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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.

The Beatrice Laing Trust

The Trust focuses on the relief of poverty and the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith, both at home and abroad. The Trust makes grants to the following: Christian; charities providing practical services to people with physical, mental and learning difficulties and their families/carers; youth - grants to organisations providing opportunities for training and development to young people, in particular, those who are disadvantaged or 'at risk'; overseas - grants available to small-scale overseas development projects aiming to build the capacity of local partners to develop long-term sustainable solutions to local problems in countries in the developing world. Further details are available from www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk.

(Source: Fundraiser, Issue 25 Jan 13)

Galaxy Hot Chocolate launches charity fund

The Mars brand Galaxy Hot Chocolate has created a charitable fund to help small, local community groups and charities across the UK. For the next three months it will select organisations to receive a donation of £300. A total of 60 donations will be made. There will also be a monthly People's Choice award in which the public can vote for their favourite local charity or community project. Applications are now open.

www.hotgalaxywarmheart.com

(Source: UK Fundraising Weekly, 10/1/13)

Strategic Legal Fund for vulnerable young migrants

With new funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and the Trust for London, the Strategic Legal Fund will continue to be able to provide grants to enable NGOs and private law firms to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people who are significantly disadvantaged by their migration status. £400,000 is available overall, with the scheme being managed by MigrationWork CIC. The programme only covers England and Wales. The new and extended guidelines for the Strategic Legal Fund are available at <http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/SLF%20Guidelines.pdf>. MigrationWork is keen to help potential applicants avoid unnecessary work on preparing applications that are likely to fail. If having read the guidelines you have specific questions about your eligibility, you are encouraged to call the Project Manager, Frances Smith on 020 7091 0539. The application form is available at <http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/how-to-apply/>. The next closing dates are 11 March and 22 April 2013.

(Source: fundinginformation.org, 7/1/13)

Awards

Inspire! Adult Learning Awards

The 2013 Inspire! Adult Learning Awards are now open for nominations!

Nominations are invited via the online form at www.niacedc.org.uk/nominate-now

Award categories and nominations in Wales, along with guidance on who can apply and how, are available at <http://www.niacedc.org.uk/inspire-awards-categories-0>. The deadline for nominations is Friday 8 February.

Leading Wales Awards

The Leading Wales Awards recognise and celebrate personal achievement in outstanding leadership and management, which helps to drive the growth of the Welsh economy. Championing and influencing leadership development, the programme rewards individuals at all levels whose efforts have resulted in positive outcomes for their project, business or community. The deadline for nominations for the 2013 awards is 8 March 2013.

(Source: Grantfinder Weekly Update Bulletin, 16/1/13)

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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.

Jobs Growth Wales

Jobs Growth Wales (JGW) is a new Welsh Government programme that will create 4,000 jobs annually for out-of-work young people, and up to 1,000 of the jobs will be created through our third sector strand of the programme. By working with WCVA, the organisations could access support to cover the first six months of employment when recruiting 16-24 year olds.

This programme is designed to provide opportunities to 16-24 year olds that are finding it difficult to find work in the current economic climate. We think it's a win-win scenario. It creates opportunities for young people to get back into work while employers can benefit from a job-ready member of staff whose costs are covered for six months. The programme will cover salary costs at national minimum wage and national insurance contributions for the first six months of newly created jobs.

It especially suits organisations that have identified a need for new people but have had financial restrictions preventing them recruiting. The process in terms of accessing the funding is straightforward and employers will have control over recruitment and selection.

There are still opportunities in the following areas: Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey, Monmouthshire, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Torfaen and Wrexham.

For further information, a JGW application pack and guidance can be obtained by calling: 0800 2888 329 or e-mail: employ@wcva.org.uk

Due to Welsh Government timescales, the participants will need to be on board by 4 March at the very latest and therefore time is of the essence for applications to be received in order for them to be processed. However, Employer Support Officers are available in your area to meet your organisation to explain the programme further and assist with form filling etc.

Appointment of vice-chairs to Aneurin Bevan and Cardiff & Vale University Health Boards (HB) and independent members to Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

Local Health Boards (LHBs) are responsible for planning, designing, developing and securing the delivery of primary, community, in-hospital care services, and where appropriate specialised services for the citizens in their respective areas to meet identified local needs within the national policy and standards framework set out by the Minister.

