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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](mailto: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](http://www.sell2wales.co.uk).

### **Official name and address of contracting authority**

Organisation: Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd

For the attention of: Marc Jones, Uned 6 a 7, Llys Castan, Parc Menai, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 4FH. Tel 01248 677113, email [marc.jones@ccgwynedd.org.uk](mailto:marc.jones@ccgwynedd.org.uk).

### **Object of the contract**

*Provision of Payroll and Related Services*

Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd are procuring the provision of payroll services from suitably experienced service providers. The successful Tenderer will be required to process Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd's payroll on a monthly basis, make payments to all staff by BACS, provide costing information, maintain all statutory payroll records, issue statutory documents, payment and distribution of both statutory and non statutory deductions and answer employee queries.

### **Instructions to suppliers**

Tenders must be submitted strictly in accordance with the Tender documents. Any point of doubt or difficulty on the Tender documents should be cleared with the stated contact as early as possible in the tender period.

Reference number: C/2012-13/16

Deadline date: 30 November 2012

### Resources

[Provision of Payroll and Related Services](#) (1094 Kb)

[Tender Label](#) (69 Kb)

[Payroll Statistics](#) (18 Kb)

### Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Youth Justice Board for England and Wales

For the attention of: Lynzi Jarman, Swansea Magistrate Court, Court Room, 7 Grove Place, Swansea SA1 5DB. Tel 07795 644342, email [lynzi.jarman@yjb.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lynzi.jarman@yjb.gsi.gov.uk).

### Object of the contract

*Project management and delivery of services; Southern-Wales regional resettlement broker project*

This project is part of a Welsh Government and Youth Justice Board initiative piloting a new approach to improving resettlement outcomes for young people. The aim is to provide youth offending teams and secure establishments with the flexibility to respond regionally to the common problems and barriers that are faced when planning to meet the resettlement needs of young people.

[Click here for more information](#)

Reference number: 10-12

Deadline date: 29 November 2012 (12 noon)

### Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: City and County of Swansea

For the attention of: Mr Clive Prior, COASTAL Project, 17 West Street, Gorseinon, Swansea SA4 4AA. Tel 01792 222692, email [clive.prior@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:clive.prior@swansea.gov.uk), [www.coastalproject.co.uk](http://www.coastalproject.co.uk).

### Object of the contract

*COASTAL Project - Framework for the Provision of Training Services*

The Council are seeking to invite suitably qualified and experienced organisations to tender for inclusion within a Framework Agreement to deliver a wide range of bespoke accredited training provision relating to vocational skills, employability and other lifelong learning opportunities, to participants of the COASTAL Project within the geographical areas of City & County of Swansea, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Carmarthenshire County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council, Bridgend County Borough Council and Ceredigion County Council. This Framework replaces the previous Framework which will terminate at 31 December 2012.

For the purpose of this Framework, The City & County of Swansea will again act as the Central Purchasing Body. The five partner Authorities as listed above and their authorised delivery agents will act as Contracting Authorities.

[Click here for more information](#)

Reference number: CCS/SSD/002/12  
Deadline date: 7 December 2012 (12 noon)

### Resources

[Regional Framework Tender Pack](#) (204 Kb)

### Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: WG SF - Environment & Sustainable Development

For the attention of: Owain Edwards, Crown Buildings, Cardiff CF10 3NQ. Tel 029 2080 1248, email [Owain.edwards@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Owain.edwards@wales.gsi.gov.uk).

### Object of the contract

#### *Calculating Wales' Ecological Footprint*

The Department for Environment and Sustainable Development of the Welsh Government wishes to invite interested parties to submit tenders to calculate Wales' ecological footprint using data from 2010.

The successful bidder will be required to review the methodology undertaken by the Stockholm Environment Institute in 2008 and if necessary revise in light of recent evidence on best practice. The bidder will then be required to recalculate the ecological footprint for Wales (at a national and local level) using 2010 data. The revised report will be published and used to inform future progress reports of the Climate Change Strategy for Wales, and feed into the clients sustainable development indicators.

