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Denbighshire Care & Repair



Eleanor Burnham AM recently visited Denbighshire Care & Repair at their offices in Denbigh to gain a better understanding of the work the Agency carries out and the positive impact it can have in maintaining the independence of the over 60's. It was a very productive meeting, the team appreciated her time and support and felt that she had a thorough understanding of the Agency's important role.

Denbighshire Care & Repair's aim is to enable people over the age of 60 to remain independent in their own homes in safety, comfort, security and warmth. Their advice and guidance service is free of charge and the Team can advise clients on all aspects of home maintenance, repairs and adaptations discussing the funding solutions available. These can range from small jobs; the installation of handrails or new locks; to major works such as building a specially adapted bathroom or replacing a roof. The Home Safety Officer, working in partnership with the Fire Service, can carry out home safety checks. Benefit checks are offered to ensure that the correct benefit entitlement is awarded and offer support throughout the process. They also offer a Rapid Response Adaptation Service to those about to leave hospital enabling them to return home to a safe and secure environment.

Denbighshire Care & Repair have received funding to support the Campaign for Warm Homes sponsored by NEA and EAGA providing advice and guidance on fuel poverty issues and energy efficiency schemes which includes heating and insulation measures.

Denbighshire Care and Repair are there to help you. They're just a phone call away 01745 814484.



Consultation Paper: PROPOSALS ON THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS IN WALES

The *One Wales* document committed the Welsh Assembly Government to 'reinstating democratic engagement at the heart of the Welsh health service'. In line with that commitment, the Minister for Health and Social Services has issued the above Consultation Paper.

The Consultation Paper is being issued electronically for a twelve week consultation period; up to the **24th April 2009**. It is available on both the Welsh Assembly Government and the Health of Wales Information Site (HOWIS) websites. The draft Orders and Regulations have been produced in English only at this stage; they will be translated into Welsh and made available later in the consultation period. During the twelve week consultation period a series of local consultation events will be held with Community Health Councils themselves, patient and public groups, the NHS and other statutory bodies.

DVSC have requested a supply of hard copies of the Consultation Paper and if you wish to have a copy please contact Lilwen Roberts DVSC on 01824 702441

If you have any queries relating to the consultation please contact :
Steve Davies tel: 02920 801427, email: steve.davies20@wales.gsi.gov.uk
This Consultation Paper is also available, on request, in Braille and tape.

**FOSTER CARE
TAITH
NEWYDD**



Are you interested in Fostering?

Action for Children, the UK's largest children's charity has successfully established the Taith Newydd fostering project in South Wales with over 40 carers and a high degree of stability for vulnerable young people. We are now also based in North Wales

We offer excellent training and support and a payment for skills fee system.

If you would like to learn more please contact Mary Ward or Linda Lewis
On 01492 536091 or visit our website

www.actionforchildren.org.uk

**Esmée Fairbairn
Foundation Relocation**

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation moved offices on 2 February. The new contact details are:
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
Kings Place, 90 York Way
London N1 9AG
Tel 0207 8123 700
Fax 0207 8123 701

Launch Party for YouthDen (Denbighshire's Youth Website) on 21st March at the Pavilion Theatre in Rhyl from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. If you'd like to attend, bring a display stand or just want more information contact Jeff Harrison on **01824 708204** or **706181** / jeff.harrison@denbighshire.gov.uk



Vale of Clwyd Mind Training March – July 2009

| ASIST Training Cost: £150 - £50 unwaged | |
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| 26 th & 27 th March | Plas Hafod, Mold |
| 27 th & 28 th April | Wrexham Football Club |
| 13 th & 14 th May | Corwen |
| 22 nd & 23 rd June | Glasdir, Llanrwst |

| Mental Health First Aid Cost: £100 Stat Sec £75 Vol Sec | |
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| 9 th & 13 th March | Llandudno Junction |
| 2 nd & 3 rd April | Llanrwst |
| 21 st & 22 nd May | Corwen |
| 11 th & 12 th June | Eirianfa Denbigh |

To book a place, or for further details contact:-
Carol Evans, Manager, Vale of Clwyd Mind, Rural Outreach Service, 4 Rosemary Lane,
Denbigh LL16 3TT **Tel: 01745 812461** Email: mindrural@aol.com

For more information about these courses check out www.valeofclwydmind.org.uk for ASIST or www.mhfa-wales.org.uk for MHFA

Cynnydd, the youth justice forum for Wales, is a charity providing training for Youth Offending Teams and anyone else working or volunteering with young people involved in youth offending or who try and stop young people getting involved in youth offending.

