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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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Funding

WCVA's Volunteering in Wales Fund now open

Volunteering in Wales has been given a boost with confirmation that a leading grant scheme has been extended to 2014. WCVA's Volunteering in Wales Fund has received continued support from the Welsh Government meaning that organisations will be able to apply for funding to support projects for the next year. Funding of up to £25,000 is available for third sector organisations across Wales to support and develop new volunteers through covering the cost of the volunteer expenses and training; and through the recruitment of specialist staff to help recruit and support new volunteers. For further details and an application pack, contact the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, email help@wcva.org.uk. The deadline to apply for funding is Friday 22 March 2013 at 5.00pm.

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 5 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.

[Artists Project Earth \(APE\) funding available](#)

Organisations should be working: to prevent the causes of climate change; to defend communities and ecosystems against the impacts of climate change; to support and build resilience for communities affected by natural disasters. These are broad topics and may include, among other things, projects that: create awareness of the causes, impacts and solutions to climate change; create political and social awareness of the need for rapid change and preparation; lead to the adoption of low carbon technologies and lifestyles; prepare vulnerable communities and ecosystems for climate impacts; protect ecosystems at risk from climate change. APE has created a new category for funding called 'Inspiring Change'. The round 13 deadline is 31 March 2013, or after receipt of the first 100 applications, whichever is first.

(Source: Grantfinder Newsflash, 1/3/13)

The Baring Foundation International Development Grants

The 2013 application window is open for organisations applying to the Baring Foundation's International Development Grants Programme, which will continue its focus on improving the effectiveness of NGOs and community-based organisations (CBOs) in Sub-Saharan Africa to address problems arising from the long-term forced displacement of people for reasons other than economic migration. Grants can be for up to £250,000 in total over a maximum of five years. Details about the International Development Grants Programme are available at www.baringfoundation.org.uk/Internationalguide2013.pdf or you can call the Baring Foundation's office on 020 7767 1348. There is a single application round for 2013. First-stage outline applications have to be in by 28 March 2013.

(Source: fundinginformation.org, 21/2/13)

[Edge Fund](#)

The Edge Fund is currently accepting applications from communities, campaign groups and activists in the UK that are working for social, economic and environmental justice and

have not been able to find funding from other sources. Priority will be given to grassroots or unfunded groups. Grants are not likely to be for more than £5,000. Grants of up to £1,000 are also available to individuals who face challenges because of their personal circumstances or background and have a real passion for justice and can demonstrate a clear commitment to taking action. The deadline for applications is 22 April 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Newsflash, 6/3/13)

Heritage Lottery Fund Young Roots

Heritage Lottery Fund new programme aimed at engaging young people in heritage, *Young Roots*, for grants between £10,000 and £50,000 has been launched on their website. Visit the [website](#) for further information about the programme and for information on the range of [outcomes](#) they want to achieve with their funding. Submission deadlines for this programme can be viewed [here](#).

Awards

Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards

The Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards 2013 is the moment for Wales' most dedicated individual volunteers and voluntary groups to be applauded. There are five nomination categories: Adult, Young Person (under 25), Green Volunteer, Trustee and Group. You can download a nomination form [here](#). Alternatively, hard copies are available by calling the Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329. Nominations close on 12 April.

[Clore Poetry and Literature Awards](#)

The fifth round of the Clore Poetry and Literature Awards is now open to applications from schools, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations to help provide poetry and literature initiatives for children and young people across the UK. The overall objective of the programme is to provide young people under the age of 19 with the opportunity to experience poetry, literature and creative writing both inside and outside of school. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 1 May 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 27/2/13)

[IWA Inspire Wales Awards 2013](#)

It is important, especially in the current economic climate that we continue to recognise and reward innovators and inspirational Welsh citizens. Therefore the Institute of Welsh Affairs has once again joined forces with the Western Mail to launch IWA Inspire Wales Awards to further raise the profile of the contribution that Welsh men and women are making to our society and to encourage active citizenship. The awards will reward those in the fields of education, arts, science, creative industries, business, community, the environment, sport and the promotion of the Welsh Language. The deadline for entries is 12 April 2013.

