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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.

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 email alerts of relevant tenders and contracts, register with Sell2Wales - www.sell2wales.co.uk.

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Wrexham County Borough Council

For the attention of: Angharad Owen, 1st Floor, Crown Buildings, 31 Chester Street, Wrexham LL13 8BG. Tel 01978 298665, email Angharad.owen@wrexham.gov.uk.

Object of the contract

Provision of advocacy services - 'single issue' advocacy and self advocacy and participation

(WCBC) Adult Social Care Department (ASC) is inviting applications from organisations for the provision of advocacy services to adults who are eligible for social care services commissioned by Wrexham County Borough Council:

- People with learning disabilities
- People with physical disabilities
- People with acquired brain injury
- People with sensory impairment
- People over the age of 65

NB. People requiring a Mental Health advocate will be signposted to appropriate services commissioned by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

The service should be provided in a way that is founded on and appropriate to the service specification that is available in the Tender documentation.

The service will operate from a base within Wrexham County Borough, with staff being able to travel within the borough as appropriate. This service will involve working with partner organisations as appropriate to ensure information, advice and support activities are available and effective.

This contract will be awarded by WCBC for a minimum of three years with potential extension, subject to review and satisfactory performance, for a further two years (maximum five year contract) The successful provider will provide a flexible service, working in partnership and co-operatively with the Council in accordance with the contract specification and recommendations made from regular purchaser/provider service reviews.

The annual contract value is £72,788 and it is envisioned that the whole amount will be used to provide this service. Payment of the contract will be made on an 80:20 basis; 80% of the contract value will be paid quarterly and in advance. The remaining 20% will only be paid if the Council is satisfied that the successful provider is achieving the outcomes of the specification.

Instructions to suppliers

For the purpose of this tender WCBC is looking to embrace the use of E-tendering technology. Organisations will be required to complete and submit their Tender submissions via the following link:

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

(Project_ 25755 - Advocacy Services Wrexham; itt_39242 - Advocacy Services Wrexham 2013)

Reference number: ASC Advocacy 2013

Deadline date: 19 June 2013

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: WG SF - CyMAL

For the attention of: Alyson Tyler, Welsh Government, Rhodfa Padarn, Aberystwyth SY23 3SG. Tel 0300 062 2102, email Alyson.tyler@wales.gsi.gov.uk, www.wales.gov.uk/cymal.

Title of request for quote

Development of a new quality framework for Welsh public libraries

ITQ to develop a new quality framework for public libraries in Wales. The framework will enable the Minister for Culture and Sport to discharge his responsibilities under the 1964 Public Libraries and Museums Act as well as support the development of public library services in Wales.

Reference number: WPLS-F5-01

Deadline date: 10 June 2013

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[Travel and subsistence rates](#) (33 Kb)

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Changes to Children in Need

BBC Children in Need has unveiled a new strategy for its small and main grants programme. Under the new strategy, at least 100 more small grants will be made this year. The programme will have five grant rounds a year, instead of the previous four, and the response time is being reduced from 14 weeks to between eight and ten. Further details are available from www.bbc.co.uk.

(Source: Fundraiser, May 13)

Heritage Lottery Fund - Call for Catalyst applications

There is only one more opportunity to apply for the Catalyst heritage: Building Fundraising Capacity grant programme for grants between £3,000 and £10,000. The final deadline for this programme will be 16 August 2013. This grants initiative is open to heritage organisations, or partnerships of heritage organisations across the UK, and is intended to build fundraising capacity and encourage more private giving to heritage. Visit the [website](#) for further information about the programme and for information on the range of [outcomes](#) we want to achieve with our funding.

[HLF - First World War: Then and Now](#)

Support is available for community projects which explore, conserve and share the heritage of the First World War. Examples of the heritage that projects might explore are as follows: local places with First World War associations of any kind; objects, photographs, documents, books and newspapers which tell stories of individuals and communities involved in or affected by the war; training trenches or airfields; buildings and structures used in the war or affected by the war, plus many more. Projects should enable communities to understand more about the heritage of the First World War and benefit a wide range of people. Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations in the UK. Applications may be submitted at any time until 2018.