They're looking for details of any voluntary organisations in Conwy / Denbighshire who are working with young people who have or are in danger of offending. They would like this information for two reasons – to let them know about the training and also to find out if they would like to put on a workshop or provide a speaker for one of their conferences or study days. It would be an

opportunity for them to talk about the work they do.

The annual conference is coming up in April – 1st and 2nd in Llandrindod Wells. See www.cynnydd.net for details. They will also be putting on study days in North and South Wales in the autumn and are just starting to put together the agendas for these if anyone has an interesting project they'd like to share with others. Please contact Pat Dunmore of Catch22 on 01792 648833 or email pat.dunmore@catch-22.org.uk if you'd like further details about anything. Pat sits on the Cynnydd steering group as a voluntary sector representative.

Scheme to assist those facing home repossession

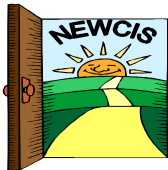
Are you a homeowner in mortgage difficulties and in danger of having your home repossessed? If so, there is a national scheme funded by the Welsh Assembly Government which maybe able to help you.

The scheme can potentially help people in one of two ways. Either by purchasing equity in your property or purchasing it outright and allowing you to rent it from a Housing Association.

Mortgage rescue will not be the best option for everyone, however we recommend that in the first instance you obtain housing advice from one of the contacts detailed below. Priority will be given to families and people who live in

specially adapted housing or would be in priority need if made homeless. If you are interested in the scheme you need to act quickly to see if you meet the criteria for the scheme and allow time for an application to be submitted for funding.

Homeowners facing repossession need to approach either the Council's Homelessness Team, at 64, Brighton Road, Rhyl through the drop sessions run Monday to Friday (10.00 - 11.00 am) or book an appointment on 01824 712939. The Housing Options Officer also provides advice at County Hall, Ruthin and appointment can be booked through 01824 706271. Alternatively, independent advice is given by Shelter Cymru on 01745 361444 or the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Denbigh on 01745 814336 or Rhyl on 01745 334568.



Carers Needs Assessment Officers

NEWCIS have appointed two new members of staff to carry out Carers assessments across Denbighshire. They will undertake holistic assessments of Carers' needs where a Carer is providing regular and substantial care to an individual, and consider services available to meet those needs. The Carer's assessment gives Carers an opportunity to tell NEWCIS about the things that could make their caring role easier. The assessments can be arranged through a Social Worker or Social Services First contact Team on 01824 712900/712448. NEWCIS can also be contacted for advice and support.

Clara Jones will be covering North

Denbighshire and will be based at the NEWCIS office in Morfa Clwyd, Marsh Road Rhyl. In the past Clara has worked for Prospects for People with Learning Disabilities and North Wales Advice and Advocacy Association. She also works as a Person Centred Planning Facilitator on freelance basis.

Iona Crompton will be covering South Denbighshire and will be based at County Hall, Ruthin. Iona has previously worked for Careers Wales, Denbigh Community College, and for the past three years was working for Glyndwr Women's Aid at the Healthy Living Centre in Corwen.

Clara and Iona can be contacted via NEWCIS on 01745 331181.



An introduction to equality and diversity 27 March 2009, - Location: Rhyl

Cost: A £125 B £155 C £185

This course is for those who wish to gain a better understanding of equality and diversity and will help individuals encourage equality and diversity in the workplace

Learning objectives:

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Explain what we mean by equality and diversity

- Give examples as to why equality and diversity are important
- Identify different types of discrimination
- Recognise some of their own prejudices and stereotypes
- Produce an action plan to encourage and promote equality and diversity in their place of work

For more information email training@wcva.org.uk or telephone the WCVA helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

DVSC TRAINING COURSE

FIT FOR FUNDING

Thursday 23rd April, Naylor Leyland Centre Ruthin 10.00 – 3.30

Have you ever had an application for funding rejected or ever considered what makes a winning bid? Many funding applications fail due to the lack of sufficient preparation or simply do not fit with a funders criteria.