The National Diversity Awards

Nominations are still open for the National Diversity Awards. Every nomination counts, so if you know any positive role models, community organisations and entrepreneurs from underrepresented backgrounds make sure they are recognised for their achievements. If you can think of anyone who deserves to be recognised then nominate now.

[Nominate here](#)

[Wood Awards](#)

The Wood Awards aim to recognise, encourage and promote outstanding design, craftsmanship and installation in wood, and celebrate the versatility and unrivalled aesthetic quality of wood. Applications are invited from companies and individuals who design and craft with wood in the UK. There is no limit to the number of projects an applicant may enter. The deadline for entries is 24 May 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Newsflash, 6/3/13)

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General

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.

Age and transport research

The Bevan Foundation and Age Cymru are undertaking a research project about older people's use of public transport in Wales. The online version of the survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gettingtoessentialservices>

Awards for All survey

Awards for All represents an important source of funding for a diversity of voluntary and community groups. Their experience and views are vital in helping BIG to improve how Awards for All is delivered and used, and to provide a better service to applicants and grant-holders. They are looking for feedback from both successful and unsuccessful applicants. Further details on the study are [here](#) and the online survey itself can be accessed following this link <https://big-awards4all-survey-2013.questionpro.com/>. This study is being conducted by Rocket Science and CM International. If you have any comments or questions, please contact either researchandlearning@biglotteryfund.org.uk or e.trier@cm-intl.com.

Business Wales' one stop shop service set to support 15,000 SMEs a year

Business Wales, the new pan-Wales one stop shop business service to support the sustainable growth of small and medium size enterprises, has been officially launched by Business Minister Edwina Hart. The Minister recently launched the new £6.5m service at the Beacon Centre in Dafen, Llanelli, one of the eleven offices in the pan-Wales network that will provide general and specialist business advice, as well as information and signposting services, to more than 15,000 SMEs a year.

The Minister met a number of organisations that have already benefited from advice and support from the Welsh Government that helped them to invest and expand their businesses. She also met representatives from Business in Focus, Centre for Business, Antur Teifi, and Menter a Busnes - the consortium that will deliver the new Business Wales service.

Launching the service the Minister said: 'Small businesses are the lifeblood of the economy and the Welsh Government wants to ensure they have easy access to a wide range of support services helping them to grow and expand.'

The Business Wales offices are in Newport, Treforest, Swansea, Llanelli, Pembroke Dock, Newtown, Aberystwyth, Brecon, Bangor, St Asaph, and Wrexham.

Business Wales one stop shop service can be contacted via the Business Wales Information Helpline on 03000 6 03000 or businesssupport@wales.gsi.gov.uk or visit www.business.wales.gov.uk/business-wales.

Interested in becoming a trustee of a charity?

Cardiff based international development charity, the SAFE Foundation are looking to appoint a trustee to the board to assist with the running of this vibrant and energetic organisation. This is a voluntary position and the appointed person will need to commit around five hours a month to the role. They are specifically looking for people with experience in the third/charity sector and who have skills and knowledge around development. If you think you fit the bill, please get in contact with Hannah@thesafefoundation.co.uk or 07712 406552 to find out more about the role and how to apply.

What you need to know on CIO

A useful article on Pioneers Post 'What charities need to know about Charitable Incorporated Organisations'. A partner at Bates Wells and Braithwaite solicitors discusses the pros and cons of CIOs and what types of charities are likely to benefit the most.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/cy6bgjq>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 557)

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Green news

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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

Flood Awareness Wales helps to prepare communities at risk of flooding and provides them with the tools and knowledge needed to respond appropriately during a flooding incident. Read 'Your community flood news' [here](#) for flood news and information from communities around Wales.

