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## **Pandemic Flu advice and guidance**

The World Health Organization raised the level of pandemic alert from 4 to 5 on 29 April. This means that all countries are advised to activate their pandemic preparedness plans as Swine Flu has the potential to lead to a pandemic outbreak.

Advice and guidance is frequently updated - check these websites for the latest information:

Information about Swine Flu, including a Frequently Asked Questions section, can be found on the National Public Health Service website <http://www.nphs.wales.nhs.uk/>

Welsh Assembly Government information on Swine Flu is available on <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/protection/communicabledisease/swine/?lang=en>

**Pandemic Influenza: supplementary information for third sector organisations** - [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_099094](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_099094)  
This guidance, developed by the Department of Health, has been issued in Wales.

## **Big Lottery Fund - The Big Family Idea**

The Big Lottery Fund has made £150,000 available to support a project that will transform family life. The Big Family Idea is inviting suggestions from anyone about how to improve family life at a time when the organisers behind National Family Week say that most parents have too little family time together. It's a UK-wide scheme, and should the winning idea find an organisation willing to carry it through, and should the Big Lottery Fund agree that it is a project they would be prepared to back, £150,000 will be on the table.

Though the grant can only be made to an organisation, the initial idea can be put forward by anyone of any age or background. The idea can be a local one or have national benefit/significance. It might be an event, a project, a service, a campaign, just about anything really. Ideas can be submitted at any time between now and 31 July 2009. Only one idea per person is allowed. Further details can be seen on the website <http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/view.The-Big-Family-Idea>

(Source: fundinginformation.org, 3 June 09/ WCVA e.briefing 15/6/09)



## The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

The fund supports projects dealing with learning disability, which is defined as severe learning difficulties and autism. Grants are given to projects concerning children and adults, and funding is given to: capital/building/ renovation/ refurbishment work for residential, nursing and respite care and schools; employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture; play schemes and play therapy schemes; day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs; support for families, including respite schemes; independent living schemes; support in the community schemes; and swimming and hydro-therapy pools and snoezelen rooms. Applications are accepted from registered charities. Further details are available from <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/> (Source: Charity Funding Report, Issue 88 /WCVA e.briefing 15/6/09)

## Basic Skills Conference for voluntary and community groups in Wales

Wednesday 23 September 2009, The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells

Be part of a growing network of organisations who like to make a difference. There will be interesting workshops and speakers. Take the chance to find out what the project has done. Stand up and have your say. Further details are available from Joanne Jones, Administrative Secretary - Basic Skills, tel 01352 744018, email [joanne.jones@flvc.org.uk](mailto:joanne.jones@flvc.org.uk).

## Village SOS: BIG and BBC join forces to inspire UK Rural revival

A new Big Lottery Fund (BIG) scheme to help six rural villages across the UK to regenerate their communities through new business ventures has been launched in partnership with BBC One.

The search is also on for enterprising and visionary individuals to become 'Village Champions' and work with the villages to help achieve their ambitions of starting a successful rural business. BBC One will be documenting the journey of the six villages and their Village Champions for a major prime time series in winter 2010.

Village SOS will challenge villages to come up with brilliant ideas for new businesses to help revive their communities, many of which are seeing rural life eroded by economic pressures and the closure of local amenities.

Village SOS will invite rural communities with lots of enthusiasm and a great business idea -

from retailing to manufacturing, the arts to leisure - to apply for Lottery funding to help breathe new life into their area, create new jobs and improve the quality of life for local people.

Eighteen villages will be short-listed to receive a development grant of up to £10,000, and will choose a 'Village Champion' to work with to advance their ideas. In May 2010 six projects will be awarded Lottery funding of up to £400,000 and their respective Village Champions will move into the villages for a year to help them turn their business idea into a reality.

The BIG scheme aims to fund three awards in England and one each in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in villages with a population of up to 3,000. Both the BIG grant application process and the BBC search for Village Champions launched on Monday 1 June 2009 and close on 14 August 2009. Information on how to apply can be found at [www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos](http://www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos).



