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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: WG SPFP - Social Research

For the attention of: Launa Anderson, email launa.anderson@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Object of the contract

Evaluation of the National Literacy and National Numeracy Programme

The Welsh Government has recently published a National Literacy Programme and a National Numeracy Programme. The intention of these programmes is to raise the standard of teaching of literacy and numeracy for children aged 5 to 14. In turn it is envisaged that this will lead to improved standards in literacy and numeracy for Welsh children. The purpose of this contract is to evaluate these programmes. The evaluation design should be a mixed impact and process evaluation.

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

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.

Heritage Lottery Fund - New grant programme launch

Our new small grant programme, *Sharing Heritage*, for grants between £3,000 and £10,000, has been launched on our website. Visit the [website](#) for further information about the programme and for information on the range of [outcomes](#) we want to achieve with our funding. Submission deadlines for this programme can be viewed [here](#).

[Wales Economic Growth Fund](#)

The Welsh Government has announced the launch of the second phase of its Wales Economic Growth Fund - a £30m economic stimulus designed to help private and social enterprises through the prevailing economic downturn. The initiative is a short-term, fast-track fund for Welsh businesses and social enterprises, providing access to non-repayable capital funding for investments that will create and retain employment opportunities, growth and wealth. Expressions of interest for Phase one of the 2013 programme will be invited from 1 March 2013 with a deadline for submissions of 5 April 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 20/2/13)

Awards

National Lottery Awards 2013 seek public's favourite Lottery-funded good cause

The annual National Lottery Awards are seeking nominations for 'the UK's favourite Lottery-funded good causes'. The Awards are open to projects that have been funded by the National Lottery. To nominate a project simply explain how National Lottery funding has 'helped it to improve or enrich the lives or communities of the people it works with'.

Visit www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards

(Source: UK Fundraising Weekly, 7/2/13)

[Welsh Language in Healthcare Awards](#)

Now in its tenth year, the Welsh Language in Healthcare Awards has opened to nominations for its 2013 funding round. The main aim of the programme is to improve Welsh language provision in healthcare, for both patients and the public. In total, there are eight award categories. Nominations are accepted from groups, teams, departments or

organisations from the NHS and related establishments, including primary care teams and volunteer groups. Higher and further education institutes and local authorities may also be eligible. The deadline for nominations is 2 May 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 20/2/13)

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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.

Tackling Poverty External Advisory Group

Appointment of Members

The Welsh Programme for Government sets out the key areas of activity to tackle poverty. To deliver this agenda the Tackling Poverty Action Plan was published in June 2012, which sets out the detailed contribution the Welsh Government will make to this agenda. The refreshed Tackling Poverty Action Plan will be published in June 2013 to display the progress the Government is making to Tackle Poverty.

The Minister for Local Government and Communities and the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services has responsibility for leading this work and, in May 2012, established an External Advisory Group as an important contribution to delivery.

The group comprises of a panel of experts in the field of poverty and currently has six members. We have identified gaps in the expertise of the group and are seeking to appoint around four expert members to bring that knowledge and expertise. We particularly need expertise in the following areas: Poverty and Health; Poverty and Disability; Generic Poverty.

Members of the group will be expected to have a clear understanding of the issues facing the Welsh Government in tackling poverty. Further details of person specification can be found in the Information for Candidates.

It is the policy of the Welsh Government to promote and integrate equality of opportunity into all aspects of its business including appointments to public bodies. Applications are welcomed and encouraged from all groups and we ensure that no eligible candidate for public office receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins, religion or religious affiliation. The principles of fair and open competition will apply and appointments will be made on merit.

To apply, please complete a short written statement (maximum one side of A4) setting out how you meet the person specification, supported by a CV. The person specification can be found in the Information for Candidates.

For further details [contact](#) Laurie Davies, Tackling Poverty officer on 0300 062 8097 or email laurie.davies@wales.gsi.gov.uk. The closing date for receipt of applications is 5 March 2013.

A large print, Braille or audio version of this advert can be obtained by request from 0300 0628313.

Employment Support Service

Information for employees

ESS is a free, confidential service offering advice and support.
Is it for you?

- Are you worried about your alcohol and/or drug use?
- Have you missed work or been late because of a hangover?
- Do you feel your concentration is affected by alcohol, drugs or prescribed medication?
- Is this alcohol and/or drug use of someone close to you having an impact on your life?

Information for employers

This is a free service which:

- Offers training to promote awareness of substance misuse issues to encourage a safe and healthy working environment.
- Provides individually tailored support to people affected by substance misuse, to enable them to remain in employment and improve their general state of health.
- Supports employers in developing policies and procedures in the workplace, related to the use of alcohol and drugs.

For more information email ess@drugaidcymru.com, call 01685 721991, visit www.drugaidcymru.com.

