needed to encourage collaboratives and consortia to bid for and win public sector contracts. Translation, design and print are not included in this contract.
2. Some desk research to identify any similar publications, and examine similar work - this research will feed into the development of the guide. Also up to 5 days of consultation should be carried out with public procurement staff, suppliers and representative organisations, in order to identify issues and practical solutions.
3. A (separate) analysis of the SQulD (Supplier Qualification Information Database) question set, identifying where the wording of the standardised questions adopted in Wales may currently make it difficult for some types of collaboratives/consortia to bid, along with suggested solutions.

Reference number: SH01
Deadline date: 11 October 2012

Resources

[Cost schedule - to be completed](#) (34 Kb)
[Travel and Subsistence rates](#) (31 Kb)
[Conditions of Contract for Consultancy Service](#) (120 Kb)
[Specification and evaluation criteria](#) (61 Kb)

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: WG Department for Education and Skills

For the attention of: Tony Jermyn, Welsh Government, Floor 3, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Object of the contract

National Support Programme: Literacy and Numeracy

The Client wishes to invite interested organisations to submit proposals to develop a programme of support for all maintained schools in Wales to help them successfully implement the requirements of the new Literacy and Numeracy framework and improve the teaching of literacy and numeracy. Tenderers will be required to design, develop and deliver a programme that supports the shift in school planning and teaching practice described in the detailed objectives in the specification, by providing bespoke support and, where necessary support/guidance materials to accompany the programme.

The Contract will have an option to extend the duration up to a period of a further 12 months.

The Welsh Assembly Government, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, will be conducting this procurement exercise through the [etenderwales](https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk) portal <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>. Tender documents and other information must be downloaded from and returned through this portal. If you require any further assistance the BravoSolution helpdesk is available on: email: help@bravosolution.co.uk, phone: 0800 368 4850.

Instructions to suppliers

The Client is open to discussion regarding the methodology underpinning the programme, the nature of support and scheduling/targeting of delivery for the programme. The Client, therefore, in anticipation of the need to work with the contractor in order to refine the bid before final contract award welcomes a bid that sets out methodology, approaches and rationale for the design and delivery of the programme. The Client will identify the preferred bidder following the bidder process, following which there will be a period of bid refinement (with the preferred bidder) which will last no more than 2 weeks before finalising and confirming the award.

Reference number: C095/2012/2013

Deadline date: 22 October 2012

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Funding

GwirVol grants 2012-2013

GwirVol is pleased to announce the launch of the 2012-2013 round 2 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 16-25 and especially for disadvantaged young people. The GwirVol grant scheme offers five different

strands of funding: Creating opportunities; Promotions; Millennium Volunteers and StreetGames. You can get more information and download the application forms and guidance at <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/grants/>. The deadline for applications is 2pm Wednesday 14 November 2012.

[International Communities Lottery Funding](#)

The International Communities funding aims to support projects that tackle the causes of poverty and bring about a long-term difference to the lives of some of the most disadvantaged people in the world. It is open to any UK non-governmental organisations or voluntary organisations working with independent organisations in countries in Africa, Asia, South or Central America, Caribbean, Eastern Europe and the Balkans (but not EU countries). Interested organisations can make an application to the programme at any time until 31 March 2014.

(Source: Llais y Ganolfan, Issue 768)

[The Prince's Countryside Fund](#)

The Prince's Countryside Fund was established to help rural areas in the UK to become more sustainable. The focus areas for the Fund are: projects to improve the sustainability of British farming in areas of deprivation; projects to improve the sustainability of rural communities; projects to reconnect people with the countryside. The next deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 19 October 2012.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 26/9/12)

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Nominate a group in the sector's top award scheme

The Third Sector Awards Cymru, supported by [Class Telecommunications](#), celebrates the inspiring work of voluntary organisations from all over Wales. This year the number of categories has risen from four to six: the Class award for best telecommunications; the Green award; the Health, social care and wellbeing award; the award for good governance; the award for innovative fundraising; the most admired organisation.

[You can find the nomination form here.](#)

Forms should be returned to news@wcva.org.uk. The deadline for nominations is 16 November 2012.