[Community renewable energy projects gather momentum](#)

Community groups have a very important role in helping us meet our climate change and renewable energy targets in Wales. This was the message from Environment Minister, John Griffiths, who outlined how the community energy scheme, Ynni'r Fro is providing intensive support to 24 community renewable projects that embrace hydro, wind and anaerobic digestion technologies.

Regions 2020 - ENNEREG

Please find below a link to the latest issue of Sustainable Energy Communities News (SEC News). This fourth and final issue provides updates on the activities of **ENNEREG, Energy for Mayors, City SEC, come2CoM and ENESCOM**. You'll find SEC News 4 at the right hand column of the webpage <http://regions2020.eu/cms/>

ENNEREG aims to establish and inspire EU Regions to take up the challenges of fulfilling the EU 20-20-20 climate and energy targets of at least 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, 20% increase in energy efficiency and 20% of energy from renewables by 2020. The website hosts a number of interesting newsletters, articles and publications from all of its 12 European Partners, each focusing on sustainability and the 2020 targets. You'll find further information about the project on the Severn Wye Energy Agency Website - http://www.swea.co.uk/proj_ennereg.shtml. This site will provide you with more details about Wales' involvement in the project.

[New maps show noise patterns across Wales](#)

The Welsh Government has published a series of maps to illustrate levels of noise across Wales. The noise maps show estimated levels of road traffic, railway and industrial noise in Wales' three largest urban areas, and noise from the busiest roads and railways across the country. Local authorities, and other bodies, can use the maps to identify where high levels of noise coincide with other social and environmental problems. They will then be able to address these issues to improve the quality of life for people living and working in these areas.

Reports and publications

[Energy generation and consumption for Wales](#)

A new statistical report was released on 27 February 2013 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority. This bulletin presents a statistical overview of current and historic energy production/generation and consumption in Wales.

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

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

JRF Blogs & Publications

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

New publications and blogs w/c 25 February 2013

[The bedroom tax ignores the link between home and health](#)

The emotional costs of 'bedroom tax' could far exceed savings in housing benefits, says Karen Wilson.

Blog by Karen Wilson

[How to put poverty reduction at the heart of social housing](#)

What should be the single biggest priority for social housing providers in 2013? New homes for residents? Better homes for existing residents? Improved non-housing services that help shape communities and improve the quality of life of all residents?

Blog by Josh Stott

[We ignore the reality of housing costs at our peril](#)

The links between housing and poverty have been ignored for too long. Kathleen Kelly argues. Continuing to do this could have dangerous consequences.

Blog post by Kathleen Kelly

[The links between housing and poverty](#)

How housing can mitigate or exacerbate the impact of poverty on people's lives.

Research by Rebecca Tunstall et al

Local Government Advisory Bulletins

This information is provided for WCVA members using the 'Green Book' terms and conditions. They are supplied by the Local Government Association.

Advisory bulletin 598 is available on the following [website](#).

2013/4 local government services (Green Book) pay negotiations:

Pay 2013/4

Negotiations are still on-going on this year's Green Book pay settlement. The Employers have made an offer to the unions based on two options:

Option 1

- 1.0% on all pay points from 1 April 2013 plus increases in minimum paid annual leave entitlement (to 22 days) and continual service entitlements (for non-statutory purposes) in return for:
- NJC mileage rates replaced by HMRC Approved Mileage Rates (where NJC rates currently apply)
- Unilateral arbitration clause replaced by a bilateral reference

- Joint statement of issues on which both Sides agree to commence immediate serious discussions.

Option 2

- 1.0% on pay points 4 to 10 from 1 April 2013
- 0.6% on pay points 11 and above from 1 April 2013

Unison has rejected both options and will seek to re-open negotiations. They will also be carrying out a ballot of members via branch consultation meetings. Members will be told that if they too reject both options they must be prepared to engage in national industrial action and/or measures short of industrial action. GMB and Unite will also be seeking to re-open negotiations. We await further developments.

