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

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Remploy Ltd

For the attention of: Mrs Charlotte Harvey, Brackla House, Brackla Street, Bridgend CF31 1BZ. Tel 0300 456 8068, email charlotte.harvey@remploy.co.uk.

Title of request for quote

Translation Services

Please contact Charlotte Harvey - charlotte.harvey@remploy.co.uk for full requirement and tender documentation.

Closing date: 19 April 2013

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Procurement Unit

For the attention of: Charlotte Burgess, Procurement Unit, Bronwydd House, Bronwydd Avenue, Porth, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF39 9DL. Tel 01443 680681, email charlotte.burgess@rctcbc.gov.uk, www.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk.

Object of the contract

Final evaluation of the effectiveness of the Building the Future Together ESF Project for Young People 11-19 in Rhondda Cynon Taff

Rhondda Cynon Taf is the third most deprived authority in Wales and both local and national research highlights the need for interventions to tackle disengagement and increase attainment levels of young people. Two of the Council's corporate policies are to ensure we:

'Work together to improve levels of attainment in education overall and reduce inequalities' and 'work together to develop a co-ordinated way that makes sure people receive effective and targeted support to get work and remain in work'. (Single Integrated Plan)

Building the Future Together Project was launched in July 2009 and is a £15 million project part funded by the European Social Fund (Priority One). The project provides a participant centred approach to tackling the major issues of disengagement of 11-19 year olds in Rhondda Cynon Taf. It seeks to address the barriers to learning that are currently ingrained and systemic by providing a range of integrated services to improve the educational, employment and life outcomes of young people at risk of underachieving. It empowers young people to make a successful transition into employment and/or higher education through raising their skills levels and aspirations. This has been enabled by the appropriate infrastructure allowing effective collaboration between a multi-agency partnership.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Reference number: RCT/BS/S185/13
Deadline date: 15 April 2013

Official name and address of contracting authority

Organisation: Carmarthen County Council

For the attention of: Ty Elwyn, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA31 1JP.
www.etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk

Object of the contract

The provision of temporary supported housing for homeless and floating support

Carmarthenshire County Council is seeking to commission an organisation that has suitable skills and experience to provide a 24 hour staffed temporary supported housing service, with a floating support service attached, for people who need support to live in the community.

This service is to be delivered in accordance with the Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG) Guidance (Wales), published July 2012.

Carmarthenshire County Council will work with the successful service provider to meet the accommodation needs of the service. Until such time as a property has been secured, the Service Provider will utilise the funding provided for this aspect of service to deliver an

interim floating support service. The resources will be reconfigured once the property is available to deliver a 24 hour staffed temporary accommodation service.

The Authority endeavours to achieve sustainable development outcomes from all of its activities and is committed to contributing to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the wider community in all procurement activity. Accordingly, while the requirement to do so will not be mandatory, the successful contractor will be encouraged to consider opportunities to achieve community benefits through the delivery of this contract e.g. recruit and train unemployed persons as part of the workforce delivering this contract; work with local schools and colleges for work placements; engage with local communities; etc.

Instructions to suppliers

To assist you in locating these opportunities on the Bravo e-procurement system the project code is: project_24877

As this is an open procedure, tenderers must ensure that all ITT questions are fully responded to. The following ITT project codes may further assist you in locating the opportunities: ITT Code: itt_38182

If you require any assistance use the online help, or the BravoSolution helpdesk is available Mon - Fri (8am - 6pm) on: 0800 368 4850 or email help@bravosolution.co.uk.

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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.

Nominet Charitable Trust

The trust's focus is on supporting projects and organisations that use digital technology to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and vulnerable and to strengthen communities. The foundation currently has three investment programmes: encouraging open innovation; the digital edge; and supporting later life. Further details are available from

www.nominettrust.org.uk

(Source: The Fundraiser, Issue 27 March 2013)

W G Edwards Charitable Foundation

The foundation assists with the provision of care for older people through existing charities, principally with capital projects but also innovative schemes for ongoing care. Further details are available from www.wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk

(Source: The Fundraiser, Issue 27 March 2013)

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.

Fellowships

Clore Social Leadership Programme

The Clore Social Leadership Programme is now looking for its fifth cohort of Fellows. To be eligible, applicants must be working (or volunteering) in or closely with the wider social sector and will have demonstrated leadership potential in some of the work they have already undertaken. Applicants working internationally for UK-based organisations are now eligible. Each Fellow benefits from a personalised leadership development programme.

Applications for the 2014 Fellowships open 29 April 2013; the deadline for completed applications is midday on 10 June 2013. For details of how to apply and to find out more about the programme, and the Clore Social Fellows, visit www.cloresocialleadership.org.uk.

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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.