[EMI - Instrument and Equipment Awards](#)

The EMI Music Sound Foundation Instrument and Equipment Awards provides grants to schools and individuals in full time education to help towards the purchase of musical instruments and/or equipment for those who require the equipment to fund music education. The Foundation also funds courses and training opportunities for music teachers who work within schools. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 12 February 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 26/9/12)

A Time to Shine - The 2013 Social Care Accolades Are Coming!

The search is about to start for high-performing teams and organisations who deserve an award for delivering high-quality social work, social care or early years services in Wales. The 2013 Social Care Accolades will be officially launched on 10 October 2012. The Accolades are awarded to teams, groups or organisations who have invested in the

learning and development of their staff to transform their services and provide better outcomes for those who receive them.

The six categories for 2013 are: Leadership to achieve confident, competent and professional workers; Citizens controlling services; Better outcomes through working together; Developing a sustainable workforce; Excellent outcomes in the care of older people; Excellent outcomes in the care of younger people/children/early years. Fuller details of the kinds of initiatives that the categories are aiming to attract can be found at <http://www.ccwales.org.uk/enter-the-accolades/?force=1> .

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Investment helps valleys enterprise double turnover

A Welsh Government backed loan fund has helped an award-winning Valleys enterprise purchase its own premises, develop its services and double its turnover. After applying for loan funding in 2008 to buy the former Trecynon Police Station in Aberdare, Cynon Valley Crime Prevention Association (CVCPA) has increased its turnover from £500,000 to over £1 million, extended its services across the South Wales Valleys and created 19 new jobs. A winner of the British Crime Prevention Award for reducing burglary in the Cynon Valley by 38 per cent, CVCPA was set up as a charity in 1988 to help tackle the issues of crime, and has since developed a trading arm in security installation to help fund its core services.

The application for loan finance to purchase the new premises in 2008 was made to the Communities Investment Fund, which is supported with Welsh Government and European Structural Funds, and managed by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). The Fund specialises in helping social enterprises and charities access loans that they wouldn't be able to obtain from commercial lenders. The Communities Investment Fund is currently investing in not-for-profit organisations across West Wales and the Valleys. For more information, contact the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email cif@wcva.org.uk.

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[Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust](#)

The objective of the Trust is to support excellence in British crafts. Each scholarship is now worth between £1,000 and £18,000 depending on how much funding is required for a project. Eligible applicants are craftsmen and women of all ages who live and work permanently in the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they already have a high level of skill and are firmly committed to their craft or trade. The deadline for applications for the spring 2013 round will be in January 2013. Applications open in October.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 26/9/12)

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Network Jobs

WCVA's latest edition of Network Jobs is available [here](#). If you would like to sign up to receive future copies please email help@wcva.org.uk or call the Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

All Wales public service organisations internet and social media survey

The [Public Engagement Working Group](#) (PEWG), a multi agency collaboration including the Welsh Government, Participation Cymru, NLIAH, NHS Confederation, WLGA, Wales Audit Office and Cardiff Business School, came together to ensure a coherence of knowledge, skills and approach to delivering and sustaining effective citizen centred design, development and improved delivery of public services across Wales. One of the objectives of the group is to look at linkages to identify new and relevant opportunities for events and or training.

This All Wales internet and social media survey has been commissioned by PEWG and is being undertaken in partnership with [Socitm Wales](#), [Communities 2.0 and digital inclusion](#), Customer Focus Wales and the [Data Unit Wales](#).

Your experiences are important. Please spend a few moments to complete this on-line questionnaire, to help shape an effective All Wales public services social media approach. Also please share this with your colleagues who work in public services organisations in Wales. Please complete either the [English](#) or the [Welsh](#) version of the survey.

This survey is open from 14 September - 19 October 2012.