(Source: Grantfinder Newsflash, 17/5/13)

Bursary

Leadership Bursary Programme 2013-14

The Leadership Bursary Programme provides an opportunity for you to take an unforgettable leadership learning journey. As part of Academi Wales, we are delighted to be able to offer Welsh public and voluntary sector leaders an extended range of executive learning opportunities for the forthcoming year.

Designed to meet the needs of Chief Executives and senior managers, each programme has been chosen on the strength of its international reputation and relevance to the learning challenges facing leaders in Wales.

For the first time the Leadership Bursary Programme is offering a full 100% bursary for successful candidates to attend an executive learning programme delivered by an internationally renowned institution.

The academic institutions selected for 2013-14 include Ashridge Business School, Centre for Creative Leadership - Brussels, Cranfield University School of Management, Harvard John F Kennedy School of Government, Hemsley Fraser and Saïd Business School.

The deadline for applications: Friday 19 July 2013

Development Panel Interviews: to be held w/c Monday 5 August 2013

Please go to the [Academi Wales](http://AcademiWales.gov.uk) website or email TalentManagement@wales.gsi.gov.uk for further information.

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General

New bespoke newsletter format for WCVA

Earlier this year we launched the new and improved WCVA website - www.wcva.org.uk. We hope you've found time to enjoy the site and explore its new features, such as the ability to book your place at our events online and a dedicated area relating to trustees and governance matters.

You can now sign up for your own bespoke e-newsletter, so that you choose the subjects that you want to receive information about.

If you're keen to get the latest news on trustees and governance issues, or policy and politics, you can tailor your newsletter to focus exclusively on those topics. On the other hand, if you're interested in volunteering and funding opportunities, or training courses, you can get information on that too.

Simply go to the members' login page on our site and login to change your preferences under the 'newsletter preferences' section. If you do not yet know your password for the new site please use the 'reset password' option using the e-mail address associated with your WCVA membership, and a new password will be sent to you. This temporary password can be changed to something more friendly using the 'change password' option.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up today to make sure you receive your own bespoke e-newsletter.

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.

Allowing employees to report charity fraud anonymously

The charity Crimestoppers has launched a Charity Fraud Line service to take information anonymously from those who have knowledge or well-grounded suspicion that a member

of a charity, be it management, staff or volunteers, may be acting dishonestly and committing fraud. See the Crimestoppers news release at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/bsbp2xz> or the Charity Fraud Line website <http://www.charityfraudline.co.uk> or reporting phone number 08000 232 101.
(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 567)

Changes to charity annual return and public register

The Charity Commission (England and Wales) is inviting comments on proposed changes to the Annual Return and the content of the Register of Charities for 2014 onwards.

Commission news release

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_annual_return_consultation.aspx, or direct to consultation web pages at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/ggkwl67>. Responses wanted by 17 July.

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 568)

Mix it Mean

Mix it Mean is a peer advocacy project delivered by young, disabled and BME volunteers from ages 16-24 providing advocacy, through community languages, to overcome barriers to access advocacy and support for BME people. The project is designed and delivered by the young volunteers, so they will be fully involved in running the project with support from the project volunteering coordinator. It will run for approximately six weeks over the summer break so it will not interfere with on-going studies. If you require more information or have any questions then please contact cathy.rogers@diverseccymru.org.uk or by phoning: 029 2036 8888.

Wales Vision Strategy Conference - improving access to social services and transport for blind and partially sighted people

On 22 May, the Wales Vision Strategy Implementation group held a conference in Cardiff to look at improving access to social services and transport for blind and partially sighted people. 80 delegates from across Wales attended the event, including policy makers and service providers from the private, public and voluntary sectors.

There are currently nearly 100,000 people in Wales living with sight loss and the number of people with sight loss is expected to double by 2050. Sight loss costs an estimated £370 million a year in Wales, yet half of all sight loss is avoidable.