The **Vice-Chair** will be a member of the HB Board and will deputise for the Chair in the latter's absence for any reason. The Vice-Chair will be appointed for up to four years and the posts are based on a notional time commitment of a minimum of 13 days per month, but this will be subject to organisational demands. The Vice-Chair will receive remuneration of £56,316 per annum.

Independent Members are expected to work with their Executive Directors to develop strategy, policy and ensure sound governance. In addition they are expected to bring an independent view to the Board to challenge as appropriate financial and service plans.

The vacant posts are for a **Third Sector member** (to be eligible for this appointment, you must be an employee or a member of a voluntary organisation that operates within the HB's area), an **Information Communications Technology member** and a **Community member**.

The Independent Members will be appointed for up to four years and the posts are based on a notional time commitment of a minimum of four days per month, but this will be subject to organisational demands. The Independent Members will receive a remuneration of £15,936 per annum for 4 days per month.

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.

For more information or to apply go to www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments or for queries contact HR Helpdesk at the Welsh Government by e-mail: hr-helpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk or telephone: 029 2082 5454.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is **8 February 2013**.

A large print, Braille or audio version of this advert can be obtained on request from 029 2082 5454.

Campaign Supporters' Network in Wales

RNIB has launched a campaign supporters' network for Wales. There's been a network going in England for some time but they know that with key issues such as health and education devolved to Wales, not all campaigns are relevant to all parts of the UK. You can sign up to receive thrice-yearly newsletters, keep up-to-date with all the RNIB campaigns that are relevant across the UK, but also hear about the work they are doing in Wales.

A clear vision: eye care for children and young people in Wales

A [report](#) produced by the Cardiff School of Optometry and Vision Sciences and RNIB Cymru, found in a survey of 39 schools followed by eye tests conducted in 5 of the 44 special schools in Wales, that over one third of pupils had never had a sight test. Over fifty per cent of all pupils tested needed spectacles but only thirty per cent had had them prescribed. In addition, twenty percent of pupils had a visual impairment that is likely to impact on their education but only six percent had visual problems recorded in their Statement of Special Educational Need.

Fully funded mentoring course - last chance to sign up!

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David are currently offering a fully funded mentoring module to support you to develop a mentoring process within your organisation for eligible companies. The project is part of the Work Based Learning Programme, funded by the EU Convergence European Social Fund, through the Welsh Government.

Staff who feel encouraged to learn and develop their skills are generally happier and more productive at work. Having trained mentors and mentoring models in your organisation can support individual employee learning and also help you tackle specific organisational challenges, such as: succession planning; career progression; developing managers of the future; induction process; staff retention.

The next induction days are the 31 January, 7 or 27 February 2013. If you would like further information or to register a place please don't hesitate to contact Lynsey Harries on 01267 676815 or email wbl@tsd.ac.uk.

Reducing licensing requirements for community venues

The government has announced that, following public consultation, it is to make changes to licensing requirements under the 2003 Licensing Act. Community venues will be exempt from licensing restrictions on a range of entertainment and cultural events. The measures to deregulate plays, dance and indoor sport will be put to Parliament in the next few weeks, with the intention of bringing the measures into effect in England and Wales by April 2013. The remaining legislative measures, including live and recorded music and entertainment activities at community venues, will be introduced to Parliament as soon as possible. The Culture Department (DCMS) will also consult on measures that examine community film screenings later this year.

Brief news release at

http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/9651.aspx, fuller details at http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/media_releases/9652.aspx

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 551)

Welsh Food Advisory Committee - appointment of members

Remuneration £5,319 pa and time commitment approximately 4 days per month

The independent Food Standards Agency, established in April 2000, helps ensure high standards of food safety and operates in one of the most sensitive, important and complex areas of public policy. The Welsh Food Advisory Committee provides advice or information to the Agency about food safety and other interests of consumers in relation to food.

We are seeking two new members to replace those whose term of appointment has come to an end. Applications are invited from individuals who can demonstrate a thorough and continuing knowledge and understanding of food issues - including food policy development - as they relate to Wales. Applications from individuals who can additionally demonstrate relevant experience in consumer representation would be particularly welcome.