Achieving greater impact, measuring social value

Charities Evaluation Services' Lead Consultant, Dr Jean Ellis, urges third sector managers to incorporate outcomes assessment into their quality management, in order to learn from their work and achieve greater impact. Thinkpiece available from CES

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/9ftcwf1>

Nominet Trust's Kieron Kirkland asks 'What is the best way to measure social value so that its relevant to everyone?' on The Guardian's Voluntary Sector Network, pointing out that measuring social value is difficult because organisations have varying understandings of what it is. At <http://preview.tinyurl.com/9jn97fj>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 537)

Diverse Cymru newsletter

<http://www.diverseecymru.org.uk/news/2012/09/06/september-newsletter/>

Guidance on finding new trustees

The Charity Commission has updated 'Finding new trustees - What charities need to know' to reflect the changes introduced by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012,

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Publications/cc30.aspx>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 536)

Summary guide on charities and land

A section on the Charity Commission website gives summary land guidance on buying, selling, leasing and vesting charity land, with links to further information,

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/8c62tdj>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 536)

Video Conference facilities in Cardiff

Cartrefi Cymru has video conference facilities available. Reduce time and cost with their video conference facilities. Their rates are very competitive. Their Cardiff, Llandrindod Wells and Bangor Offices all have video conferencing facilities which help to reduce the travelling cost for attendees as well as carbon footprint. If you would like more information and availability, contact Cartrefi Cymru on 029 2064 2250 or email enquiries@cartrefi.org.

Glamorgan Holiday Hotel

Cartrefi Cymru also has the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel, which is situated on the seafront in Porthcawl. Their function room is a great community resource which is available for local community organisations, business purposes and with its licensed bar, makes an excellent venue for evening events. Accommodating up to 50 people, the facilities are wheelchair accessible and offers free parking. Refreshments and buffets are available. Please contact the reservation team to discuss your requirements on 01656 785375. Discounts are available for third sector and voluntary organisations. Visit www.glamorganholidayhotel.com

Webinars on data protection

Paul Ticher, well known in the voluntary sector for his expertise on data protection issues, is running a further series of webinars on the subject aimed specifically at the sector. There is a general overview session and three looking at the implications for specific areas, details at <http://www.paulticher.com/webinars>
(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 536)

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Events

Have a Wild Weekend for Wales 26 -28 October 2012

Do something wonderful for wildlife this Autumn and have a Wild Weekend for Wales! Apply for **Free Homebase vouchers** up to **£200** to create a new wildlife habitat in your community. Have a **Wild Weekend for Wales** aims to improve biodiversity by helping people to undertake small projects to benefit native species and create new wildlife havens. You can help improve the biodiversity of Wales doing something simple such as planting trees and flowers or building a bug box. To get a copy of the application form and for lots more information about Wild Weekend, go to our [website](#) or contact us on 029 2025 6767 or wild@keepwalestidy.org

News and Policy

Link to WCVA [Climate Change Information](#)

Read the latest blog from [Environment Wales](#)

Read the latest newsletter from [Cynnal Cymru - Sustain Wales](#)

Read the quarterly newsletter from [Planning Aid Wales](#)

Read the latest from the [Energy Savings Trust](#) & sign up for the monthly E bulletin.

Read the latest from the [Carbon Trust](#) & sign up for E newsletters.

Read the latest newsletter from [Keep Wales Tidy](#)

Read the minutes from the last [Climate Change Commission](#) meeting

Contact Rita Singh to sign up to receive the new e newsletter from Community Energy Wales - rita@cynnalcymru.com or check out their latest news at <http://www.communityenergywales.org.uk>

Wales News

[Air quality continues to improve in Wales](#)

New evidence showing that air pollution emissions have gone down again in Wales, has been welcomed by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, John Griffiths. Key findings in the report show how air quality is now better than at any time since the industrial revolution. Overall emissions of the seven priority pollutants have reduced substantially since the introduction of the air pollution inventory in 1990.

UK News

[Department of Health-backed study reveals increase in heat-related deaths to exceed projected reduction in cold-related deaths](#)

UK businesses will have to adapt to a litany of climate change-related health impacts over the coming decades, ranging from increased mortality rates as a result of summer heat waves to lost productivity resulting from longer hayfever seasons. That is the conclusion of a [major new report from the UK's Health Protection Agency](#), which warns that while rising temperatures this decade will lead to a modest reduction in deaths related to cold weather, any gains will be more than offset by a huge increase in heat-related deaths during the second half of the century.

