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## **All Change in Health and Social Care**

This is a time of great change. The recession is likely to cause statutory partners to reduce their frontline services and ask the Third Sector to help pick up the pieces. And the chances are that the funding will be cut as well!

Regionally the re-organisation of eight health bodies into one structure is still causing upheaval, and locally attempts to develop new and innovative ways of health and social care working more closely together are uncovering problem areas never identified before.

So, come along to the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Voluntary Sector Network meeting at the Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin at 10.15 am **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April** to find out what is happening within health and social care, and to discuss possible solutions.

Please advise Lindsay Haveland [lindsay@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:lindsay@dvsc.co.uk) and/or JoAnne Williamson [joanne@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:joanne@dvsc.co.uk) as soon as possible. Tel: 01824 702441

## **Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Network**

The dates for the children and young people's voluntary sector network are as follows:- Tuesdays 11 May, 13 July, 5 October and 14 December.

Venues are to be confirmed. The network meetings are open to anyone working with children or young people for the voluntary sector in Denbighshire. Meetings will start at 3.30pm with refreshments and from 5pm there will be an hour for the youth work practitioners network, to which anyone working in or with an interest in youth work is invited.

For further details contact Suzanne 01824 702441 - e.mail: [Suzanne@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:Suzanne@dvsc.co.uk)





## Regional Policy Events

Arranged by WCVA in conjunction with the County Voluntary Councils

North Wales - Friday 30 April 2010, Morfa Hall, Rhyl

The April round of regional policy events is will be focused on the Vetting & Barring Scheme. These events will be highly useful to any organisation that is affected by criminal records' checks.

There will be a presentation from VBS Communications, a Q&A session, and the opportunity to attend smaller workshop groups.

For further details ☎ WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 288 8329 or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk) Please return the booking form and £12.00 per delegate to Francesca Hughes, email [fhughes@wcva.org.uk](mailto:fhughes@wcva.org.uk) no later than Friday 9 April.

### Dignity in Care Learning Exchange

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010,  
10am – 3pm

The Faenol Fawr, Bodelwyddan

Lunch and Refreshments will be provided

Learning Exchange for front line staff and older people

where we can explore together ways that we can celebrate the good practice that exists around care provision and promote this to ensure it reaches the widest possible base.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER A PLACE**

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[hire.gov.uk](http://hire.gov.uk)

or phone 01824 706604

**WCVA has launched the Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards which this year are supported by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.**

As well as recognition of individuals, young people (under 25 years), and groups, the scheme also rewards 'green' volunteers and trustees. There will be up to three winners in each category, with 15 national winners presented with their awards at a ceremony in Cardiff in June, and all nominees awarded commendation certificates at a local ceremony or by post.

*Details of the scheme, including nomination forms, will be available in February from the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, or e-mail [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk). They will also be available to be downloaded from the website [www.wcva.org.uk/voty](http://www.wcva.org.uk/voty). The deadline for receipt of nominations is 23 April 2010.*



## Your Community - Your Views

Come and have your say about local public services in a series of community forums being staged across Denbighshire. (some event have already been held)

The events are being arranged by the Denbighshire Local Service Board - a partnership made up of a number of organisations providing public services across the county.

You can ask questions direct to a panel made up of the Leader and Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council and senior officials from North Wales Police, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board.

The events will be held in the following locations:

AREA	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Prestatyn	Scala Cinema, Prestatyn	22 March 2010	7-9pm
Denbigh	Eirianfa, Denbigh	25 March 2010	7-9pm
Rhyl	Oak Tree Centre, Rhyl	29 March 2010	7-9pm
Dee Valley	Sports Pavilion, Corwen	7 April	7-9pm

For further information please contact the Corporate Communications Team on 01824 706222/706125/706007

### **New Youth Magazine Hits the Streets**

A new quarterly magazine for young people is now available in Denbighshire.

YouthDen.com magazine is full of information and things to do for under 25s as well as keeping people up to date with the latest additions to the YouthDen website.

The YouthDen co-ordinator said, "We wanted to bring the information

available on the website to a wider audience, including those who may not have easy access to the internet. We also hope to raise awareness of the wide range of information and suggestions for things to do available in the on-line version of YouthDen.

The YouthDen magazine is available free of charge from county libraries, school libraries, leisure centres and selected youth centres and organisations.