Take WCVA's Customer Survey

We've launched our 2013 WCVA Customer Survey, where we want feedback on all aspects of what we do - from our events to our website, membership benefits to our policy and influencing work and beyond.

The survey really helps us shape our services, so please do take the time to fill it in - you can complete it in just 10 minutes. As someone involved in the third sector, we're keen to hear your views.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

The deadline for completed surveys is 7 May, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the survey, simply call our Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email help@wcva.org.uk

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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@cynnalcywru.com or check out their latest news at <http://www.communityenergywales.org.uk>

Wales News

[Natural Resources Wales gains full legal powers](#)

Natural Resources Wales, the new body that will manage, maintain, and enhance Wales' natural environment has now been granted the full range of legal powers it needs to operate.

[EU-backing helps bring out the BEST skills to boost the green economy](#)

An £8m EU-backed programme that will develop a blueprint to drive forward skills in the built environment and support Wales' low carbon economy has been announced by Finance Minister, Jane Hutt.

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.

Hay on Earth's Green Dragons

It's that time of year again when **Hay on Earth's Green Dragons** are looking for suitable projects to go head to head in the Green Dragons Den as part of the Hay Festival. This year there are two sponsors with two themes and a chance to win up to £15,000 in funding.

Sustainable communities - how can we create innovative, connected and healthy communities using our land and resources - sponsored by Welsh Government. For the chance to gain £10k funding for your project, request your application pack from hay-on-earth@tyf.com

Social entrepreneurs - do you have an idea for social change and the passion to make it succeed? - sponsored by Unltd.

If you are eligible to apply see <http://unltd.org.uk/expression-of-interest/>

When applying (via the online form) please select 'HAY FESTIVAL 2013' from the dropdown menu. This ensures you are entered into the selection process for a chance to win. Deadline for applications to both themes is 5.30pm on Tues 30 April. More details at: <https://www.hayfestival.com/greenprint/index.aspx?skinid=14>

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 25 March 2013

[We need more clarity from Cameron on immigration](#)

The response to immigration risks equating migrants with freeloaders, says Emma Stone.

[Personal tragedies tell story of policy failures in Northern Ireland](#)

'Real people' are the symbols of collective failure to tackle poverty, says Quintin Oliver.

[When a housing bubble bursts, we face human tragedy and an economic nightmare](#)

Budget 2013 sought to boost the economy and housing market. But as Julia Unwin argues, the lack of measures to increase supply and improve safety nets could repeat mistakes from the past.

[The impact of localising council tax benefit](#)

Changes to council tax benefits will affect poorer households and create inconsistencies in neighbouring areas. Multiple schemes will add complexity and reduce transparency.
Research by Sabrina Bushe, Peter Kenway and Hannah Aldridge

[Council Tax Benefit Reform Creates Postcode Lottery for Poorest](#)

From Monday new local schemes for council tax support come into force. Sabrina Bushe argues the changes create a postcode lottery, with more than two million poor families paying the price.

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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

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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Charitable Incorporate Organisation - (CIO) New

Is the CIO the right structure for you?

This course is essential for organisations considering whether the Charitable Incorporate Organisation is the right structure for them, it won't necessarily be the best structure for everyone - so is it right for you?

If you are interested in potentially registering your organisation as a CIO but you want to find out more look no further. WCVA are offering training, delivered by Geldards law firm, which aims to provide you with an understanding of the legal structures available (including the CIO), help you to decide which structure is right for your organisation, and explain what is specifically involved in becoming a CIO if that is the structure that you choose.

Dates

[26 April - Rhyl](#)

[30 April - Cardiff](#)

[8 May - Swansea](#)

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

Other training during April

Introduction to legacy fundraising

[Thursday 18 April 2013 - Aberystwyth](#)

[Thursday 25 April 2013 - Cardiff](#)

[Thursday 2 May 2013 - Rhyl](#)

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.

Confidence at public events

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

This 2-day course focuses on presentation skills and dealing with difficult situations and behaviours. Participants will learn how to prepare for a public event, how to give an effective presentation, conveying the information the audience wants to know using appropriate communication styles, and explores techniques for dealing with challenging issues and situations.

On day 2 of the course you will be required to prepare and deliver a presentation and will receive feedback from the tutor and other learners.

For training during May please visit our [training page](#)

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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WCVA Wales Charity Law Conference 2013

Which way now? Guiding you through a maze of regulatory challenges

Cardiff City Stadium, Tuesday 21 May 2013

Supported by [Geldards](#) law firm

It's all too easy for voluntary organisations to get lost in a maze of legal requirements, and no map, compass or even sat-nav will help. But the Wales Charity Law Conference 2013 can help your organisation avoid getting lost among its legal obligations.