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.

For further details and to apply go to <http://wales.gov.uk/publicappointments> or for queries contact the HR Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 or email hr-helpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **1 February 2013**.

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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.

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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

£1m EU boost for ground-breaking renewable energy project

Deputy Minister for European Programmes, Alun Davies, has announced a £1m EU boost for a project to further develop groundbreaking geo-energy technologies and pioneer research to help cut fuel costs and greenhouse emissions. Based at Cardiff University, the £10m SEREN project is already backed with over £4.5m from the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government.

An additional £5m to manage flood and coastal risk in Wales

Environment Minister, John Griffiths has welcomed an additional £5m of capital funding that will help to protect Welsh homes from flooding. The £5m, which was announced in Plenary earlier this week, follows one of the wettest years on record which saw homes and businesses in mid and north Wales being affected by a number of serious flood incidents. It takes investment in flood defence and coastal risk management over the life of this Assembly to over £155 million.

[Progress made on Wales' climate change strategy - but challenges remain](#)

Wales has made good progress towards reducing carbon emissions and preparing for climate change, despite a sharp emissions increase in 2010 due to particularly cold winter temperatures, says a [report](#) by the Committee on Climate Change (CCC). It also finds

Wales' flood defence budget better protected than England, although this is still unlikely to keep pace with the growing risk of flooding from climate change.

[UK Government figures reveal Wales is blazing a trail when it comes to solar energy](#)

The latest [statistics](#) from the UK Government's Department of Energy and Climate Change show that over 23,000 Welsh homes now have solar panels which generate electricity for their own use and feed surplus power back to the grid.

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

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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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 14 January 2013

[Preparing to grow old together](#)

How can housing co-operatives best support their older residents?
Research by Victor Forrest

[Assessing current and future housing and support options for older LGB people](#)

This study looks at how the choice of housing and support for older lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people is perceived.

Research by Sarah Carr and Paul Ross

[Senior cohousing communities - an alternative approach for the UK?](#)

This paper outlines the benefits of cohousing for older people. It draws on successful cohousing examples from Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands, and outlines the growing movement in the USA.

Research by Maria Brenton

[Widening choices for older people with high support needs](#)

This study identifies the benefits and potential of options based on mutuality (people supporting each other) and/or reciprocity (people contributing to individual and group well-being).

Research by Helen Bowers et al

[No jobs or housing for young people: the reality of Growing Up Poor](#)

BBC Three's Growing Up Poor highlighted two of the biggest problems facing young people from low-income backgrounds today - the shortages of jobs and housing.

Blog by Helen Barnard

[All in it together - widening the choices for our old age](#)

It is not being older that is a problem, but being older in our current society; and we can work together now collectively to start to change this. So says Vic Forrest, author of a new report published by JRF.

Blog by Philly Hare

[Pension reform means we must claim all benefits for a minimum income retirement](#)

The new simplified state pension provides a safety net so that most pensioners should achieve an acceptable standard of living - as long as they claim all the benefits they're entitled to.

Blog by Katie Schmuecker

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Consultations

[Implementing the Mobile Homes Act 1983 on local authority Gypsy and Traveller sites](#)

This consultation seeks views on Welsh Government proposals to improve security of tenure for people resident on Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wales. The commencement of section 318 Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 will bring local authority Gypsy and Traveller sites within the definition of 'protected sites' under the Mobile Homes Act, which will improve security of tenure for Gypsies and Travellers. The deadline date for responses is 29 March 2013.

[Wales and the EU: Partnership for Jobs and Growth - European Structural Funds 2014-2020](#)

This consultation invites comments on the Welsh Government's strategy and priorities for future European Structural Funds Programmes (2014-2020). It has been developed following extensive engagement with partners and stakeholders in Wales. The consultation document contains a proposed programme strategy, investment priorities, cross-cutting

themes, explores some of the key implementation and delivery issues and includes the evidence base.

These proposals for the new Structural Fund programmes have been developed with a clear focus on growth and jobs, which is very much in line with Welsh Government policy, and the Europe 2020 goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A parallel consultation is being undertaken into the proposed Rural Development Plan for Wales. The deadline date for responses is **24 April 2013**.