For more details, email [youthinfo@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:youthinfo@denbighshire.gov.uk).

## Volunteer Tasks at the North Wales Bike Ride



The British Heart Foundation are looking for volunteers to help at the North Wales Bike Ride on Sunday 9 May 2010. Come to help out and give your time to help the BHF beat heart disease in North Wales

### What will the volunteers do?

We have a number of tasks where we need help:

- ◆ At the start /finish line in the Rhyl Arena to hand out water and goodie bags to event participants
- ◆ To help at start line with the registration process
- ◆ Along the route at a marshal point or as a refreshment point volunteer.

### Will volunteers be paid?

Unfortunately not, as a charity we will not be in a position to pay the individuals or groups however all volunteers will receive a food and drink refreshment bag for the day.

### How old do I have to be?

The volunteers must be over 16.

### How long will I have to volunteer for?

The event will start at 0900 from the Rhyl Events Arena so volunteers will be required from 0900 until around 1600. However if you can only offer a few hours we would be grateful for any time you can give.

### More information or to help out

Contact Hannah Townsend (BHF Event Organiser) on 029 20 382 403 or email [townsendh@bhf.org.uk](mailto:townsendh@bhf.org.uk)

## B & Q One Planet Living Awards

The B&Q One Planet Living (OPL) Grant offers between £50 and £250 of B&Q materials to schools, community groups and charitable organisations for long-term sustainable projects. Projects must support at least one of the following themes: save energy; conserve nature; grow your own; support local culture and heritage. Applications must be from a school, registered charitable organisation or other recognised community group, eg residents' association, youth centres,

scouts, guides. Projects can apply for funding between 1 February 2010 and 30 September 2010 and successful projects must collect their materials no later than 31 October 2010. Applicants need to contact the environmental champion or store manager at their local B&Q store to discuss project details.

Further details are available from - [http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment\\_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp](http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp)

(Source: WCVA e.bulletin 080310 Fit5Funding newsletter, March 2010)

### Confidence in Care campaign

The Care Council for Wales is currently running its 'Confidence in Care' Campaign. 'Confidence in Care' aims to raise awareness and understanding of the role of the Codes of Practice for Social Care Workers, ultimately promoting a better understanding of the social care profession in Wales. An information pack has been produced by the Care Council for Wales to help communicate the campaign messages to as wide an audience as possible – be it those receiving social care services, those working in the sector or members of the general public. More information can be found at

[www.ccwales.org.uk/registration-and-conduct/confidence-in-care/confidence-in-care-campaign](http://www.ccwales.org.uk/registration-and-conduct/confidence-in-care/confidence-in-care-campaign)

### Integrated Health Awards

The Prince's Foundation for Integrated Health has showcased innovative and accessible healthcare initiatives since 2005 through the Integrated Health Awards. By shining a spotlight on exemplary projects and practitioners, they hope to encourage the spread of integrated health. In 2010, the following awards are open for application: lifecycle; country; survivor; student essay prize; practice based commissioning award; primary care trust award. They are looking to celebrate innovative approaches to health and wellbeing. To apply, download and complete the application form [http://www.fih.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/integrated\\_health\\_awards/integrated\\_health\\_awards\\_2010/index.html](http://www.fih.org.uk/what_we_do/integrated_health_awards/integrated_health_awards_2010/index.html) and return it by 6.00 pm on 1 May 2010, to [awards@fih.org.uk](mailto:awards@fih.org.uk).

Electronic applications are preferred.

### Lloyds TSB Funding Advice Surgery

The Grants Manager for North Wales for the Lloyds TSB Foundation will be at DVSC's Ruthin offices on Wednesday, 28 April, 2010 to meet with local charities who would like to apply to the Foundation for funding for their work.

The mission of the Foundation is *..to help those at greatest disadvantage play a fuller role in their communities..* and it can only fund registered charities with an income of below £1,000,000 whose work or project meets this

mission. Funding is for revenue costs, and core costs can be met.

This session is by appointment only to ensure that those that are interested get enough time to discuss their proposals, and we cannot guarantee that those who turn up without an appointment can be seen.