Reference number: C-097/2012/2013  
Deadline date: 28 November 2012

### Resources

[Consumption based emissions specification](#) (127 Kb)

### Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Wrexham County Borough Council

For the attention of: Tom Taylor, Assets and Economic Development Department, Wrexham County Borough Council, Crown Buildings, Wrexham LL11 1AR. Tel 01978 292450, email [tom.taylor@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:tom.taylor@wrexham.gov.uk).

### Object of the contract

#### *Children and Young People Provision throughout the Communities First 'Urban Villages' Cluster area*

From April 2012, the Welsh Government's Communities First programme will be a Community Focussed Programme that will support the Welsh Government's Anti-Poverty agenda. Whilst remaining a flagship programme within Welsh Government, new structures are being proposed for delivering the Communities First programme with a greater focus on evidencing the impact that locally funded activities have toward strategic outcomes.

This project aims to develop a responsive Children and Young People support provision, throughout the proposed Communities First 'Urban Villages' Cluster area, that will engage young people who are disengaged from traditional educational pathways and those at risk of disengagement. Through a series of innovative Youth interventions, this project will also

aim to improve attendance and behaviour within the school environment which will impact on social cohesion and to reduce exclusion rates.

The full range of services to be delivered are identified in the Invitation to Tender Documentation.

The contract is to commence on 1 February 2013 and will end on the 31st March 2015.

### **Instructions to suppliers**

In the first instance should you be interested in the contract opportunity, please express an interest via email to [tom.taylor@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:tom.taylor@wrexham.gov.uk), on receipt of expression of interest a full tender pack will be issued by return of email.

All copies of tender proposals in response to this document must be delivered as instructed to:

Head of Assets and Economic Development Department  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
3rd Floor Crown Buildings  
Wrexham LL11 1AR

Tenders must be received by 12 noon Monday 26 November 2012  
Any tenders received after 12 noon on the Monday 26 November 2012 will not be considered.

Reference number: PROC-12-52  
Deadline date: 26 November 2012

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## **Funding**

### **Heritage Lottery Fund new programme information**

As part of a new strategic framework, Heritage Lottery Fund has recently launched revised guidance and applications materials for key programmes: Heritage Grants, Parks for People and Skills for the Future.

Please follow the links below to the new programme information:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/heritagegrants>

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/parks>

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/skills>

Please note that we welcome the opportunity to provide advice on project proposals prior to a full application. Project enquiry forms can be submitted through the relevant programme page, via the website.

Further information on changes to all other programmes will be made available over the next few months and a series of briefing sessions in Wales will be held in the spring.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/inyourarea/Wales/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

## [Wales4Africa Health Links Grant Scheme](#)

The Welsh Government has launched a new round of the Wales4Africa Health Links Grant Scheme. The scheme supports projects that make links with healthcare systems and medical education and training in sub-Saharan Africa. As well as benefitting African countries, this grant scheme also benefits Wales through supporting the professional development of NHS and other healthcare sector workers in Wales, giving them unique and challenging opportunities to develop their skills and experience. The deadline for receipt of applications is 23 January 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 14/11/12)

## **Do you have a business idea that could benefit from £10,000 funding?**

If so, Britain's Top Real Role Model 2012 competition could be for you. Created by Amway UK, the competition is looking to help entrepreneurs who have a great idea for a social community project. To enter, [click here](#) to nominate or enter your business idea by Monday 26 November. Entry criteria can be found on the website.

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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](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk) or call the Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

### **Breaking the mould**

The AdviceUK network includes 27 organisations in Wales that help people with social welfare problems. Increasingly their members highlight the challenges faced by the people they work with, as the welfare safety net becomes thinner and the effect of cuts to services bites. Advice UK has pioneered the use of Vanguard Consulting's Systems Thinking in the advice sector. Since October AdviceUK has been supporting Riverside Advice and Speakeasy Advice Centres in Cardiff to use the Systems Thinking approach to understand and design their services 'outside-in' from a customer perspective. AdviceUK has already begun to engage Cardiff Council, the Welsh Government and DWP to encourage them to be part of this exciting work. If you would like more information you can contact [simon.johnson@adviceuk.org.uk](mailto:simon.johnson@adviceuk.org.uk), 07960 790946 or [phil.jew@adviceuk.org.uk](mailto:phil.jew@adviceuk.org.uk), 07970 930085.