Welsh Government plans for control of dogs - share your views

The Welsh Government is currently [consulting](#) on plans for new legislation on the control of dogs. Amongst other things, it would amend the Dangerous Dogs Act to make it an offence for a dog to attack another animal. This is being proposed specifically to deal with cases where a guide dog (or assistance dog) is attacked. The Welsh Government is very keen to hear what blind and partially sighted people think about their proposals. You can download a copy of the consultation document from the Welsh Government website or ring them on 02920 826316 to request a copy. All the details on how to respond are included in the document.

If you would like to share your views with RNIB, so they can include them in their response, please email Alexandra McMillan on Alexandra.mcmillan@rnib.org.uk or call 029 2044 9583.

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Places still available - book now

Employment Tribunal

Thursday 21 February 2013 - WCVA Rhyl

Project management basics for EU funded projects

Tuesday 26 February 2013 - YMCA Newport

Introduction to payroll giving

28 February 2013 - Rhyl

7 March 2013 - Cardiff

15 March 2013 - Aberystwyth

Aims: To provide an introduction to how payroll giving works and provide everything that you need to get started with promoting payroll giving to your supporters.

Payroll giving has become increasingly popular in recent years, but there is still great potential for further growth. In 2009/10 £106 million was given to charity by payroll givers. Once donors engage with payroll giving they tend to remain committed so payroll giving can provide an important source of unrestricted, sustainable income. This session will provide an introduction to promoting and implementing payroll giving. It will include case studies from organisations that have had success with payroll giving.

Who is this course for?

This course is for those new to payroll giving but may also be useful for those with some experience of payroll giving who want to ensure that they are making the most of promotional opportunities.

Fees: £25 for voluntary and community organisations operating in Wales

Participation Cymru

Writing effective surveys

28 February 2013 - Carmarthen

Learning aim: To equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed to write, carry out and analyse effective surveys.

This course covers identifying when it is appropriate to use a survey, writing effective questions, carrying out surveys and analysing the findings.

Target Audience:

This course is for those who use surveys as a tool in engaging with people and who want to improve the ways in which they do this.

Fees: A £125 B £155 C £185

Performance management

6 March 2013 - Cardiff

Aims: This course will help you to improve the work performance and job satisfaction of people you line-manage through the use of ethical performance management practice.

Effective Performance Management is critical to personal and organisational success, to growth and development and to job satisfaction. This course will support managers to develop and practice the skills necessary to deliver a focused, collaborative and empowering performance review which will reflect your organisational goals and culture.

The learning will place the performance review process into the business planning cycle and consider how managers can ensure that performance management remains relevant to the day to day learning and success of individuals, teams and their organisation.

Who is this course for?

Supervisors, managers, leaders and trustees who are seeking to develop, empower and enable those they manage to fulfil their potential and to deliver excellence in their job for themselves, the organisation and for service users.

Fees: A £125 B £155 C £185

European 3-Set

Getting publicity for your EU funded projects

7 March 2013 - Aberystwyth

Aims: This course aims to improve your knowledge and understanding of publicity tools and techniques. It will help you to plan and deliver an effective publicity campaign for your EU funded project.

The job of a project manager means you have to juggle a range of tasks, including that of raising the profile of your project, including publicity. This course will help you to plan a publicity campaign for your project, target key stakeholders and communicate the impact your project has in an engaging and creative way, whilst adhering to the rules and regulations that govern publicising European Funding.

We will examine how to identify stories within your project and sustain publicity for your activities through the use of a range of marketing tools, focusing on real life case studies from successful projects.

Who is this course for?

This course assumes no knowledge or experience of marketing and is aimed at workers with responsibility for generating publicity within the context of ESF and ERDF funded projects.

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

Ethnic Youth Support Team (EYST) training

Cultural conflict and young people - 1 February

Come and learn about issues faced by Black and Minority Ethnic youth; the causes of disaffection; consider different ways to mentor BME youth in culturally appropriate ways. Also learn about the importance of considering cultural factors when working with minority ethnic young people and its impact on accessing services.

Cultural fusion and communities - 22 March

New innovative training programme about strengthening diversity and inclusiveness in our local and global communities. Immersing diverse cultures, values and traditions.

Further details are available from Shehla Khan, EYST Manager, tel 01792 466980, email manager@eyst.org.uk.