To book an appointment call Cerys Thomas on 07500 787749, on or before 21 April, 2010, and to find out more about the work of the Lloyds TSB Foundation, go to [www.lloydstsbfoundationsorg.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundationsorg.uk)



## Coastal Facilities

### National Beach Lifeguard Course (NBLQ)

**National Beach Lifeguard Elements A to E course will be held on Rhyl Promenade and Rhyl Leisure Centre from Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**

*A 1 hour pre-requisite test will take place on Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2010*

100% attendance of the course is required *Course cost £230.00*

**1 week intensive course with the assessments on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010**

Course pre-requisites include:

- ◆ Must be 16 years of age and can say yes to the points below
- ◆ Jump/dive into deep water
- ◆ Swim 400m in a recommended time of 8 minutes or less
- ◆ Swim 200m continuously on front and back
- ◆ Run at least 400 metres
- ◆ Surface dive up to 2 metres

Includes all relevant training materials and assessments, but candidates will require their own personal wet suit for use during the course.

**For further details or to book, contact Ian Olson on 01824 70 8411 or**

**[ian.olson@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.olson@denbighshire.gov.uk)**

## A practical introduction to human rights and equalities

**New** to WCVA - An introduction into human rights and equalities in the third and public sector book now to avoid disappointment on this one day course.

To book contact helpdesk on 0800 2888 329  
or e-mail [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)

Date: 30 April , Rhyl  
**WCVA** - £125.00 **Voluntary / community orgs** - £155.00 **Others** - £185.00

This one day training course introduces human rights ideas, principles and standards and explores how they relate to equality and diversity in Wales.

The course is designed for individuals working on equalities issues in the third sector and public sector. The course will enable participants to understand how human rights can provide a practical tool for tackling

inequality and disadvantage and develop the use of human rights based approach in their work.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the core principles and standards of human rights
- Understand the key purpose and features of human rights legislation relevant to the UK and Wales, in particular the Human Rights Act
- Have a better understanding of how human rights relate to equality and diversity
- Have greater confidence in raising human rights concerns and in identifying human rights issues in their work

The course will be interactive with a mix of presentations, discussions, group activities and case studies.



**Scottish and Southern**



**Energy cuts gas bills** Good news for those of you who have been supporting the PrePay Meter Campaign.

The company has followed demands from the regulator and consumer groups by removing the price differential for pre-payment gas meters. Pre-payment meter customers will see their annual bill fall by 9%, or £70 a year on average. Hopefully all other companies will soon follow suit

**New-look website for youth volunteering scheme**

The GwirVol initiative for young volunteers in Wales launched its revamped website, [www.gwirvol.org](http://www.gwirvol.org), on Wednesday, 27 January. The new-look site is aimed at volunteers aged 16-25 and the groups that involve them – and those that plan to in future.

GwirVol will be continually updating the site to provide more support, advice, information and fun for anyone interested in youth volunteering. If you would like to get involved, send us your news or promote an event, visit [www.GwirVol.org](http://www.GwirVol.org). You can also follow us on twitter [www.twitter.co.uk/gwirvol](http://www.twitter.co.uk/gwirvol) and join our facebook group [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**Housing Association pledges zero tolerance on racism**

Clwyd Alyn Housing Association, which manages more than 5000 homes across North and Mid Wales, has said that it will continue to take a zero tolerance approach over anti social behaviour issues and take robust action over any incidents of racial abuse.

“Racial abuse at any level will not be tolerated. As a Registered Social Landlord Clwyd Alyn takes its responsibility to tenants extremely seriously and we will support our tenants every step of the way to make sure they do not have to endure such behaviour,”

said Tracey Shenton, Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator for Clwyd Alyn Housing Association, which is part of the Pennaf Housing Group. “This was a particularly serious case leading to criminal convictions. We are particularly pleased that a ten year order has also been served on them so that our tenants can recover some peace of mind after what has been a deeply traumatic period for them,” she added.

Tracey Shenton said “Clwyd Alyn will always work to provide the very best service it can to those suffering from the effects of anti-social behavior. We constantly monitor the service and look for ways to improve where necessary.”

These comments come after supporting Clwyd Alyn tenants living in the Conwy County Borough area who were victimised by a family living nearby. Two of the neighbours, who were not Clwyd Alyn tenants, have since each received three year prison sentences for racially aggravated assault and a ten year Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order has also been served upon them excluding them from the estate when they are released.

Clwyd Alyn Housing Association, also worked with North Wales Police and Cartrefi Housing to take immediate action against the two neighbours in the wake of the assault.

