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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

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.

[BBC Children in Need - main grants programme](#)

Funding is available to not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through: illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Grants of over £10,000 are available to support projects for up to three years. The 2013 deadlines for applications are 15 May 2013 and 15 September 2013.

The [small grants programme](#) provides grants up to £10,000 and are available for one year. The 2013 deadlines for applications are 1 April, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December. (Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 13/3/13)

Catalyst heritage: building fundraising capacity

The Catalyst small grants (£3,000 to £10,000) programme is open to organisations and partnerships who look after or engage people with heritage. Through this programme, HLF want to support organisations that look after or engage people with heritage to access funding from private sources, such as individual and corporate donors, trust and foundations, and to diversify their income sources. You will need to demonstrate a significant proportion of your organisations work aims to look after or engage people with heritage, and that you have a clear need to build your fundraising capacity. If you would like to make an application, you can express your interest online. There are two opportunities to apply for a Catalyst small grant, with closing dates of 19 April and 16 August 2013. Find further information through this link below:

http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Catalyst_Heritage_SmallGrants_SF4.aspx

Coastal Communities Fund

The Coastal Communities Fund is encouraging the economic development of coastal communities by providing funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. In Wales £1.45 million is available in 2013/14. Only applications that fully address the requirements below will be considered for stage two, grants are available from £50,000.

- Applications are only eligible from coastal communities with a population of below 100,000.
- Applications are only eligible for projects that contribute to the regeneration of a coastal community through:
 - tourism proposals that form part of, or link to, each region's destination management plans, such as Wales coastal path or maritime heritage projects; or
 - proposals that directly finance the start-up or expansion of community/local micro-businesses, such as maritime skills and training.

Please check your eligibility on our website at <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/coastal-communities>

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation launch new £5m food strand

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, one of the UK's largest independent charitable foundations, has launched its new [food strand](#). Esmée will offer total funding of £5m over a period of three years and is inviting applications from organisations focused on understanding and investigating the critical role that food plays in wellbeing and the interplay between food, sustainability and poverty. For further information about Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's food strand and details on how to apply for funding [can be found here](#).

Hilden Charity Fund: summer play scheme

The Hilden Charitable Fund is seeking applications to its annual small grants for summer play schemes in 2013. Play schemes need to benefit children from disadvantaged communities, with some priority given to refugee and ethnic minority families. Grants can be for up to £1500. Full application guidance is available at <http://hildencharitablefund.org.uk/summer%20playcheme%20guidelines.htm>. The closing date for applications is 17 May 2013.
(Source: fundinginformation.org, 19/3/13)

Numeracy Employer Engagement Grant

Third sector organisations are invited to apply for the Numeracy Employer Engagement grant. The grant will be allocated over a two year period from April 2013 - March 2015 for Numeracy Employer Engagement activity between secondary schools and employers. The activity will be focused on Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 learners for this bidding cycle. Completed applications will need to be submitted by 14 June 2013, with activity to commence in the new academic year September 2013. Further details are available from [here](#).

Tenovus Innovation Grants

The cancer support charity Tenovus is seeking applications to its 2013 Innovation Grants. Grants from £1,000 to £30,000 are available across Wales for new and innovative projects lasting up to 12 months that highlight or meet the needs of cancer patients and their families. Projects that might promote cancer prevention are also welcome. Guidelines about the Tenovus Innovation Grants 2013 are available via a link at www.tenovus.org.uk/research/apply-for-a-grant/2013-call-for-applicants.aspx. That page also links to an Expression of Interest form that represents the first stage in making an application. The closing date for applications is 5 June 2013.
(Source: fundinginformation.org, 19/3/13)

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.

[Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards](#)

The Tesco Charity Trust offers its Community Awards scheme four times a year to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working on local projects that benefit

communities close to Tesco stores in the UK. Groups can apply for one-off awards of between £500 and £4,000 which will support practical things such as equipment and resources. Applications to support children's welfare and children's education projects can be made between 1 May and 30 June 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 13/3/13)

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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.

Budget: All charities to receive £2,000 help with National Insurance

The Budget reports that from April 2014, every UK business and charity will be entitled to a £2,000 Employment Allowance towards their bill for National Insurance contributions. The move is estimated to save the charity sector around £45m a year collectively, according to HM Treasury predictions. The Budget report says that up to 1.25 million employers will benefit, with over 90 per cent of the benefit going to small businesses.