The Equality Act 2010

1 February 2013, Cardiff

The Equality Act 2010 brings together all the legal requirements on equality that applies to the private, public and voluntary sectors. It includes equality law at work and in delivering a whole range of services. It replaces all the existing equality law and removes inconsistencies, making equality legislation simpler to understand and comply with. It also strengthens the law, making it easier to tackle disadvantage and inequality. To book on line please visit www.diversesecymrutraining.org.uk or contact Mohamed Hussein on 029 2036 888, email Mohamed@diversesecymru.org.uk.

NewLink Wales training

Exploring counselling skills - 11 & 12 February

This course would be suitable for anyone with none or very little knowledge about counselling skills. The course has been written to meet the needs of practitioners who work with vulnerable people, people who are distressed or need to bring about change in their life.

Substance misuse awareness - 7 & 8 March

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

Introduction to trainer skills - 18 & 19 March

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.

All courses are run in Cardiff. Further details are available from training@newlinkwales.org.uk or 029 2052 9002.

Mental Health First Aid (Wales)

13-14 February 2013, Blackwood

25-26 February 2013, Newport

This 12 hour course is part of the national training programme for Wales and its partners include the Welsh Government, Health Challenge Wales and Mind Cymru. Comparisons can be drawn between MHFA and emergency first aid. In both cases members of the public can offer immediate aid and support the person to get appropriate help. MHFA improves mental health literacy and helps people to recognise the signs and symptoms of someone with mental health problems; to respond to various mental health crises, engage with, support and signpost people to appropriate professional help. To book on line please visit www.diversesecymrutraining.org.uk or contact Mohamed Hussein on 029 2036 888, email Mohamed@diversesecymru.org.uk.

Fight Back! Campaign - together we make a difference

Thursday 21 February 2013, Feathers Royal Hotel, Aberaeron

Ceredigion Citizens Advice Bureau and Mind Aberystwyth have teamed up to invite you to attend a World Café event. A World Café style event is designed to capture your ideas and thoughts in a relaxed, informal chatty and supported space. Come and discuss your ideas for shaping the future of mental health services in Ceredigion. This is a free event - refreshments and lunch provided. Further details are available from Stephanie Webber on Stephanie.webber@cabceredigion.org or 01970 612817.

Gypsy and Traveller Awareness

25 February 2013, Newport

In partnership with the Romani Cultural and Arts Company

Racism is widely recognised as anti-social, at least in most cases. However, there is plenty of evidence, in the everyday lives of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people and in academic text, that racism against these people is still perceived as socially acceptable. Go to most museums, libraries and schools and nothing about their history and culture is kept or taught. The result is a widespread ignorance about who they are, which sometimes turns to hatred, fear and misunderstanding. In schools, children learn more about the Romans, Vikings or even fairies than they do about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller cultures and what they have contributed to this world. As a result they are misunderstood, feared and loathed. To book on line please visit www.diversecymrutraining.org.uk or for enquiries contact Mohamed Hussein on 029 2036 888, email Mohamed@diversecymru.org.uk.

Train the trainer: breast health promotion

6 & 7 March 2013, Cardiff

The course is delivered by Breast Cancer Care and accredited by the OCN. This course provides you with the knowledge, skills and resources to deliver this crucial health message in the community. Interactive sessions will help you gain the skills to: understand and describe how to be breast aware; help people overcome barriers to accessing health services; explain the NHS breast screening programme and the process; discuss breast awareness on a one-to-one basis with individuals; deliver breast awareness workshops. Further details are available from bhp@breastcancercare.org.uk or tel 0845 077 1894.

Women affected by drug and alcohol issues conference

20 March 2013, Cardiff City Football Club

The day conference will include keynote speakers and workshops and will cover areas and issues synonymous with women affected by drug and alcohol use, including: breaking the cycle, families, the impact of the criminal justice system on women, domestic violence and recovery capital. The conference is being opened by Alun Michael, Police Crime Commissioner for South Wales. The evening session - The Big Debate will run from 6.00pm-7.30pm. The session will be a chance for our leading politicians and business leaders to debate the direction that society needs to go in to support women affected by substance misuse. Further details are available from thevoicegwent@gmail.com or tel 01633 246196.

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