This course will examine all aspects of preparing a funding application and will provide a practical insight into identifying the most appropriate sources of funding for your organisation. The course will also provide an overview of the current funding climate in Wales and assist you in understanding what influences funders. The course is suitable for those new to fundraising or those wishing to gain a further insight into fundraising processes

Trainer: Emyr B Williams

Cost: £20.00 To register:

☎ Bronwen Isaac 01824 702441

Adult Learners' Week

9 May - 16 May 2009

Adult Learners' Week is the UK's largest festival and celebration of adult learning, co-ordinated by NIACE Dysgu Cymru and core-funded by the Welsh Assembly Government, and the European Social Fund. Adult Learners' Week is a campaign which combines national promotion with local action. The campaign offers adults the chance to have a go at learning something new by trying out one of the hundreds of free taster sessions that happen across Wales during the week, and an opportunity for learning providers to showcase their provision. If you are a provider of adult learning you will want to make the most of the Adult Learners' Week campaign, by organising your own special events.

For further information and lots more detail contact

stephen.martin@niacedc.org.uk

General enquiries 0292 0370900

www.niacedc.org.uk

For the purposes of the **Gypsy Traveller Strategy**, the Welsh Assembly Government are trying to obtain as much information as possible in regards to the research/work that has been done or is currently being done for Gypsy Travellers by charity or voluntary organisations. If you think you can help contact Gareth Thomas, Inclusion Unit, WAG
Tel: 01685 729658 E Mail: Gareth.Thomas5@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK

Welsh Assembly Government confirms Third sector sustainability for health and social services during NHS reorganisation (2009/10)

The Welsh Assembly Government has confirmed that arrangements are to be put in place for the third sector during the NHS reorganisation transition period and that from 1st April 2009 existing commitments with third sector organisations will be protected. Paul Williams, Head of DHSS, Welsh Assembly Government and Chief Executive, NHS Wales confirmed in a letter to LHB Chief Executives on the 19th December that current financial commitments should be maintained and detailed within organisation's legacy statements. Where contractual arrangements with the third sector for service delivery are coming up for renewal as a minimum they should be rolled forwards for a further year to ensure continuity during the handover to the new bodies. In addition full funding for local Building Strong Bridges Facilitator posts will be provided until 31st March 2010. If you would like further details please contact mnasrat@wcva.org.uk or telephone 02920 431712



'Bowel Screening Wales' is the first screening programme to

include men and women. It was officially launched on October 28th 2008 with the aim to reduce death rates from bowel cancer by 15 percent by 2020

The Programme, which has been established and managed by the Screening Services Division of Velindre NHS Trust, will be phased in by age range, with people aged between 60 and 69 being invited first. By 2015, the programme will be extended to include all men and women between the ages of 50 and 74.

The screening test will consist of a *home testing kit*, which will be sent to participants through the post. They will be invited to complete the test in the privacy of their own home, post it back, free of charge, and will receive the results within a couple of weeks.

Hannah Jones, Screening Promotion

Officer for Velindre NHS *Screening Services* commented: "Bowel Cancer – often referred to as Colorectal Cancer – is the third most common cancer in men and women in Wales, with over 2000 new cases diagnosed each year. It is also the second most common cause of cancer death in men and women, and the lifetime risk of being diagnosed with bowel cancer is around 1 in 20 for women and 1 in 18 for men.

"Research evidence shows that the death rates can be reduced by the introduction of screening, and we hope that people will take advantage of the free home test, which could potentially save their lives."

If your group or organisation would like to receive a talk on any of the screening programmes including Breast Test Wales, Cervical Screening and Bowel Screening Wales please contact North Wales Screening Promotion Officers Hannah Jones or Heather Ramessur-Marsden on 01492 863541 or email

hannahjones@velindre-tr.wales.nhs.uk



**Oriel House Hotel
Upper Denbigh Rd
St Asaph LL17 0LW**

**Thursdays
18.00 – 20.30**

*The programme will
run for six*

consecutive weeks

**23/04/09, 30/04/09,
07/05/09,
14/05/09, 21/05/09,
28/05/09**

Further details from
the *Coordinator*,
Gwynedd Local
Health Board,
Campbell Road,
Caernarfon,
Gwynedd, LL55
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Tel: 01286 674236

Fax: 01286 674197

All Wales Mental Health Promotion Network

The All Wales Mental Health Promotion Network is currently developing an **Initiatives Database** which aims to share successful working practices and case studies with everyone working in mental health promotion.