## Vale of Clwyd Mind Training July - October 2009

<b>ASIST Training</b> Cost: £185 - £75 unwaged	
10th & 11th September	<b>Plas Hafod, Mold</b>
8th & 9th <sup>d</sup> October	<b>Beaches Hotel, Prestatyn</b>
22nd & 23rd October	<b>Wrexham Football Club</b>

<b>Mental Health First Aid</b> Cost: £100 Stat Sec £75 Vol Sec	
23rd & 24th July	<b>Eirianfa Denbigh</b>
17th & 18th September	<b>Mind Office Llanrwst</b>
22nd & 23rd October	<b>Rhyl Fire Station</b>

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](mailto:mindrural@aol.com)**

For more information about these courses check out [www.valeofclwydmind.org.uk](http://www.valeofclwydmind.org.uk) for ASIST or [www.mhfa-wales.org.uk](http://www.mhfa-wales.org.uk) for MHFA

### DIAL A RIDE

Dial a Ride (North Denbighshire) Ltd will be holding their AGM on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at Rhuddlan Community Centre. The meeting starts at noon and a light lunch will be served afterwards. Nominations for chair, vice chair, trustees and advisory committee members are welcome. Details can be obtained from their office. Please phone 01745 344222.



### Empty Homes Project

Shelter Cymru received a Social Housing Management Grant for 2008/09 and 2009/10 for an allWales project on empty homes. This is a project that is strategically important in supporting local authorities in attempting to utilise empty homes for affordable housing, by providing free advice, consultancy and good practice exchanges to accelerate current work in this area.

**For information on the work of the project** visit the web pages at <http://www.sheltercymru.org.uk/shelter/advice/pdetail.asp?cat=20> or contact:  
 Fiona Roberts, Empty Homes Officer  
[emptyhomes@sheltercymru.org.uk](mailto:emptyhomes@sheltercymru.org.uk)  
 01978 317907

## Gift Aid registration surgery

**North Wales Event - Tuesday 15 September 2009, Technium CAST, Bangor**

WCVA in conjunction with the CVCs are running Gift Aid registration surgeries across Wales this autumn. The surgeries are aimed at getting organisations not already registered for Gift Aid up and running with it. Gift Aid enables charities to reclaim the tax paid on donations from individuals - for every pound given to charity an additional 28p can be claimed from HM Revenue and Customs.

In the recession it is important that the sector is making the most of all sources of income and in particular individual giving yet currently an estimated £700 million is left unclaimed each year. Currently charities can claim Gift Aid on donations made up to six years

previously - however from next April this will be reduced to four years - charities need to make sure they are up-to-date with claiming everything they are entitled to if they are not to lose out.

According to research conducted by HMRC and CAF the biggest barrier to charities claiming Gift Aid is pre-registration - finding and understanding the relevant information to make a claim. Therefore the purpose of the Gift Aid registration surgeries is to provide organisations with the necessary information to get registered, make claims, and promote Gift Aid and so to ensure they are not missing out. Further dates and venues are to be confirmed. To book places contact WCVA's Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, email [ekinsman@wcva.org.uk](mailto:ekinsman@wcva.org.uk).



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## The Qualifications and Credit Framework - Building Qualifications for the Future

The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) is the new regulated framework for recognising and accrediting qualifications across all sectors. This is a government initiative across Wales, England and Northern Ireland and presents an exciting opportunity to develop qualifications that meet the rapidly changing needs of the Social Care Workforce.

They have two information events in Wales (North and South) in July to raise awareness of the new qualifications.

**North Wales Event  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Deganwy Room  
Venue Cymru, Llandudno**

The event will run from 10.30am until 3.30pm.

The morning will focus on the **principles of the Qualification and Credit Framework**, our plans to **redevelop qualifications** and what this will mean to the sector.

The afternoon will be a workshop that will focus on the more **technical aspects** of the new qualifications - structure, assessment strategies etc.

If you would like to attend please contact Gethin White at the Care Council for Wales Or by post to:  
Gethin White, Care Council for Wales,  
Southgate House, Wood Street,  
Cardiff CF10 1EW

**by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
[Gethin.white@ccwales.org.uk](mailto:Gethin.white@ccwales.org.uk)

## **CVC Health and Social Care teams look set to take steering wheel in championing third sector 'added value' to new LHBs**

On 23 April, the National Health and Social Care Facilitator Network, CVC Chief Officers and representatives from WCVA and the Department for Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government met in Llandrindod Wells to plan approaches they will take during the NHS transition to ensure third sector health and social care providers are supported and enabled as integral partners to Wales's new NHS delivery.

In the middle of this challenging pace of reform, set by Health Minister Edwina Hart, discussion on the day was lively, with colleagues examining the key focus needed for the next six months.

Helen Howson, Head of Community Health, Welsh Assembly Government gave a pertinent introduction for the day: 'With ever increasing pressure on financial resources the NHS and it's partners, including the third sector, will need to examine further opportunities to work collaboratively and imaginatively to use all resources to best effect in meeting local needs'.

Local facilitators and CVC Chief Officers worked together as their new local health board (LHB) areas in workshops to formulate high-level proposals for the transition using the foundation of the Welsh Assembly Government's strategy *Designed to Add Value*, and informed by their local knowledge and local Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategies and Children and Young People's Plans.