## Consultations

### [The Assembly Learning Grants \(Further Education\) \(Wales\)](#)

**Regulations 2010** This consultation seeks views on the draft proposals for the Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Regulations 2010. The deadline for responses is **16 April 2010**. <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/alg/?lang=en&status=open>

### [Caring for Wales - a Plaid Cymru Policy Development Conference consultation](#)

The purpose of the 'Caring for Wales' policy conference was to bring people together (both Plaid Cymru members and external interested parties) to discuss how we meet the challenges of providing real care for our citizens, not only older people, but young people and those people who are carers themselves. The central theme of the conference was how do we achieve a universal service, which provides adequate care to all, throughout the whole of Wales regardless of ability to pay? Please send your comments to Cai Jones, Policy Consultation Officer, Plaid Cymru, Tŷ Gwynfor, Marine Chambers, Anson Court, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4AL or email [caijones@plaidcymru.org](mailto:caijones@plaidcymru.org), tel 029 2047 5928. The deadline for responses is **26 March 2010**. <http://www.plaidcymru.org/content.php?nID=44;catID=6;pubID=257;IID=1>

### [How accessible are Welsh railway stations?](#) <http://www.assemblywales.org/newhome/new-news-third-assembly.htm?act=dis&id=167063&ds=2/2010>

The National Assembly for Wales Equality of Opportunity Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the accessibility of railway stations. Disability Wales invites views and experiences in-order to inform its own formal response. They are keen to hear from disabled people who have different impairments - physical or sensory impairments, learning difficulties, and mental health issues. They would appreciate your feedback by Friday 26 March. Contact Rhyan Berrigan, Policy Officer (Access & Transport), email [rhyan.berrigan@disabilitywales.org](mailto:rhyan.berrigan@disabilitywales.org) Typetalk (18002) 029 20 885 834.

Submissions should arrive no later than **Thursday 1 April 2010**. Submissions can be emailed to the clerk of the committee [equality.comm@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:equality.comm@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or can be posted to: Committee Clerk, Equality of Opportunity Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Pierhead Street, Cardiff CF99 1NA.

### [Announcement Of Committee Inquiry: Local Safeguarding Children Boards](#)

The Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee of the National Assembly for Wales will be examining the effectiveness of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) in a new inquiry.

During its inquiry the Committee will examine the following issues: appropriateness of existing Welsh Government Policy and Guidance as relevant to LSCBs; appropriateness of the scope and focus of LSCB responsibilities; membership of LSCBs with reference to both the role of statutory partners and also the voluntary sector and smaller / specialist organisations; arrangements for funding LSCBs; the relationship of LSCBs to other local partnerships, including Children and Young People's Partnerships; Community Safety Partnerships; Local Service Boards; the planned Integrated Family Support Teams; the effectiveness of LSCBs in promoting the protection and welfare of specific groups of vulnerable children such as children with disabilities, asylum seeker and trafficked children, black and minority ethnic children; the effectiveness of LSCBs in their specific role with regard to promoting the information sharing responsibilities and duties of LSCB partner agencies; the effectiveness of LSCBs in involving children and young people in their work. The deadline for responses is **9 April 2010**.

[http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-scrutiny-committees/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/business-hwlg-inquiries/hwlg\\_lscb/hwlg-lscb-consultationletter.htm](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-scrutiny-committees/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/business-hwlg-inquiries/hwlg_lscb/hwlg-lscb-consultationletter.htm)

### [NHS waiting times statistics for inpatients, day cases and outpatients and angiograms](#)

A consultation to consider your views on the proposal to stop collecting and reporting NHS inpatient/day case and outpatient component waiting times statistics. The deadline for responses is **16 April 2010**.

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/nhswaitingtimes/?lang=en&status=open>

### [2010 children looked after statistics user consultation](#)

The Welsh Assembly Government is seeking views on Children Looked After statistics. Including the statistical release 'Adoptions, Outcomes and Placements for Children Looked After by Local Authorities', and other related releases and online tables. The deadline for responses is **24 May 2010**.

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/2010children/?lang=en&status=open>

For the complete list of WAG consultation documents go to <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/?lang=eng>

See also the consultations section on DVSC website [www.dvsc.co.uk](http://www.dvsc.co.uk)