### **Calling all those who help families to learn**

If you work in any way that helps different generations of the family learn together to improve their quality of life then NIACE would like to hear from you. An Independent Inquiry into Family Learning in England and Wales, is being carried out under the umbrella of the NIACE Centre for the Learning Family, will take a fresh look at family learning in England and Wales; gathering new evidence, generating new thinking and influencing public policy. The work in Wales will be carried out by NIACE Dysgu Cymru, feed into the overall inquiry but also inform developments in Wales.

NIACE Dysgu Cymru is issuing a call for evidence, for *examples of creative and innovative practice*; and for *examples of effective practice that contributes to policy agendas*. To submit your evidence, please use the pro-formas that you will find on the following webpage <http://www.niacedc.org.uk/independent-inquiry-family-learning-england-and-wales> and send them to [gillian.aird@niace.org.uk](mailto:gillian.aird@niace.org.uk) by **Thursday 20 December 2012**.

## Charity Commission concern over future of website

The Charity Commission is planning to contest a government decision that its website must be merged into the Inside Government section of gov.uk, the new single web portal for central government. As a non-ministerial government department reporting directly to Parliament, the Commission believes that this would undermine perceptions of its independence. Third Sector coverage

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/go/news/article/1158071/>

## Single Code of Fundraising Practice

Stephen Pidgeon, chair of the Institute of Fundraising committee that drew up the document, says he's proud of reducing 28 codes to one. The Institute of Fundraising has launched a single [Code of Fundraising Practice](#) to replace its 28 'long and repetitive' original codes. The new code covers about 40 pages, with links to supporting guidance, compared with the 440 pages in total of the previous codes.

(Source: Third Sector Fundraising, 13/11/12)

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## Green news

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## Events

### [Climate Week - Britain's Biggest Climate Change Campaign, 4-10 March 2013](#)

Thousands of events and activities are being planned by organisations from every part of society for Climate Week. Showcasing real, practical ways to combat climate change, the week aims to renew our ambition to create a more sustainable, low-carbon future. To find out more, visit the Climate Week website, email [info@climateweek.com](mailto:info@climateweek.com) or telephone 020 3397 2601.

### **Swansea's Green Fayre, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November 2012**

The Green Fayre, Swansea, is a free two-day annual event at the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea. It is organised by the Environment Centre. The Green Fayre is a great opportunity to find a whole host of local environmentally friendly products, services, information, activities and stalls, all under one roof. Find out more on the **new** dedicated Green Fayre website at <http://www.greenfayre.org.uk/>

## 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@cynnalcyrmru.com](mailto:rita@cynnalcyrmru.com) or check out their latest news at <http://www.communityenergywales.org.uk>

## Wales News

### [Natural Resources Wales 'to keep distance from ministers'](#)

Emyr Roberts said Wales' new environment body will be 'different'. The chief executive of Wales' new environmental management body says it will work closely with ministers but will maintain its distance. Emyr Roberts said Natural Resources Wales will be different from other bodies under the Welsh Government. He said it would be able both to regulate and offer independent advice. It is being created through a merger of the Countryside Council, Environment Agency and Forestry Commission.

### [Minister launches new planning policy to ensure sustainable growth for Wales' economy](#)

Environment Minister, John Griffiths has launched new planning policy aimed at ensuring the planning system supports the growth of the Welsh economy whilst also staying true to the principles of sustainable development.

### [The Sustainable Development Bill consultation closed on 18 July. The responses are now available](#)

## UK News

### [Renewable Heat incentive for commercial, industrial and community customers](#)

DECC has published a consultation on expanding the RHI scheme for commercial, industrial and community customers to increase uptake of renewable heating kit in this sector. The first consultation looks at the broader expansion of the scheme and closes on 7 December 2012.