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WCVA Consultation bulletin

Please visit our website [here](#) to download our latest edition of our weekly Consultation Bulletin for your information in both English and Welsh.

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Resolving workplace issues through mediation

More employers are using mediation to attempt to resolve workplace issues, so the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and Acas have jointly produced '*Mediation: An approach to resolving workplace issues*'. This is an update of the employers guide first published in 2008. Available via the Acas news release at <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4168> or direct download from <http://preview.tinyurl.com/amzt8gk>
(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 556)

Women, work and the recession report

The Bevan Foundation has produced a report on [Women, Work and the Recession](#). This ground breaking report highlights the very different effects of the recession on women's employment and welfare in Wales compared to men.

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Places still available - book now

Introduction to legacy fundraising
[Thursday 18 April 2013 - Aberystwyth](#)
[Thursday 25 April 2013 - Cardiff](#)
[Thursday 2 May 2013 - Rhyl](#)

Working together for service delivery
[Thursday 18 April 2013](#) - Aberavon

Project management basics for EU funded projects
[Tuesday 23 April 2013](#) - Rhyl

Measuring soft outcomes New Date

[11 April - Rhyl](#)

Soft outcomes are often the most difficult to measure but essential to track in relation to capturing the impact of EU funding on a participant's journey. How do you know you are on track? How do you know your programme of work is having the desired impact on the lives of individual participants? What and how can you measure outcomes such as improved self esteem and confidence? This course will help you to plan, measure and record soft outcomes for your project, how to establish a baseline and to choose relevant indicators. We will examine case studies from successful projects, look at the range of tools available to you and help you build a robust evaluation system.

Free for third sector EU funded projects (sponsors or contractors). However, if you are not involved in the development and/or delivery of European funded projects, please see price band:

Fees: A £125 B £155 C £185

CIO - Is it right for you (Charitable Incorporated Organisations) New Course

[26 April - Rhyl](#)
[30 April - Cardiff](#)
[8 May - Swansea](#)

Trainers: Giselle Davies / Catherine Nightingale - Geldards

The Geldards' Charity Team is ranked in legal publications as number one in Wales, acting for well in excess of 100 charity clients across England & Wales from all sectors of charity interest. The Team is led by charity law specialist, Giselle Davies who is highly regarded and draws on legal expertise from all the relevant departments in the firm, each department having a designated charity specialist team member. Giselle is supported by Catherine Nightingale who has built a charity law specialism on to her original background as a highly experienced property lawyer and is therefore especially well placed to provide advice to charities involved in property transactions and other transfers.

Duration: 1 day, 9.30am - 4pm

Who is this course for?

Staff (paid or voluntary) and trustees/management committee members of voluntary organisations who are considering whether the charitable incorporated structure is appropriate for their organisation. No prior knowledge of charitable status and incorporation is necessary.

Fees: WCVA members £125 Voluntary/community organisations £155

Aims: To give participants an understanding of the legal structures available (including the CIO), how to decide which structure is right for their organisation, and what is specifically involved in becoming a CIO if that structure is chosen.

Confidence at public events

[Tuesday 30 April & Wednesday 19 June - Rhyl](#)

Aims: For participants to engage more effectively and confidently with communities through public meetings/events.

This 2-day course focuses on presentation skills and dealing with difficult situations and behaviours. Participants will learn how to prepare for a public event, how to give an effective presentation, conveying the information the audience wants to know using appropriate communication styles, and explores techniques for dealing with challenging issues and situations.

On day 2 of the course you will be required to prepare and deliver a presentation and will receive feedback from the tutor and other learners.

Who this course is for?

This course is aimed at individuals or organisations that need to represent their organisation at public meetings with citizens and communities.

Fees: A £250 B £310 C £370

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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Other training

Welsh Historic Gardens Trust - Carmarthenshire Branch

Saturday 16 March 2013, the Vestry, Capel Newydd, Crescent Road, Llandeilo

Talks on aerial photography and picturesque landscapes to be followed by a cream tea.