[Department of Energy and Climate Change will also publish call for evidence into community benefits for renewables projects](#)

Businesses will be invited to contribute to a new government reviews of onshore wind energy costs and potential new community benefit schemes that could lead to further cuts to the subsidies available for the renewable energy technology. Energy and Climate Change Secretary Ed Davey agreed to launch a review of costs in early September after winning a battle with the Treasury over the depth of cuts to onshore wind subsidies under the Renewables Obligation (RO) scheme earlier in the year.

Reports and publications

[Cutting carbon emissions in Welsh homes](#)

Targeting home improvements at the poorest quality houses in Wales would slash energy bills, cut fuel poverty by 40%, reduce our impact on climate change and create thousands of jobs, according to a new report commissioned by WWF Cymru.

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Funding

Please [click here](#) to see our Funding Resources for Climate Change Projects Information Sheet.

[Arbed - £45 million available for energy efficiency projects](#)

The Welsh Government has launched a new phase of its Arbed investment scheme with an additional £45 million, setting out how Welsh businesses can benefit. The scheme is designed to support home energy efficiency and renewable energy retrofit projects for low income, fuel-poor households in deprived communities in Wales. In addition to reducing the carbon footprint and delivering economic, environmental and standard of living benefits to disadvantaged communities in Wales, the programme will generate jobs, attract investment and stimulate growth in Welsh energy efficiency and renewable energy businesses.

[Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy](#)

The call for expressions of interest to the 2013 Ashden Awards has now opened. The aim of the Awards is to promote the widespread use of local, sustainable energy because of the environmental, social and economic benefits which it can provide. The 2013 Awards are broken down into two areas: International Awards and UK Awards. The International Awards offer a Gold Award of £40,000 and four Awards of £20,000; and the UK Awards offer a Gold Award of £20,000 and three individual prizes of £10,000. The deadline for expressions of interest to the UK Awards is 30 October 2012.

If you would like to include anything in the next edition of 'green news' please contact Jessica McQuade at WCVA: jmcquade@wcva.org.uk.

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JRF Blogs & Publications

The following blogs and publications have been added to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) website.

New publications and blogs w/c 10 September 2012

[How can universities support disadvantaged communities?](#)

What can universities do to help disadvantaged people?
Research by Fred Robinson, Ian Zass-Ogilvie and Ray Hudson

[Tackling housing market volatility in the UK: a progress report](#)

What progress has been made on creating a more sustainable housing market?
Research by Mark Stephens and Peter Williams

[Fisking Frank Field - what's the problem with Universal Credit?](#)

Universal Credit's been in the news this week. The thing that caught my eye was Frank Field's broadside again in the Guardian..
Blog post by Gordon Hector

[#TroubleontheEstate: how can we build support for ending poverty without resorting to stereotypes?](#)

I am in two minds about Richard Bilton's warts and all look at life on the Shadsworth Estate in Blackburn - one of Britain's poorest estates.

Blog by Abigail Scott Paul

[How can universities support local communities and tackle disadvantage?](#)

In research published today we've looked at how universities can reach out to disadvantaged communities.

Blog by Fred Robinson

[Tackling the volatile housing market: where's the political will?](#)

New research published today by JRF leaves us wondering whether there is enough political will to fix the broken housing market.

Blog by Kathleen Kelly

[Who can afford retirement housing?](#)

Is retirement housing affordable for most people?

Research by Hannah Aldridge, Peter Kenway and Jenny Pannell

[Welfare reform: Heads I win, tails you lose](#)

What is more important: benefits linked to what is happening to everyone else in the country? Or protecting claimants' absolute income level?

Blog by Donald Hirsch

[Affordable retirement housing - not just a matter of cash](#)

People considering retirement housing need to know if and how they might receive help with costs.

Blog by Ilona Haslewood

[The bitter irony of the hardening attitudes towards 'benefit scroungers' #BSA29](#)

Attitudes of the British people are hardening towards benefits and those claiming it. That's the message from this year's British Social Attitudes Survey.