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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 or telephone 020 3397 2601.

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

WG has launched a White Paper on proposals for the Sustainable Development (SD) Bill, a key part of the legislative programme

The Sustainable Development Bill will place a duty on organisations delivering public services to have SD as their central organising principle. It will also establish an independent SD body, to provide support on sustainable development to reflect Welsh interests and needs.

The White Paper has been informed and developed through engagement and consultation. WG is now seeking your views on the proposals in the White Paper.

WCVA has prepared a [briefing paper](#) and will be making a response.

The consultation will close on 4 March 2013. Read the White paper at: <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/sustainabledevelopment/sdwhitepaper/?lang=en>

Welsh recycling rates continue to rise

People in Wales recycled 54% of their waste between July and September 2012. New figures show there has been a three percent rise in recycling rates compared to the same three months in 2011/12 and a one percent increase when compared to the previous three months (April - June 2012).

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.

Reports and publications

Read the Nest Annual Report 2011-12

Read the progress Nest made on reducing fuel poverty and making homes warmer in 2011-12.

Business cases for action on climate change

The Welsh Government has developed a bilingual business case for the third sector to help organisations to take action to reduce emissions and prepare for the unavoidable

impacts of climate change. This is a really useful guide taking organisations through the case and approach to mainstreaming climate change into the work and aims of the organisation.

[Business cases for action on climate change: Third Sector](#)

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Funding

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

[2013 National Lottery Awards open to applications](#)

The National Lottery operates the National Lottery Awards on an annual basis to celebrate the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. The awards acknowledge the difference that those projects, both large and small, have made to people, places and communities all across the UK. The Awards are open to authorised representatives of projects that have received Lottery funding at any time since 1994. The main beneficiaries of the project must be based in the UK.

Entries can be made in a number of Award categories including:

- Best Environment Project.
- Best Voluntary/Charity Project.

Winners will be determined by a public vote featuring on a special BBC1 television show in the autumn. The deadline for entries is 19 March 2013.

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 11 February 2013

[A failure to fund social care shames us all](#)

Without an injection of cash and care, argues Julia Unwin, we'll continue to house older people in hospitals.

[Who are the winners and losers under Dilnot's social care proposals?](#)

A cap on care costs of £75,000 and a higher means-tested threshold of £123,000 from 2017. What will this achieve?

[Whatever you think marriage is for; it's no cure for poverty](#)

Debates on gay marriage and the purpose of matrimony miss the point - there are better ways to tackle poverty.

[Static incomes + inflation = falling living standards](#)

Donald Hirsch illustrates the effect of inflation on our real cash incomes.

[Measuring child poverty: a consultation on better measures of child poverty](#)

JRF's response to the Department for Education on 'Measuring Child Poverty: a consultation on better measures of child poverty'.

[We need more evidence on child poverty, not a more confusing definition of it](#)

JRF is arguing against a proposed new measure of child poverty that could confuse its causes and effects, as Kate Bell explains.

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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 bulletins 595, 596 & 597 are available on the following [website](#).

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Consultations

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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WCVA training

Price bands

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Places still available - book now

Institute of Fundraising - Introductory Certificate in fundraising

[Thursday 21 March - Cardiff](#)

Training Skills

[Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 March and Wednesday 17 April - Rhyl](#)

Agored Cymru accredited course leading to six credits at level three

Engaging with seldom heard individuals and communities
[Thursday 21 March - Llandudno](#)

Introduction to time banking
[Thursday 28 March - Brecon](#)

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

Aims: To provide participants with practical information and knowledge so that they can create and implement a strategy for legacy fundraising within their organisation.

Legacies are a significant source of income for many third sector organisations, small and large, providing around £2 billion last year. However there is much potential for growth in legacy fundraising. Although 56 per cent of the public gave to charity in a typical month last year, only 7 per cent of those who die currently leave a legacy. This course explores how to maximise legacy fundraising opportunities.

Who is this course for?

This course is aimed at those who are new to legacy fundraising.

Fees: B £10 for voluntary community organisations operating in Wales

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

Aims: To provide participants with the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions about whether and how to work with other third sector organisations to deliver services.

Third sector organisations are increasingly being encouraged to work more collaboratively and form consortia. But working across organisational boundaries can bring difficulties and risks.

This training course aims to explore the opportunities offered by working with partners, and to help organisations understand some of the key principles and practical considerations, such as choosing an appropriate structure and developing written agreements.

Who is this course for?

This course is intended for staff and trustees of third sector organisations.

Fees: A £60 B £80 C £185

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

Aims: The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to the project management process and to examine how you can best ensure project success through each of the stages of the project.