Those who join and upload their stories will be able to gain ideas and inspiration from other mental health promotion professionals. It will also act as an important way to share lessons learnt from colleagues across Wales. The database is aimed at everyone who contributes to public mental health, from doctors to teachers, social workers to nurses.

To join this exciting project and benefit from learning from others please contact [Kelly Mason](#) All Wales Mental Health Promotion Network Co-ordinator Tel: 029 2082 7627 or go to the <http://www.publicmentalhealth.org/> and complete a short form.

A guide to funding sources for community groups and voluntary organisations including ICT initiatives

has been developed on the Communities at One website. So if you're looking for funding this might be the site for you <http://www.communitiestatone.org/alternative-funding/>

Communities at One will also be producing bulletin newsletters with funding news and deadlines and these will also be online so please continue to revisit the website for funding updates

For further details contact **Debbie Holmes** Community Broker Wales Co-operative Centre Mob: 07887871351 Email: debra.holmes@walescoop.com

SHELTER CYMRU SEMINAR

Thursday 12 March 09 Oriel House Hotel, St Asaph

Shelter Cymru and the Welsh Assembly Government believe and the Welsh Assembly Government believe that bringing empty homes in Wales back into use can make a valuable contribution to the supply of affordable housing in local areas as well as making sense from the wider economic and regenerative perspectives.

This one day seminar will look at making use of empty homes in Wales and the actions and commitments required to

improve the use of this resource. There will be discussions and practical ideas about how local government and its key partners - including housing associations, the third sector, owners and developers - can do more with empty homes as part of their strategies for providing more affordable housing in communities across Wales. The contribution of participants will inform the development of the Assembly Government's Guidance Note on empty homes (to be published later this year).

To book your space visit the Shelter Cymru website <http://www.sheltercymru.org.uk/shelter/training/conf.asp>

At the **HSCWB Voluntary Sector Network meeting** on 14th January, there were presentations by Sandra Jones (DCC) on "Passion for Life" and Holly Evans (CAF Co-ordinator) on the Conwy & Denbighshire pilot of the Common Assessment Framework for Children and Young People. Both presentations highlighted the benefits of working together to provide holistic services for specific groups.

"Passion for Life" is a project from Sweden, aiming to empower older people to have a better quality of life, and Denbighshire will be piloting it for one year. A group of 10 older people will be recruited to attend a Life Café bi-monthly, dealing with a different theme each time. The scheme will be continuously evaluated. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Sandra Jones (nee Carroll) at Denbighshire County Council, Brighton Road, Rhyl, 01824 708373, sandra.c.jones@denbighshire.gov.uk.

The Conwy & Denbighshire pilot of the Common Assessment Framework is drawing to a close. The idea was to work in partnership to prevent children and young people reaching child protection criteria. Over 200 people from very different organisations, including voluntary organisations, health bodies, the police and Careers Wales have

been trained to help families who are going through a bad patch. It is hoped that the Welsh Assembly Government will roll the scheme out to the rest of Wales, because workers in this area believe that children, young people and their families have benefited from this innovative way of working, and the workers themselves have also felt supported in what can be challenging situations. Holly's contact details are: (01492 575768, or 07717 543310, holly.evans@conwy.gov.uk.

People attending were asked to share information about the services their groups provide, so that they could start discussions with other organisations about sharing resources and expertise. This stimulated lively debate. The information collected will be typed up and be available to all who are interested.

The **next network meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th April 2009**, and be based around monitoring and evaluation. This, and the other meetings planned for 2009/2010 will be held at the Naylor Leyland Centre, and begin at 10.15 am, finishing with lunch. The other dates are: Wednesday 1st July, Wednesday 14th October and Wednesday 13th January 2010.

Have your say on Denbighshire County Council's new Equalities Plan

In Denbighshire we are serious about equalities and it is important we lead by example both as a major employer and as a provider of services. We are developing our new Equality Plan for 2009 – 2011 and would like to know what you think should be in it. The plan will cover race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation and religion and belief.

Our Equality Plan says how we will make things fairer and more equal for everyone, at work and providing services. We need to find out if there are any gaps in the services we provide for you. Your comments will influence the actions in the plan and will be treated in confidence.

You can submit your views by completing a questionnaire which is available on the council's website, www.denbighshire.gov.uk, at libraries, one stop shops or by contacting Karen Beattie, Corporate Equalities Officer, telephone 01745 888746, Fax 01824 707446, email policyunit@denbighshire.gov.uk by 27 March 2009