Blog by Chris Goulden

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WCVA News

WCVA's third sector policy events

10 October 2012, Glamorgan Archives, Cardiff

11 October 2012, Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen

17 October 2012, the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells

18 October 2012, Morfa Hall, Rhyl

Coming together: environment matters

A look at community led environmental regeneration. Litter, graffiti and vandalism can have a major impact on community and personal wellbeing. New research from the Carnegie UK Trust highlights the benefits of a community-led approach to dealing with these problems which also bring significant benefits to the local residents. This event will share the research and showcase local projects which have achieved success.

Influencing equalities at a local level

We'll look at the new public sector equalities duties, in particular the impact on local service delivery. The Equalities and Human Rights Commission will provide an interactive session outlining the duties and exploring how organisations can engage with them to influence change.

[You can view the full programme and book your place here.](#)

Delegates can attend one or both sessions, and a buffet lunch will be served. See the booking form for costs.

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Consultations

[Consultation on the European Commission's Proposal for a European Capitals of Culture Programme 2020-2033](#)

This consultation seeks views on the European Commission's proposal for a new European Capitals of Culture programme 2020-2033. The new programme would follow on from the current European Capitals of Culture programme which comes to an end in 2019. The deadline date for responses is **14 November 2012**.

[The Future of the Independent Living Fund \(ILF\)](#)

This consultation seeks views on the impact that closing the Independent Living Fund (ILF) in 2015 would have on users, local authorities and the wider care and support systems across the UK. The Government would also like your views on how closure could be managed in a way which would minimise disruption to the care and support needs of existing ILF users. The deadline date for responses is **10 October 2012**.

[Technical Consultation on Council Tax Reduction Scheme \(Default Scheme\) Wales Regulations](#)

This technical consultation seeks views and comments on the draft Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2012. These draft regulations have been produced with input from local government practitioners. It acts to set out the practical framework within which council tax reduction schemes will operate in Wales. The deadline date for responses is **19 October 2012**.

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Using the Volunteering Impact Assessment Toolkit

Tuesday 6 November 2012, Morfa Hall, Rhyl

Aims: To introduce participants to the key principles of impact assessment and enable them to use the Volunteering Impact Assessment Toolkit to carry out an impact assessment of volunteering in their own organisation or project.

Does my project or organisation make a difference? This is a question asked by you, your funders, trustees, staff, service users, volunteers and the community. When volunteers are involved it adds a level of complexity that many approaches don't take account of. The Volunteering Impact Assessment Toolkit is a way of putting volunteering on the map in your project or organisation, demonstrating the value of volunteering to the aims of your project or organisation.

This one-day course will help you understand the basics of impact assessment; looking at the stakeholders involved, scoping an assessment, selecting tools to use, analyzing information and findings and reporting to different audiences. The toolkit (retail price £35) is included in the price of the course, and includes access to an internet based resource centre.

The day will involve lots of practical exercises and relevant case studies and enable you to work on areas of your own impact assessment to take back to your organisation.

Who is this course for?

This course is for project managers, those leading organisations working with volunteers and those tasked with measuring outcomes or impact who need to be able to understand impact assessment, how to measure it and how to report it to stakeholders.

Fees: A £150 B £180 C £210

Introductory Certificate in Fundraising - New

Thursday 8 November 2012, Baltic House, Cardiff

Aims: By completing the Introductory Certificate in Fundraising, not only will you develop a better understanding of fundraising tools and techniques, you will grasp the fundamentals of why and how donors give, as well as gain tools you can use to measure successful fundraising activity.

The Introductory Certificate comprises of four units:

- The **Fundraising Environment** unit provides learners with an introduction to the voluntary sector, the nature of the giving relationship, the Fundraising Codes of Practice and charity stakeholders.
- The **Role of Fundraising** unit will examine key areas, including the different sources of voluntary income, the case for support and fundraising performance.
- The **Fundraising Skills** unit will highlight key skills and the link between the category of fundraising, fundraising volunteers and donor relationship models.
- The **Learning about Fundraising** unit will cover the Institute of Fundraising, fundraising standards and fundraising education.