The Group is now looking ahead to the next phase of the plan (2014-2018), and organised the conference to look at two of the areas blind and partially sighted people say matter most to them - access to social services (and rehabilitation in particular) and access to transport - to identify how attendees could better work together during the life of the next plan to achieve real improvements for people with sight loss.

A full conference report will be available shortly. For further information, please contact Alexandra McMillan (Acting Head of External Affairs, RNIB Cymru): alexandra.mcmillan@rnib.org.uk; 02920 449583.

Website shows changes in voluntary sector workforce

The new website for the UK Voluntary Sector Workforce Almanac 2013, at <http://www.3rdsectorworkforce.org.uk>, designed to be easy-to-use and accessible, draws upon a decade of authoritative data to explore how the sector's workforce has changed. It has been produced by a partnership of Skills - Third Sector, NCVO and the Third Sector Research Centre. The news release gives some key findings, <http://preview.tinyurl.com/cz53y9f>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 567)

Wishgenie offers free crowdfunding platform to local groups and charities

Wishgenie is a new crowdfunding web platform that enables group and social giving 'to make dreams come true'. It offers a range of fundraising, volunteering and buying tools with the aim of bringing much of people's giving together in one place. The site can be used to: raise funds for schools, charities or non-profit organisations such as churches or voluntary groups; seek sponsorship for a charity run or event; recruit volunteers; club together to buy a friend's birthday or wedding present; give to a cause as part of your weekly grocery shop. Further details are available from www.wishgenie.com/

(Source: UK Fundraising Weekly, 23/5/13)

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Events

Scale of Climate Week 2013

Climate Week in March 2013 involved a massive 3,500 events attended by half a million people across the UK. Social media activity was also huge - Climate Week was the top trend on Twitter. Over 1,300 organisations promoted Climate Week in advance and 2,800 ran events during the week.

Dates of Climate Week 2014

We are pleased to announce the dates for Climate Week next year will be **3-9 March 2014**. Please mark this week in diaries and calendars.

94% of those who ran events for Climate Week this year say they intend to do so again next year.

About Climate Week

The aim of Climate Week is to promote ways in which people can live and work more sustainably, so helping to combat climate change. A [five-minute film](#) about Climate Week can be viewed online.

News and Policy

Link to WCVA [Climate Change Information](#)

Read the latest blog from [Environment Wales](#)

Read the latest blog from the [Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens](#)

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

Regen SW has recently been commissioned by the Welsh Government to carry out a survey of renewable energy installations in Wales

The survey data will enable them to compile a comprehensive list of projects that can be broken down by technology or local authority area. By carrying out the survey, the Welsh Government intend to gain a better understanding of renewable energy projects in Wales, in a format that can be used to inform policy decisions.

Regen SW is a not-for-profit company, with both its [membership](#) and [board](#) of directors comprising representatives from the private, voluntary and public sector. Please download the [survey form and instructions](#). Please don't hesitate to contact Tim Loe on 01392 494 399 or by email at tloe@regensw.co.uk, should you have any questions.

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.

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

[Environment Wales has received an extra £100,000 for the Supporting Sustainable Living \(SSL\) grant scheme to help organisations deliver more climate-friendly living projects across Wales.](#)

The SSL fund has been increased to almost £400,000 for projects that can run until 30 June 2014. Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects that will help bring about long-term changes in behaviour and lifestyle that will reduce Wales' greenhouse gas emissions and help businesses, organisations, and communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

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 20 May 2013

[Care Homes: Risks and Relationships](#)

Programme area update: The issues affecting care homes never seem to change. Why not? John Kennedy launches a year-long inquiry into how to make care work.

[Older people with high support needs in housing with care](#)

Housing with care (HWC) offers a promising model for improving the quality of life of older people with high support needs, but also poses challenges.

Research by Sue Garwood

[The Spirit of '45: it's essential we learn from the past](#)

Ken Loach's film highlights the risks of not learning lessons from the past. Speaking at the Festival of Ideas, Julia Unwin discusses what Beveridge would say now.