(Source: Civil Society e-news, Budget special 20/3/13)

Budget: Government to consult on one-off gift aid declaration for digital giving

The prospect of donors being able to make just one gift aid declaration that would apply to all their charitable giving online and on mobiles and tablets, moved a step closer after the government promised a consultation. The Budget report stated that: 'The government will consult on proposals to make it easier to claim gift aid through a wide range of digital giving channels, including options for enabling donors to complete a single gift aid declaration to cover all their donations through a specific channel.'

(Source: Civil Society e-news, Budget special 20/3/13)

Improving effectiveness through shared measurement

Shared measurement involves charities and social enterprises working on similar issues, and towards similar goals, reaching a common understanding of what to measure, and developing the tools to do so. The first working paper of the Inspiring Impact shared measurement programme, written by New Philanthropy Capital, calls on this to happen to improve practice and achieve more, and includes key factors leading to a successful shared measurement approach. Download [Blueprint for Shared Measurement](#) or news release at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/cbhckcj>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 559)

Mind Cymru survey of advocacy experiences in Wales

Mind Cymru is trying to capture information about mental health advocacy to see if the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010 is making a difference. They will be running this survey each March over the next three years, beginning now. They will be sharing their findings with Welsh Government. Anyone in Wales who is in hospital for a mental health problem can ask for an Independent Mental Health Advocate. Mind Cymru is running a survey to find out what service users think. This is important as it can be difficult for people to make choices and assert their rights at the point when they are most vulnerable. The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2F77BP6>. If you do not have access to a computer, you can request a paper copy of the survey by calling 029 2039 5123.

New financial reporting standard for charities published

FRS 102 replaces the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and contains new rules for public benefit entities. A new financial reporting standard applying to all charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland has been published. The [Financial Reporting Council](#) has issued the long-awaited FRS 102 which replaces the *UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice* as the overarching standard governing charity accounts and those of most other UK organisations.

(Source: Third Sector Online, 15/3/13)

Volunteering Wales website

If your club, community group, organisation, charity or event needs volunteers you can now register and advertise on the refreshed Volunteering Wales website. This will enable you to upload your volunteering opportunities directly to the website and to manage your opportunities to ensure that potential volunteers get the most up-to-date information about what is available to them.

If you would like to register on the new website please go to <http://www.volunteering-wales.net/organisations/> and complete the on-line registration form and you will receive your login details via e-mail. If you have previously registered on the (old) website, simply contact your local volunteer centre who will provide the necessary login details.

Once registered, you can advertise volunteering opportunities at any time. We welcome all kinds of volunteering opportunities based in Wales: long term, short term, one-offs, home based, online, etc. We accept volunteer opportunities from the voluntary, public and private sectors.

Once you've registered your volunteering opportunity on the Volunteering Wales website volunteer centres are then able to offer additional services promoting those opportunities through other avenues including our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, by direct email to volunteers and at various community outreach events.

You will find some helpful tips on advertising opportunities to make them attractive and interesting to potential volunteers. If you would also like support in inspiring, managing or retaining volunteers you can contact your local volunteer centre <http://www.volunteering-wales.net/contact-us/> or take a look at the volunteering information on the [WCVA website](#).

Welsh Language Tutors required

South Wales Police are looking for enthusiastic, highly skilled, flexible and committed Welsh Language Tutors to join their award winning team to support the development of South Wales Police officers and staff. If you are looking for casual employment on an ad hoc basis, and want to balance work with personal commitments or the freedom to take up other training opportunities, this could be for you. The posts are flexible so you choose when you are available to work. For more information please contact Michelle Roberts (michelle.roberts2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk).

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Green news

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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

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

[The poorest households face a 'triple injustice' from climate change policies](#)

People who emit the least carbon in the UK are likely to suffer the harshest impacts of policies designed to cut the country's carbon emissions. This is the main finding of CSE research for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, launched at their conference addressed by Lord Deben, Chair of the Climate Change Committee.

The major report, **Distribution of carbon emissions in the UK: implications for domestic energy policy**, reveals that low-income households face a 'triple injustice' in the wake of policies to cut carbon emissions and reduce fuel poverty.

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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.