Carmarthenshire facilitator Debbie Bence explained: 'We are in a unique position to identify and extend examples of good practice across our respective new LHB

areas whilst continuing to develop innovative services that can respond to the needs of our local residents.'

WCVA, with the third sector, continues its campaign for the sector to be adequately supported and resourced in order to fully participate as a partner to best support and improve service delivery in our communities across Wales as part in the new NHS.

Constance Adams, Senior Policy Officer at WCVA said: 'There is the need for allocated funding for the third sector, to enable the sector to function as an equal partner to take forward the Welsh Assembly Government's *Designed to add value - a strategic direction for the voluntary and community sector in supporting health and social care 2008*, with its stated aim of: "A dynamic, innovative, responsive and sustainable voluntary sector working in partnership with health communities ensuring the improvement of health, well being and independence for people and communities across Wales ".

'We are asking that the NHS target 1 per cent of their budget to properly resource the third sector: with some of this funding flowing nationally for specific areas of service delivery and some being ring-fenced but locally determined at the LHB Board level.'

National Health and Social Care Facilitator Sarah Timmis at WCVA concluded: 'This day was a positive stepping stone towards ensuring the third sector is seen as a equitable partner in delivering health and social care with the future NHS. The third sector delivers to the heart of the localism agenda, often to citizens with greatest need. Helping our partners to understand how we can provide these services and deliver the needed outcomes will be crucial next steps.'

(Source Network Wales 20/05/09)

## Rewarding good work

Voluntary organisations across Wales will be put in the spotlight during 2009 thanks to the second annual *Network Wales Awards*.

The *Network Wales Awards*, supported by Class Telecommunications, have been set up to showcase the work of the third sector and provide national recognition for outstanding achievement. Individuals can nominate their own organisation for an award and can also nominate other organisations in separate categories. The categories are:

- Class award for best communications
- Green award
- Most admired organisation

Each nominated organisation will receive a certificate of commendation and the winners will be presented with an award at WCVA's annual conference dinner in December.

Last year's winners included Cartrefi Cymru, Ponthafren Association, and Fairbridge De Cymru.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 18 September 2009.

To receive a nomination form for the *Network Wales Awards* please contact the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or visit [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk).

## Cruse Bereavement Care North Wales' first ever Bereavement Conference

Interchange Conference Centre  
Old Colwyn ,Conwy  
30th of September 2009

Topics will be

What we know works with bereaved children -**David Trickey, Consultant Clinical Psychologist.**

Love, loss and the roots of complicated grief- **Colin Murray Parkes ,Consultant Psychiatrist.**

Three year's reseach on the effect of losing a parent in childhood and how that impacts on adult life- **Jackie Ellis PhD student at the University of Liverpool** where she is part of the Academic Palliative and Supportive Care Studies Group (APSCSG)

**This conference will benefit anyone working with bereaved adults or children.**

For a booking form or for further details please email:

[crusenorthwales@btconnect.com](mailto:crusenorthwales@btconnect.com) or call 08445 617 856

**The Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Voluntary Sector Network** meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, considered rural issues in general, and the draft Rural Health Strategic Plan in particular. A lively discussion took place, and copies of the points raised are available from Lindsay Haveland ([lindsay@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:lindsay@dvsc.co.uk); 01824 702441).

The **next meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** at DVSC, Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin, LL15 1AF beginning at 10.15am, and will concentrate on the newly constituted Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, and the implications of localities and how the 3<sup>rd</sup>/voluntary sector will be able to contribute to the new body. There will also be an exploration of carers issues.

## CLWYD COASTAL CREDIT UNION FROM VOLUNTEERS TO EMPLOYEES

Stephen Yates, Caroline Berry and Paul Thomason have all been inducted in as Volunteers working on the Collection Points for Clwyd Coast Credit Union for over 12 months. Last September, various vacancies became available for them all to apply for. Due to both their experience as volunteers and their fine achievement level, they were all accepted into their present posts.

Further to Stephen's efficiency on the cashier points at Head Office in Rhyl, he is also proving to be very computer literate which is a huge asset to CCCU.

Caroline is also improving her own knowledge on computers and is able to do checks and balances ready for the Treasurer.

Paul has a winning smile and his work as our Doorstep Collector is also proving to be a winner because his

courteous manners have proved a great success when he is out speaking to members. As with all other members of staff, they understand the ethos of Clwyd Coast Credit Union which is member owned as in a Co-operative. It serves its members to give access to financial facilities needed to help manage their own money without costing a lot. Clwyd Coast is self sustainable despite the present financial crisis which is affecting many. The volunteer board of directors ensures good governance and that all our transactions are ethical.