## Reports and publications

### [Study confirms big potential of behavioural changes to reduce climate emissions](#)

Changes in consumer behaviour can lead to big reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the European Union, particularly in the areas of transport, housing and food. This has been confirmed by a study for the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action conducted by the research organisations CE Delft, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research and LEI Wageningen. Behavioural changes can complement technological changes and can allow emission reduction targets to be reached more cost-effectively overall.

## Funding

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

### [£40 million for local energy bill blitz](#)

The Government is putting local action at the heart of efforts to keep energy bills down and homes warm, with an £40 million competition aimed at driving local initiatives to boost energy efficiency, reduce fuel poverty and encourage collective switching and purchasing.

### [Cheaper Energy Together': £5 million to set up collective switching schemes](#)

Money is also available for councils and third sector organisations in England, Scotland and Wales for the 'Cheaper Energy Together' scheme aimed at helping set up collective switching schemes in their local area. Collective purchasing and switching is an innovative way for consumers to group together (through a trusted third party) and use market power to negotiate lower energy bills. Potential bidders can apply for money under all of the competitions using a single application form. Bids for each of the competitions will however be judged separately against a range of criteria including value for money, impact on fuel poverty, and potential to generate further investment. The closing date for applications is 30 November 2012 and successful bidders will be announced shortly afterwards.

*If you would like to include anything in the next edition of 'green news' please contact Jessica McQuade at WCVA: [jmcquade@wcva.org.uk](mailto: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 5 November 2012

#### [New Living Wage rate for UK announced by Julia Unwin, chief executive of Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#)

Julia Unwin CBE, chief executive of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) and the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT) has announced the new Living Wage rate for the UK (outside London).

*Press Release*

#### [Why we're committed to paying the Living Wage](#)

In time we hope that to pay a living wage is a moral duty and a badge of honour. It also makes good business sense.

*Blog by John Kennedy*

#### [Tackling #loneliness: home can be a lonely place, but we can all make a difference](#)

'Home can be a lonely place' was the defining comment from our loneliness programme which gave us focus for our Neighbourhood Approaches to Loneliness event in Leeds this week.

*Blog by Susan Allen*

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## Policy

### Consultations

#### [Getting a better deal for consumers](#)

The Government's vision of a simpler, more efficient consumer landscape is well on its way to becoming a reality. Consumer advice, education and advocacy are coming together under one Citizens Advice service roof, which is welcome news at a time when consumers are struggling more than ever. But no single organisation has a monopoly of ideas or influence, and we need your help to make sure that consumers see the full benefit of the changes. We want to hear your views on our proposed approach and priorities, and how you'd like to be involved. Working together, we can change the world where it matters most for consumers. The deadline date for responses is **30 November 2012**.

#### [Patients' Voice for Wales - Proposals following the Review of Community Health Councils](#)

WCVA will be submitting a response to this consultation. If you have any comments that you would like us to include in our response please email them to [slamberton@wcva.org.uk](mailto:slamberton@wcva.org.uk) by 2 January.

We are consulting on proposals for the future development of Community Health Councils. These proposals are intended to improve how the Community Health Councils and the Board of Community Health Councils function. This follows a review undertaken by the Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care. The deadline date for responses is **16 January 2013**.

#### [Refreshing the Carers Strategy for Wales](#)

We know that there are many thousands of people in Wales who are caring for disabled or older relatives, friends or neighbours. The Carers Strategy for Wales is our national plan for supporting these unpaid carers. It sets out what we are doing to help the NHS, local councils, charities and businesses to provide better services and support to carers of all ages. The Carers Strategy was last updated over five years ago, and we want to make sure it is still making a difference to carers' lives. This draft of a refreshed Strategy sets out the actions we intend to take to support carers over the next three years. If you are a carer, or a person who is cared for, we are keen to hear your views. The deadline date for responses is **5 February 2013**.

#### [Vibrant and Viable Places](#)

This consultation document is the result of a policy review of approaches to regeneration instigated by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage in February 2012. Our regeneration policies encompass a range of integrated activities. These aim to reverse economic, social and physical decline in order to achieve lasting improvement, in areas where market forces will not be sufficient to achieve this without some support from government. The deadline date for responses is **14 January 2013**.