[#BeveridgeRebooted: why we need a new deal for the mistrusted welfare system](#)

A New Statesman essay suggests welfare reform could damage the UK's economic prospects. We need a new welfare system that fits the modern needs of both the economy and society, says Julia Unwin.

[Help me find out how to address the UK care crisis](#)

Ever since I first worked as a care assistant in the mid-1980s, care homes have been in some kind of crisis or turmoil. John Kennedy blogs on his year-long enquiry into how to make care work.

[Worklessness is driven by decayed job markets, not the people out of work](#)

The main driver of worklessness in 'welfare ghettos' is decayed job markets, not the attitudes of the people, says Chris Goulden, in response to a press release.

[Austerity measures threatening community resilience in Wales](#)

It will take a co-ordinated response from Government departments and local authorities to tackle poverty in Wales, says Michael Trickey.

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Local Government Advisory Bulletin

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

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WCVA Consultation bulletin

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Discrimination in the workplace

New

[19 June 2013](#) - Cardiff (morning session)

[9 October 2013](#) - Carmarthen (morning session)

This course is run by experts from Hugh James and is aimed at giving managers of third sector organisations the confidence and skill to recognise the full impact of the worst cases of bullying and harassment and to be able to tackle these uncomfortable issues head-on.

The course identifies and raises awareness of how mismanaging incidents of bullying and harassment can create impossible working environments, cause resentment, and can potentially result in costly Employment Tribunal claims.

By attending the course, learners will be able to recognise the early informal strategies that should be implemented to spot and stop inappropriate behaviour. They will also be able to identify the principles of the formal procedures that should be implemented to support the most serious complaints.

This interactive course covers the scope of discrimination legislation in the workplace through group discussion and use of DVD case studies.

Managing organisational change

New

[3 July 2013](#) - WCVA, Cardiff (morning session)

[22 October 2013](#) - Carmarthen (morning session)

Managing organisational change has become an all too familiar activity throughout the economic downturn, particularly for third sector organisations.

Many of us are having to review our business strategies, workforce and overheads with a view to cutting costs and surviving the recession, whilst new funding opportunities often means we are expanding our organisations.

Third sector managers must be able to introduce and manage change in an efficient and timely way to meet business objectives, as well as complying with legal obligations and effectively managing employment relations within the workforce and any recognised trade unions.

With these objectives in mind, this course examines:

- the importance of communication and timing throughout the re-organisation process
- the employer's legal obligations and practical considerations when going through re-organisation, undertaking a redundancy exercise and amending terms and conditions of employment.

Other training by Hugh James

Employment Tribunal process - [November 2013](#) & [Jan 2014](#)
 Dealing with disciplinaries and grievances - [December 2013](#) & [March 2014](#)

Influencing Welsh Legislation

New

Wednesday 10 July 2013 - Cardiff

The aim of this one day training course is to assist staff in the third sector to work with local politicians in order to influence policy decisions and legislation.

Assembly Members and Members of Parliament are subject to considerable lobbying but they are generally keen to support causes they believe in, so how can we get them to support the campaigns we believe in? How can we develop the confidence to engage with the political process?

Whether you want to influence Government decisions, Assembly legislation or the manifestos of the main political parties, this course will help you to navigate the political process and make it work for your organisation.

This course will help develop the skills to get your organisation's objectives higher up their list of priorities.

The course will cover:

- an overview of the lobbying and the political process
- how to influence the political process from policy to Act
- scoping your issue to influence Ministers and
- working with local politicians

By attending this course you will be able to:

- improve your confidence to be able to engage with the political process
- scope policy objectives and indentifying key decision makers
- develop your confidence to engage with local politicians

The course is designed for staff working in any third sector organisation in Wales, board members of voluntary organisations and charities and anyone who wants to have a better understanding of how the sector can be more engaged in the political process.