This course will introduce you to the specific requirements of managing an EU funded project or contract, as distinct from projects funded through other sources, helping you to avoid common pitfalls. The course will help you to identify the critical success factors for EU funded projects; get to grips with the basics of apportionment and understand how to successfully evaluate and close down a project.

If you are new to EU projects, have come to the middle of a project and want to make sure you are following best practice or you need to learn about where you may have made mistakes in the past, then this could be the course for you.

Who is this course for?

Individuals who are involved in managing or delivering EU funded contracts or projects, or who need to have a general understanding of the principles of running an EU funded project in order to support those directly involved in managing an EU funded project.

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 below:

Fees: A £125 B £155 C £185

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

International Women's Day Conference

Friday 8 March 2013, Cardiff City Stadium

This event is organised by Cardiff Women's Aid. Domestic violence and abuse is a deeply rooted and complex social problem. We all have a role to play in addressing and ultimately reducing its prevalence and impact on those affected. Further details are available from events@cardiffwomensaid.org.uk or visit www.cardiff2020vision.org.uk.

Time 2 Sleep - sleep awareness workshop

14 March 2013, Sbectrum, Cardiff

15 March 2013, Sbectrum, Cardiff

Sleep Solutions have developed this workshop to raise awareness, skills and understanding around sleep difficulties specifically related to children and young people with additional support needs. The workshop runs in school hours and is open to both parents and practitioners to maximise the benefits from working and learning in partnership. The event is free to attend. For more information contact Maizie Elfin on 029 2081 5455 or email maizie.elfin@scope.org.uk.

Focusing on Fuel Debt

South Wales Fuel Poverty Forum

Friday 15 March 2013, Cwmaman Institute, Aberdare

North Wales Fuel Poverty Forum

Friday 22 March 2013, Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

NEA Cymru holds four fuel poverty forums throughout the year for those whose work covers an array of remits within the fuel poverty field. Delegates come from a variety of

sectors such as academia, local government, community groups, private and voluntary organisations. The forums provide an opportunity for sharing knowledge and good practice, enabling members to learn from each other. It also has the role of enabling all those involved with tackling fuel poverty in Wales to inform and influence policy development and implementation, at both a national and regional level. To book your place, please email Tracy Norris at tracy.norris@nea.org.uk or tel 0191 2692946.

NewLink Wales' training courses

Working with co-occurring domestic abuse and substance misuse - 28 March

This course is designed for practitioners who are working with individuals who are in an abusive relationship and have the added complexity of substance misuse.

Introduction to ITEP: International Treatment Effectiveness Programme - 3 April

This course is aimed at people with little or no experience of ITEP. International Treatment Effectiveness Programme is a mechanism by which quality of drug treatment can be developed and measured in order to improve delivery of treatment services.

Advanced substance misuse awareness - 2 & 3 May

This course is aimed at people who have completed NewLink Wales' substance misuse awareness course and it may also be suitable for people who have some knowledge of substance misuse already.

Introduction to trainer skills - 15 & 16 May

This course is a City & Guilds accredited course for those individuals who are new to teaching and group facilitation. The course aims to give learners an introduction into the skills and practices needed as a trainer.

Substance misuse awareness - 20 & 21 June

This course is aimed at people with little or no knowledge of substance misuse. It aims to bring a broad understanding about substance misuse and the impact that it has on individuals.

All courses will be held in Cardiff. Further details are available from training@newlinkwales.org.uk or tel 029 2052 9002.

Welsh Assembly and Government

11 April 2013, Cardiff

Devolution is radically reshaping governance dynamics in the UK. The enhanced legislative mandate and executive powers in Wales in a range of policy areas, including education, will present new opportunities as well as challenges for educational establishments in their engagement with policymakers and the broader policy process. You can [book online](#) or call 0845 647 7000. For the full agenda of the day, prices and more detail, please visit our [website](#).

Information and support: a service in its own right

Thursday 2 May 2013, The St Johns Hotel, Birmingham

This is a Patient Information Forum event. 2012 was an eventful year for many reasons; but for anyone involved in providing health information to the public, it was a year where information came of age. High quality consumer health information, and the benefits of providing it, has achieved a prominence and profile that would have been unheard of a decade ago. Further details are available from Nicole Naylor, PIF Administrator, tel 07813 143 384, email admin@pifonline.org.uk.

Becoming an outstanding leader

24-28 June 2013, University of Wales, Trinity St David, Lampeter

Academi Wales are delighted to announce the 8th annual Wales Public Service Summer School. [Wales Public Service Summer School](#) is an immersive residential learning programme where approximately 250 people from across the public and third sector in Wales come together each year. The over arching theme for Summer School this year is 'Becoming an Outstanding Leader'. For more information about the event, including speaker biographies and an application form, please visit the [AcademiWales website](#). For any other questions about the event, please contact the Summer School team at: summerschool@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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