Toby Driver (aerial photographer for the Royal Commission) - Historic houses and gardens of Carmarthenshire from the air and Ken Murphy (Director of the Dyfed Archaeological Trust) - Picturesque landscapes. Admission £5 - open to all, but please book a place in advance with Judith on 01558 823121 or email j.holland@dyfedarchaeology.org.uk.

Wales Collective Switching Events

Monday 18 March 2013, SWALEC Stadium, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff

Thursday 21 March 2013, Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

Can collective switching cut energy bills for Welsh consumers? Are you interested in developing a collective switching scheme in Wales? Then these free events, supported by the Welsh Government, are for you. National Energy Action Cymru, the leading charity in Wales dedicated to eradicating fuel poverty, is running two events in Wales to showcase examples of collective switching schemes and how to set one up. To book your place, please go to www.nea.org.uk/switching.

The launch of the real tenancy test

21 March 2013, Future Inn, Cardiff Bay - 17:00 - 18:00

Cymorth Cymru and Learning Disability Wales are holding this launch event at the Cymorth Cymru Annual Conference. The launch is sponsored by Mark Drakeford AM. The real tenancy test is based on the principle that all people with a learning disability, and others who reside as tenants in supported living settings, should be able to exercise the same rights and responsibilities, and enjoy similar levels of choice and control over their home environment as any other tenant regardless of their need for care and support services. Further details are available from lisanoice@cymorthcymru.org.uk or call 029 2055 3687.

Census data: Beyond 2011

21 March 2013, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff

[Beyond 2011](#) is the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) programme to consider possible approaches to meeting future user needs for small area and socio-demographic information in England and Wales. This is essentially reviewing what is currently produced by the Census and evaluating its use to help develop the approach needed. Improvements in technology and administrative data sources offer opportunities to modernise the existing Census approach. As a result some information may not be collected unless it is made clear the benefit that it brings. If you would like to register for the event please complete the form on the [website](#) by 15 March 2013.

First aid training courses with Groundwork North Wales

First aid at work (3-day) Level 3

25-27 March 2013

22-24 April 2013

Emergency first aid at work (1-day) Level 2

19 April 2013

Paediatric first aid (2-day) Level 2

29 & 30 April 2013

The Ofqual accredited courses are delivered flexibly to meet your needs, at a location to suit you, or at the training centre in Tanyfron, Wrexham. Contact Louise Stokes on 01978 757524 or louise.stokes@groundworknorthwales.org.uk.

The Social Health Care Expo 2013

Thursday 25 April 2013, Cardiff City Stadium

Autism is now being diagnosed at a rate of at least 1 in 100 people; that is more than one per cent of the population who need to get things done in their everyday lives. This is a growing niche market that retailers, businesses and organisations have yet to tap into, and the opportunities are there to clearly see. Further details are available from enquiries@thesocialhealthcareexpo.co.uk.

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill

9 May 2013, Cardiff

This is a full day training seminar with POSITIF. You should attend this course if you need to understand the scope and provisions of the Bill, if you need to find out the potential legal issues of the Bill, if you need to find out the practical implications of the Bill, if you want to explore how the Bill will affect your organisation or the people you serve, or if you just want a general understanding of the Bill. Book online at www.yourlegaleyes.co.uk. £100 discount is available for multiple bookings, charities and students on request.

Attachment: Children's Rights and Needs

12 June 2013, Swansea University

This conference will explore the interrelationship between attachment and children's and young people's rights and needs, and how these are reflected in the approaches of policy makers and practitioners. As well as keynote speakers who are experts on attachment and children's rights there will be practical and discursive workshops on issues affecting children and young people. The focus will be on how these two important agendas impact on children and young people in different areas and how we might benefit from a better understanding of attachment and rights. For more information and a booking form visit: <http://www.swansea.ac.uk/law/research/conferences/attachmentchildrensrightsandneeds/>

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