Fee: **A** £125 **B** £155 **C** £185

*** Places still available - book now ***

Turning your ideas into income

New

[25 June - Aberystwyth](#)

[2 July - Merthyr Tydfil](#)

Learning will focus around case studies and practical examples showing the underlying principles that will allow your organisation to embrace risk and innovation without drifting

from your social and community objectives. Information will be shared on types of income and the importance of diversification of income to achieving organisational sustainability

Project management basics for EU funded projects

[2 July - Cardiff](#)

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.

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.

Writing effective questions

[2 July - Newport](#)

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

Managing organisational change

New

[3 July - Cardiff](#)

This course will give third sector managers the skills and knowledge to manage effective organisational change.

Audio editing

[4 July - Bridgend](#)

Participants will learn the basic storytelling and technical skills needed to produce an interview generated audio story. The course will be hands on and practical and will give advice and training in the most effective interview techniques as well as in the editing and recording skills necessary.

Advanced social media for e-participation

[5 July - Wrexham](#)

If you're already using social media to engage with communities and service users but would like to know how to improve your content and reach, get some top tips and new ideas, this session is for you!

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Effective facilitation skills

Agored Cymru

[10/ 11 July and 11 September - Llandudno](#)

To enable participants to understand the role of a facilitator, to enhance their existing skills and to learn and practice a range of facilitation skills and techniques.

Gift aid registration surgery

[18 July - Cardiff](#)

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.

For further information please visit www.wcva.org.uk. To book go on line [WCVA's website](#) or download an [application form](#) and e-mail to training@wcva.org.uk or telephone the WCVA helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

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Other training

Partnership and the new Community Justice Landscape

12 June 2013, Aberystwyth

26 June 2013, Newport

This is a Community Justice Cymru event run in partnership with Clinks, that will examine the changes new criminal justice policy brings, at a time that also brings social policy changes and a challenging economic environment, and in the context of the complex mix of devolved and non-devolved services that's unique to Wales. It includes cross-sector comment on how the new landscape impacts on commissioners, providers, offenders (including young offenders transitioning to adult services) and their families, victims and the wider community. To book your place email [Simon Dowling](mailto:Simon.Dowling@wcva.org.uk), more details [here](#).

Housing & support for veterans in Wales

20 June 2013, Orbit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

Cymorth Cymru is holding a half-day event exploring how ex-service personnel in Wales can be better served by housing related support services. Speakers and confirmed sessions include: Opening address from Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Housing & Regeneration; Community covenants - Graeme Robson, SO2 Military Civil Integration (MCI); Developing supported housing for ex-service personnel in Merthyr Tydfil - Mike Owen, Merthyr Valley Homes & Paul Thomas, Service Leavers Wales; a specialist supported housing model for veterans and how to replicate it in Wales - Geoffrey Willis, Alabare Christian Care and Support. More sessions will be added soon. Further details are available from Lisa Noice, tel 029 2055 3687 or email lisanoice@cymorthcymru.org.uk.

Shelter Cymru's People and Homes Conference

27 June 2013, Marriott Hotel, Swansea

Confirmed speakers include: Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Housing & Regeneration, John Bird MBE, Founder of The Big Issue, Broadcaster Peter Johnson - Chair. Further details are available from marklacey@sheltercymru.org.uk, tel 01792 483075.

Universal Credit & Welfare Reform Act

18 July 2013, Cardiff

Universal Credit, the government's new payment to replace all means-tested benefits, has been officially launched. Although still in its pilot stage, the new benefit will be rolled out nationwide later this year. The course covers: the new universal credit; the increased focus being placed on work focussed conditionality and the sanctions regime, including the introduction of the new 'claimant commitment'; plans to replace DLA with a new 'personal independence payment'; housing benefits reforms; real time payment system; capping of total benefit awards to the level of average earnings; the replacement of the discretionary social fund, with 'local assistance'; housing cost contribution. Course details are available from <http://trainonthetracks.com/cardiff-courses/open-courses/welfare-benefits->

[training/universal-credit-and-the-welfare-reform-bill](#) or book via bookings@trainontheracks.com.

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