Once you have completed the course, you can gain the Introductory Certificate in Fundraising qualification by successfully completing an [online assessment](#) (which you can

start, save and return to at your convenience). As you must be a member of the Institute to hold the qualification, the first year of membership is included in the cost of assessment (and for those who are already IoF members, we will extend your renewal date for a further year).

Please note: it is possible to take the course without pursuing the qualification

Who is this course for?

The Introductory Certificate in Fundraising is designed for those new to the fundraising sector, non-fundraisers wishing to understand the fundraising environment or volunteers wishing to extend their knowledge of fundraising.

Course Fee: B £75

Assessment Fee

£125, payable online by credit/debit card at time of booking online assessment, which includes the first year of IoF membership (existing members will have their current renewal date extended by one year). A membership application form is included in the course materials or you can [visit our membership pages](#) for more information.

Note taking

Thursday 8 November 2012, Baltic House, Cardiff (10am - 1pm)

Aims: To explore ways of recording the variety of data generated at participative events and consultations.

Being asked to take notes and record discussions during participative events and consultations can feel daunting. Often a lot of data will be generated and recording it accurately can be challenging. This short course aims to explore ways of recording the variety of data generated at participative events and consultations effectively and simply. Participants will identify practical tips and techniques for recording data, using appropriate methods for data generated at participative events, focus groups, voting exercises etc. Participants will have the opportunity to practice their skills and sharing ideas and tips with other participants.

Who is this course for?

Administrative and frontline staff within public service and third sector organisations who are required to take notes and record data at participative events and consultations.

Fees: A £65 B £80 C £95

Administering an event

Wednesday 14 November 2012, Baltic House, Cardiff

Aims: To provide participants with the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully set up, market and administer events.

This practical and interactive course will take participants through the complete process of event administration from the planning stages, ensuring smooth delivery on the day through to evaluating and reviewing the event.

Planning tools will be used to develop an actual event: considering the target audience; when to deliver and what to avoid; choosing the location ensuring it is accessible and inclusive; and how to market it successfully.

Who is it for?

This course is for staff and volunteers who are new to or want to develop their skills for administering events.

Fees: A £125 B £155 C £185

*****Spaces still available - book now avoid disappointment*****

[Introduction to e-participation and new social media](#)

Wednesday 24 October 2012, CAVS, Carmarthen

[Managing risk across your organisation](#)

Tuesday 23 October 2012 (am), Bangor

[Structuring and writing competitive tenders](#)

Wednesday 24 October 2012, Rhyl (am)

[Competitive tender presentations](#)

Wednesday 24 October 2012, Rhyl (pm)

[Marketing planning for managers](#)

Wednesday 24 October 2012, Cardiff

[Working with outcomes](#)

Thursday 25 October 2012, Aberystwyth

[Performance management](#)

Thursday 25 October 2012, Rhyl

To book on line please click on the course title or complete a [booking form](#) returning to training@wcva.org.uk or telephone the WCVA helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

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Jobs Growth Wales Breakfast Information Sessions

The following sessions throughout Wales are for the Direct Employment strand of Jobs Growth Wales. All sessions start at 9am.

16 October 2012, The Health Living Centre, Ty Cegin, Penrhyn Avenue, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 1LR

19 October 2012, FLVC, Corlan, Unit 3, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold CH7 1XP

Organisations who operate in Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Flintshire and Wrexham and who are looking for funding in relation to additional staffing are invited to attend. To confirm attendance, please email msmith@wcva.org.uk.

10 October 2012, Small World Theatre, Bath House Road, Cardigan, Ceredigion SA43 1JY

18 October 2012, NPT CVS, Ty Margaret Thorne, 17-19 Alfred Street, Neath SA11 1EF

Organisations who operate in Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend and who are looking for funding in relation to additional staffing are invited to attend. To confirm attendance, please email egray@wcva.org.uk.

17 October 2012, Bridges Community Centre, Drybridge Park, Monmouth, Monmouthshire NP25 5AS

19 October 2012, Newport Leisure Centre, 1 Kingsway, Newport NP20 1UH

Organisations, charities, social enterprises and employers within the southern counties of Wales - Newport, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Cardiff, Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Merthyr Tydfil and the Valleys and who are looking for funding in relation to additional staffing, are invited to attend. To confirm attendance, please email abolton@wcva.org.uk by 5 October.