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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 March 2013

[The distribution of household CO2 emissions in Great Britain](#)

An exploration of the likely impact of the UK Government energy and climate change policies on domestic energy consumers.

Research by Katy Hargreaves, Ian Preston, Vicki White and Joshua Thumim

[Distribution of carbon emissions in the UK: Implications for domestic energy policy](#)

How are carbon emissions distributed across households in Great Britain and what are the implications for energy and climate change policy?

Research by Ian Preston, Joshua Thumim et al

[Designing carbon taxation to protect low-income households](#)

Would it be possible to increase carbon taxes on household energy use and transport, while protecting low-income households from negative impacts?

Research by Simon Dresner et al

[International review of land supply and planning systems](#)

Can successful measures from other countries help unlock land supply and increase the supply of new housing in England?

Research by Sarah Monk et al

[Archbishop v Iain Duncan Smith benefit debate: can they both be right?](#)

Welfare Secretary Iain Duncan-Smith argues that there's 'nothing moral about trapping people in welfare dependency'. The Church of England says capping benefits will push more children into poverty. They're both missing the point.

Blog by Helen Barnard

[Ken Loach's The Spirit of '45 is an emotive call to action that risks falling on deaf ears](#)

A new film says we need the spirit of 1945 to respond to contemporary poverty, but who will listen.

Blog by Abigail Scott Paul

[#Climatefairness: the triple injustice facing low-income households](#)

In a new report, Simon Roberts outlines why poor households are facing a triple injustice when it comes to cutting carbon emissions.

Blog by Simon Roberts

[We must act now and equip ourselves for an ageing society](#)

Although we're likely to live longer, a new report finds we're 'woefully unprepared' for the changes this demographic change brings. Ilona Haslewood argues that we need a bolder, broader vision.

Blog by Ilona Haslewood

[#ItHappensHere: the shocking and harrowing reality of forced labour in the UK](#)

There could be no doubt forced labour happens on our shores, says Louise Woodruff. Action is needed to make it stop.

Policy

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.

Acas consultation on Settlement Agreements Code of Practice

Acas has been asked by the Government to prepare a statutory Code of Practice to accompany the new legislation being introduced on settlement agreements. The aim of the Code is to help employers and employees negotiate settlement agreements by providing a clear explanation of the law as it relates to the confidentiality provisions of such negotiations. [The Acas consultation on Draft Code of Practice on Settlement Agreements](#) is open until **9 April 2013** and responses can be e-mailed to the following address copsa@acas.org.uk.

Training

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WCVA training

Price bands

- A WCVA members
- B Voluntary and community organisations
- C Others

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

[11 April](#) - Rhyl

CIO - Is it right for you

(Charitable Incorporated Organisations)

[26 April - Rhyl](#)

[30 April - Cardiff](#)

[8 May - Swansea](#)

Confidence at public events

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

May training

Effective partnership working

[1 / 2 May & 11 June - Llandrindod Wells](#)

This course aims to enable learners to develop skills and knowledge around effective partnership working and promoting collaboration. You will learn how to work in partnership with organisations, groups and individuals and apply this knowledge through practical assessments. Please see our website for information about the assessment and accreditation of this course.

Introduction to e-participation and new social media

[2 May - Carmarthen](#)

[23 May - Deeside](#)

Participants will explore the use of social media as tools for citizen, community and service user engagement. This course will enable participants to explore and identify opportunities for using e-participation and social networking technology within their area of work.

Participants will evaluate methods of e-participation and social networking; identifying opportunities and limitations.

With a focus on current technologies and relevance within Wales, this participative course will draw on participant's experiences, case studies and examples where social media have been used in engagement and participation activities.

What funders want

[7 May - Cardiff](#)

[4 June - Rhyl](#)

In Wales, Big Lottery Fund gives out over £100,000 each day through a range of grant programmes, both small and large, that are open to the third sector. If you want to know what the fund looks for in an application, how to increase your chances of getting funding and how to increase the chances of succeeding with your project, then this master class is for you. Aimed at experienced bid writers you'll hear tips on what makes a successful project, tools that you can use in planning your project and key pieces of information that funders want to know.

Managing risk across your organisation

[8 May - Rhyl](#)

All organisations whatever their size face risks, but the best and most successful organisations are those who have robust systems in place to map and manage risks and to support effective decision making.