#### [The Work Programme in Wales](#)

The Work Programme is a new payment-for-results welfare-to-work programme being delivered by a range of private, public and voluntary sector organisations. The Committee invites written submissions and requests observations on the following issues: the development of the Work Programme in Wales and its payment-by results model for contractors; the impact of the new payment model on welfare-to-work contractors, and

whether there is effective collaboration between Work Programme providers; whether jobseekers on the scheme are able to access the full range of services they require; and whether the scheme is embedded in local areas and responsive to the needs of different communities. The deadline date for responses is **17 December 2012**.

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## WCVA training

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### Introduction to trust fundraising - Beginner New

[22 November 2012](#) - Merthyr Tydfil - *last chance to book - spaces available*

[6 December 2012](#) - Caernarfon

Fees:           A £60           B £80           C £185

There are nearly 9,000 grant-making trusts in the UK. Who are they? What do they fund? How can you find out more about them? What makes a successful application? This introductory course for those new to trust fundraising will answer these questions and more. It will focus on those trusts with a particular interest in Wales.

## January 2013

### Evaluating and monitoring outcomes

[10 January 2013](#) - Cardiff

This course aims to enable participants to gain a greater understanding of evaluating and monitoring outcomes and to help them better evaluate their work. Participants will come to understand key definitions including outcomes, outputs, indicators and activities, and explore the way in which these terms may be used differently in various contexts and by different organisations. By the end of the course participants will be able to identify and describe the outcomes that a project or activity aims to achieve and use their understanding of the core principles of evaluation to better focus their own evaluation work. Participants will learn techniques for use in evaluating and monitoring the outcomes of their own work and be better able to design an evaluation of their own work.

### Structuring and writing competitive tenders

[23 January 2013](#) - Bridgend (am)

[Please read our pre-booking guidance.](#)

In the 'age of austerity' competitive tenders have become even harder to win because there are far more competitors. It is therefore vital that organisations develop new skills and approaches to make their tender submissions stand out and be able to reach out through the written word.

**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 £45            B £55            C £110

## **Competitive tender presentations**

[23 January 2013](#) - Bridgend (pm)

[Please read our pre-booking guidance.](#)

In the 'age of austerity' competitive tenders have become even harder to win because there are far more competitors. It is therefore vital that organisations develop new skills and approaches to make their tenders stand out when invited to present their submissions in person.

**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 £45            B £55            C £110

## **Dealing with disciplinarys and grievances**

[23 January 2013](#) (am) - Cardiff

This interactive session chronicles the various stages of the disciplinary process. In doing so, we follow the investigatory process, including interviewing witnesses, examine the requirements of the formal disciplinary procedure and detail the 'dos and don'ts' of the appeal process.

## **Measuring soft outcomes**

[24 January 2013](#) - Carmarthen

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

## **Gift Aid registration surgery**

[31 January 2013](#) - Aberystwyth

Gift Aid enables charities and community amateur sports clubs to reclaim the tax paid on donations from individuals - for every pound your organisation is given you can claim an additional 25 pence from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). By building this option into your fundraising strategy you can generate higher levels of unrestricted funding for your organisation. This session will look at the process of registering for and claiming Gift Aid in five simple steps and it will also cover the changes to the process following on from the budget.

**Fee:** £10 for voluntary organisations

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

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## WCVA Annual Conference

*I Matter, We Matter: Co-production into action*

Cardiff City Stadium, 29 November 2012

People matter, and when people work together they can achieve far more than if they work alone. That's why this year's WCVA Annual Conference, *I Matter, We Matter*, focuses on the theme of co-production - the sector designing and delivering services together with the people and communities that use them. How can we make this happen across Wales? And we want to use the conference to get people involved in the [I Matter, We Matter campaign](#). We want groups to speak with the people they have a relationship with to answer the two 'I Matter' questions:

- What things are important to you in your life?
- What helps you to do these things?

We'll take the answers to these questions and make them the foundation for our work with the Welsh Government in defining the 'national outcomes for social services and social care services' that will form the [Social Services \(Wales\) Bill](#).