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WCVA's Funding Conference - a head start in the race for funding

Tuesday 9 October 2012, Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Olympic fever has inspired us to ensure that this year's funding conference is worthy of a gold medal. *First off the blocks: how to get ahead in funding your future* will showcase the very best in Welsh fundraising. It will guide you through key funding trends and funder policy - and make your group a front runner in the race for success.

Our expert speakers include:

- Angela Hughes, Chief Executive of Wales Air Ambulance
- Michael Hearty of Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance at Welsh Government
- Sir Adrian Webb, Wales Chair of the Big Lottery Fund

Split across seven streams there are 23 workshops to choose from. Delegates are free to move across the streams throughout the day. Network with other delegates at our breakfast session or book a slot at our funding surgeries to discuss your project idea with representatives from Esmée Fairbairn, the Pilgrim Trust and Capital Grants.

[Take a look at the full programme](#) and [book your place here](#).

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Other training

CTA Wales annual conference

17 & 18 October 2012, The Village Hotel, Cardiff

This year, the conference has been arranged on a more interactive basis, with delegates having the opportunity to attend workshop sessions, and undertake group work during the day. A range of speakers will cover topics such as: The National Assembly for Wales Cross-Party group on CT; non-emergency patient transport in Wales; car clubs; the new disclosure and barring service, plus more. A range of exhibitors are attending the event, showcasing vehicles, safety restraints, seating, tail lifts and software, and there will be several opportunities to wander around the displays and talk to the knowledgeable representatives on hand. For further updates about the conference, then please visit our [Conference webpage](#)

NewLink Wales Annual General Meeting

Thursday 18 October 2012, Cardiff

The event will include speakers focusing on the theme of 'Steroids and Image Enhancing Drugs'. Speakers include: Dr Josie Smith, Public Health Wales, Mark Erica, G4S and

Charlotte Hopkins, NewLink Wales. Light refreshments will be available. If you would like to attend, email info@newlinkwales.org.uk by Friday 12 October.

Can the third sector lead the way in delivering citizen-centred care?

19 October 2012, Future Inn, Cardiff

All the indicators show the need for care services is going to soar over the next decade. How should the third sector respond and what can organisations such as Cymorth do to support care providers to ensure people who need care services receive the best quality services? This one day event will explore both the pressures and the opportunities for the third sector delivering care services as well as giving providers the opportunity to hear about and shape Cymorth's contribution. Further details are available from Lisa Noice, tel 029 2055 3687 or email lisanoice@cymorthcymru.org.uk.

Collaboration: the way forward

23 October 2012, Orbit Business Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

Collaboration has never been more important and Cymorth Cymru is running a conference which will explore collaboration in its many forms. Delegates will have the chance to hear from those experienced in collaboration and discuss the opportunities and challenges. Further details are available from Lisa Noice, tel 029 2055 3687 or email lisanoice@cymorthcymru.org.uk.

Setting up a Community Garden

Wednesday 24 October: Getting started

Wednesday 31 October: Finding a site

Tuesday 6 November: Planning & designing your community garden

Wednesday 14 November: Recruiting & managing volunteers

Tuesday 20 November: Financing & sustaining your community garden

Where: Pendragon Suite, RCT Homes, Tŷ Pennant, Mill Street, Pontypridd CF37 2SW

Are you looking to develop a community garden training project? Are you involved in setting up or managing a community growing space? Then this course is for you! Bookings must be received by 10 October. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. For further information and to register, go to the [FCFCG website](http://www.fcfcg.org.uk).

The Ramblers Festival of Winter Walks

22 December 2012 - 6 January 2013

Ramblers in Wales will be leading plenty of wintery walks this holiday season as part of the ever popular *Festival of Winter Walks*. This year there will be more choice than ever as the festival expands to include over three weeks of walks, starting in the build up to Christmas and marching right into the New Year. For details on specific walks, or to find out more about the Festival of Winter Walks, visit: www.ramblers.org.uk/winterwalks.

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