Many organisations believe they manage risk appropriately, but with ever increasing requirements from funders and regulatory requirements, having a clear method for analysing risks and managing your risk exposure is essential for a third sector organisation.

This session offers a practical approach to risk management and will explore how you can analyse and manage risk, using real examples to demonstrate the importance of risk management across your organisation. Participants will be taken through an interactive process of identifying risks for their organisation and learn about tools for categorising and managing them with confidence.

Designing and running effective surveys

[9 May - Cardiff](#)

Planning and managing a survey can sound simple. There are so many tools freely available to help, so why do surveys go so wrong? There is more to conducting an effective survey than creating a quick on-line questionnaire. This course aims to go through the process step by step to give participants the information they need to get it right.

Introduction to storytelling in organisations

[14 May - Conwy](#)

Many organisations are seeing the benefit of gathering 'real-life' stories from service users, staff and volunteers to help improve their service delivery. This session explores the range of methodology being used to collect and share stories and offers some practical exercises to get you thinking about how you might approach story gathering in your work.

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

Social enterprise and the digital world

Monday 22 April 2013, Blaenavon Workmen's Hall

Torfaen County Borough Council is pleased to invite you to the 'social enterprise and the digital world': the annual SENT event and a key part for Torfaen's first Digital Enterprise Festival. This special event is the largest held for the social enterprise sector within the borough. Places are limited for this event. Book your place for the event and for specific workshops now by visiting: <http://DigifestSENT.torfaen.gov.uk>.

Developing one page profiles

23 April 2013, Cardiff

19 June 2013, Bangor

The course will help participants work towards delivering personalised services by using one page profiles. During the course, participants will: develop the skills to use person centred thinking tools needed to develop a one page profile; learn how to act on the profile; gain an understanding of how using person centred thinking and one page profiles can help to develop personalised services. Further details are available from Jenny Brock, Training Administrator, Learning Disability Wales, tel 029 2068 1161, email Jennifer.brock@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk.

Learning for a better world

25 April 2013, Holiday Inn, Cardiff City

The role of adult learning and skills to enhance Europe's economy and society is central to the work of the European Union, its member states and other participants in the Lifelong

Learning Programme. The European Agenda for Adult Learning, adopted by Council Resolution in November 2011, stresses the need for adult educators to make a case for investment, better analyse learner participation and motivation, and develop robust strategies to engage adults who have benefited least from initial education systems.

NIACE as UK National Co-ordinator for the Agenda is running a number of innovation projects and peer learning activities in 2013 and 2014. This conference provides a platform for activity over the coming eighteen months. It will bring together adult learning practitioners, policy makers, learners and researchers from a variety of levels - transnational, UK wide, national, regional and local. Further details are available from www.niace.org.uk/campaigns-events/events/learning-for-a-better-world.

FCFCG outdoor food hygiene and cooking training

11 May, Riverside Community Garden, Cardiff

Many community gardens are now cooking on site for volunteers and as part of community events. This training day will cover food hygiene in an outdoor environment, different cooking methods such as fire pits and cob ovens and basic first aid information. For more information, [go to the FCFCG website](#).

NIACE Dysgu Cymru Family Storytelling Weekend

18 -19 May 2013

Participation in family learning has been shown to be a key factor in raising attainment levels of primary school children. In addition, it offers adults who lack self confidence, a chance to take part in a fun learning activity in an informal environment. Family Learning Day aims to encourage families to learn and have fun together. It can provide the ideal opportunity to engage with new families in your area and to raise awareness of the range of learning activities and courses available to them.

As part of Adult Learners Week 2013 Family Storytelling Weekend focuses attention on the many ways in which story and narrative can be used within family learning. We want to encourage story based activity all over Wales and have a **small grant scheme** that can support activity. For further details see our [website](#)

Women and Justice

Tuesday 21 May 2013, Caerleon Campus, University of Wales, Newport

This one day conference is the 9th annual event brought to you by the Newport Centre for Criminal and Community Justice. 'Women and Justice' will be of interest to a range of groups working in the areas of women's offending, interventions with women offenders both in prison and the community and young women in the youth justice system. The day will provide delegates with the opportunity to hear presentations and debates by leading academics and practitioners in this field and speakers from voluntary organisations.

[See further details and book your place now](#)

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