Of course, there'll be lots of plenary and breakout sessions. Speakers will include Julia Slay of the New Economics Foundation on the value of people power, and Steve Thomas of WLGA, Lyn Cadwallader of One Voice Wales and Joy Kent of Cymorth Cymru will hold a joint session on transforming local services. And in the breakout sessions, we'll be looking at the what, why and how of co-production; co-governance; environmental and social regeneration, and much more besides.

You can view the full programme [here](#), and book your place [here](#). It's your chance to help Wales take a new direction in service delivery.

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## Other training

### Taxation and borrowing powers for Wales

Monday 26 November 2012, Parc Thistle Hotel, Cardiff

This conference engages with the Silk Commission's recommendations on fiscal devolution to Wales, to be published in mid November. How far should the Welsh Government be allowed to go in taxing and borrowing? Will this mean an increase in accountability or an invitation to tax and spend? How strong are the arguments? Who and what have influenced the Commission? How could this benefit the Welsh economy? What are the challenges for the civil service? How might it change Welsh politics, and what are the implications for the United Kingdom? And what of the Barnett formula, and the case for another referendum? Further details are available from [wales@iwa.org.uk](mailto:wales@iwa.org.uk) or tel 029 2066 0820.

### Free technology taster events for people with sight loss

26 November 2012, Swansea

28 November 2012, Pontypridd

29 November 2012, Ebbw Vale

Blind and partially sighted people are being invited to attend a free technology taster session as part of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Cymru's 'Switch On to Technology' month. The agenda will be the same at each of the locations, with workshops running from 10am-4pm, and refreshments and lunch provided. The workshops cover three key topics: finding the right mobile phone; the benefits of getting online; and using eBooks and downloadable audio books. Spaces are limited, so to reserve your place please call 029 2045 0440 or email [cymruevents@rnib.org.uk](mailto:cymruevents@rnib.org.uk).

### **Professional facilitator's development course**

**27-30 November 2012, St Davids, Pembrokeshire**

TYF connect CIC has recently received Environment Wales funding to host this course.

They currently have a couple of spaces left on the course. Please see

<http://www.elementsuk.com> for full details of the course and biography of the instructor, or contact Darren Gibbs, email [Darren.g@tyf.com](mailto:Darren.g@tyf.com).

### **No longer a diagnosis of exclusion - working with personality disorder and substance misuse**

**4 December 2012, Cardiff**

This course offers a useful and in-depth exploration of Personality Disorder within the context of substance misuse. There has been a lot of debate on these issues over recent years and this session aims to challenge the myths that surround this subject area. The impact of Personality Disorder and substance misuse on teams of professionals will also be explored with the aim of raising awareness of transference issues. Further details are available from NewLink Wales, tel 029 2052 9002, email [info@newlinkwales.org.uk](mailto:info@newlinkwales.org.uk) or [www.newlinkwales.org.uk](http://www.newlinkwales.org.uk).

### **Diverse Cymru Winter Ball**

**Friday 14 December 2012, The Coal Exchange, Cardiff Bay at 7.00pm**

There will be a drinks reception, live entertainment (featuring Patti Flynn & the Coltrane Quartet) and a three course meal. Diverse Cymru will present their annual awards and then you are free to dance the night away at one of Cardiff's most iconic music venues.

Tickets are £20 and places are limited to 200. Call 029 2036 8888 or email

[info@diversesecymru.org.uk](mailto:info@diversesecymru.org.uk) to book your tickets.

### **Raising your disability confidence and consultation event**

**18 December 2012, Ty Bron Afon, Cwmbran**

This event will explore challenges organisations may face when working with disabled tenants and employees. We will talk openly about some concerns which both organisations and disabled people face and look at ways to help tackle these difficulties and inequalities. The seminar is to be held in the morning and will be followed by a consultation event in the afternoon. The consultation event will seek your opinions on the Framework for Action on Independent Living which is currently in its consultation phase from Welsh Government. Further details are available from [emma@taipawb.org](mailto:emma@taipawb.org).

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