Our expert speakers, such as Dorothy Dalton of *Governance* magazine and Giselle Davies of Geldards, will be there to guide you through the legislative jungle. Dorothy will speak on avoiding common governance pitfalls and making boards more effective, while Giselle will pose the question - can you really be both a charity and a social enterprise?

There will be plenty of invaluable workshops too, including:

- **WCVA Criminal Records Unit** on the new Disclosure and Barring Service
- **Geldards** on the most recent and forthcoming changes to employment law
- **The Charity Commission** on risk and regulation
- **Brewin Dolphin** on managing investment risk in a low interest rate environment

You can [read the full programme and book your place here](#), and make sure your organisation keeps travelling in the right direction.

Early bird rate - book before Monday 22 April to save £20 off the marked price!

Attending will qualify for up to four hours/four points CPD as an accredited course for Law Society requirement.

Financial support from Geldards has enabled us to offer a small number of subsidised places for groups who may otherwise be unable to attend. See page 2 of the conference programme for more details.

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Other training

Developing good policy

April 2013, venue to be confirmed

9.30am - 12.30pm

The course, delivered in conjunction with HWB Cymru, Wales' leading specialist economic development consultancy, will focus on the importance of good policy in influencing the Welsh Government's agenda and legislation effectively. It will outline the main aims and techniques of drafting good policy and how to design an effective policy campaign. Further details are available from www.yourlegaleyes.co.uk.

Social enterprise and environmental sustainability: challenges and opportunities

16 April 2013, Cardiff City Hall

There are many examples of social enterprises creating positive environmental impacts. While they are not all motivated by environmental concerns, social enterprise may offer a model that enables business success to be combined with sustainability. The event will ask: how can social enterprise provide solutions to environmental challenges? How can policy and research promote environmentally focused social enterprise? This event is jointly organised by the Third Sector Research Centre (TSRC) and the Centre for Business Relationships, Accountability, Sustainability and Society (BRASS). Full detail and how to book can be found here:

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/NewsandEvents/Events/SocialEnterpriseandenvironmentalsustainability/tabid/945/Default.aspx>

Orchard maintenance training

Wednesday 17 April 2013, Bangor

The Welsh Perry & Cider Society (WPCS) has organised this training day with Ian Sturrock. The training course will begin at Ian Sturrock's nursery in Bangor. Following a tour and initial training, delegates will travel to Pant Du orchards in Pen-y-Groes for lunch and the remainder of the afternoon training in the orchards. To book your place please complete and return the [training registration form](#). If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

LDAN annual event

2 May 2013, Llandudno

The Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodevelopmental disorders research network is holding this free event in Llandudno in May. Their members - over 400 in Wales - are stakeholders from a wide range of occupations - family members, people who work in the NHS or social services, third sector employees, academics etc. Visit the website for more information at

http://www.ldancymru.org.uk/annual_event2013.php.en?menu=2&catid=6923&subid=0

Community building workshops

Workshop 1: Friday 10 May 2013 - Community building and governance

This workshop will discuss some of the key aspects in community building, in what undermines social cohesion and which policies and institutions have created stable communities. It will focus on governance, public institutions and policies.

Workshop 2: Friday 17 May 2013 - Community building & the third sector: civil society and a sustainable community

The aim of the workshop is as above, except it will focus on civil society, on charities and mutual aid groups.

The workshops will be held at Bangor University. Each workshop will have two morning sessions with papers from academics: one historical and the other on contemporary policy. The afternoon session will include four speakers/practitioners who will provide an outline reply, to both the questions and the morning papers, based on their experiences. This will be followed by an open debate with the audience. Further details are available from his401@bangor.ac.uk.

Charity Retail Conference 2013 - Talking Tactics: Developing your strategy Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July 2013

Keele Conference Park, Keele University, Staffordshire, ST5 5BG

This two day residential Conference brings together those who work in charity retailing for networking and learning, in an informal environment. 'Talking Tactics' is the title of this year's Conference, which has an exciting and challenging programme designed to help charity retailers make their shops more vibrant and successful than ever before.

The line-up of fantastic plenary speakers includes Katharine Kirk, Primark's Director of Ethical Trade, Local Government Minister Brandon Lewis MP and Campbell Robb, the Chief Executive of Shelter. Delegates can choose from an array of interactive focus sessions, examining key topics such as market trends, challenges on the shop floor and partnerships for stock. An Exhibition with over 50 companies is the perfect opportunity to meet suppliers and investigate new business decisions.

On Monday night, delegates can relax and celebrate all that is wonderful and uplifting about working in charity retail at our Charity Retail Awards ceremony & dinner, hosted by award-winning comedian Stu Goldsmith.

To book and for further information tel: 020 7697 4080, email: paula@charityretail.org.uk or visit: www.charityretail.org.uk/conference

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