By working closely together, the staff and the board achieve high standards set down in our code of practice which is all closely scrutinised each week by our Chair of Supervisory (Internal Audit).

Our Volunteer Co-ordinator Mrs Shirley Williams welcomes new volunteers and if you would like to know more, please ring her on 01745 361274

at Clwyd Coast Credit Union.



## Congratulations to Mrs Eurwen H Edwards OBE

Mrs Edwards, Vice President and Trustee of DVSC, Chair of Clwyd Community Chest, Vice Chair of WCVA and active trustee and member of numerous local, regional and national voluntary organisations was awarded the OBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

The DVSC Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers send their congratulations and best wishes and look forward to continuing to work closely with Mrs Edwards.



## SOME CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

### [A better future: a consultation on a future strategy for adults with autistic spectrum conditions](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098707) [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_098707](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098707)

This consultation on a future strategy to support adults with autistic spectrum conditions to live full and inclusive lives with access to the right care and support. The consultation considers five key themes for delivering change - health, social inclusion, choice and control, awareness raising and training, and access to training and employment. The consultation will run until **15 September 2009**.

### [Consultation on proposed changes to the Account and Audit \(Wales\) Regulations 2005](http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/accountandaudit/?lang=en) <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/accountandaudit/?lang=en>

This consultation seeks views on proposals to amend the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 to take account of developments concerning financial and governance reporting. The deadline for responses is **31 July 2009**

### [Arrangements for the Placement of Children into care in Wales](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-cyp-home/bus-committees-third-cyp-inquiry/cyp_3_placementofchildren-main.htm) [http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-cyp-home/bus-committees-third-cyp-inquiry/cyp\\_3\\_placementofchildren-main.htm](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-cyp-home/bus-committees-third-cyp-inquiry/cyp_3_placementofchildren-main.htm)

The terms of reference for this inquiry are to inquire into the effectiveness of systems in Wales for placing children and young people in foster care. The deadline for responses is **11 September 2009**

### [Consultation on Rural Health Planning - improving service delivery across Wales](http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/ruralhealth/?lang=en) <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/ruralhealth/?lang=en>

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This consultation seeks your views on the suggested more creative ways in which primary and community services are provided in rural areas. The work has identified three key themes: access to services; the need and opportunities for closer service integration; and community cohesion and engagement. The consultation period will run for sixteen weeks and to support this process a number of key questions have been outlined in a separate pro-forma to help structure all responses. The closing date for consultation responses is **Friday 21 August 2009**.

Responses to the consultation document can be submitted in writing or electronically via email. Please forward electronic responses to: [ruralhealth@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ruralhealth@wales.gsi.gov.uk). (Source: IRH Newsflash, 21/5/09)

### [Public Consultation on the Welsh Public Debate on Presumed Consent for Organ Donation](http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/organdonation/?lang=en) <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/organdonation/?lang=en>

The consultation period will end on **3rd August**.

### [Consultation on the National Dementia Action Plan for Wales](http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/dementiaactionplan/?lang=en) <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/dementiaactionplan/?lang=en>

The consultation period will end on **11 September**

**Please Note that if you have difficulty following the links or are unable to print out consultation documents please contact Lindsay Haveland / Lilwen Roberts at DVSC on 01824 702441 and arrangements can be made for hard copies to be sent to you**

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

meeting was held on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at Eirianfa, Denbigh. The agenda covered the voluntary sector and the Children and Young People's Partnership, the role of representatives on the Partnership and three areas of funding stream information. There were a number of apologies, 13 attendees representing 12 organisations and 3 members of staff from DVSC to facilitate or present at the meeting.

Suzanne took the members on a whirlwind tour of the current Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership for Denbighshire. Using flip chart sheets entitled with the various working groups that make up the Partnership, and which aim to cover the work of the Single Plan for Children and Young People, Suzanne explained about the aims of the groups.

Locality groups are facilitated across the County by Suzanne and Angela Delaney but attendance has not been consistent and some useful points from the meeting will be considered.

Suzanne then mentioned the Cymorth projects meeting which helps them to meet their targets and work better together. The question was asked if people were happy with the Cymorth process and the result of the recent funding panel. There were clearly some mixed feelings around this point, and members welcomed the opportunity to air their views.

There is a network of Participation Champions, but we always welcome more, who should keep the Participation of children and young people on the agenda of any meeting they attend.

Melanie Davies is the Participation Officer based within Barnardo's and she can run training in participation for anyone working with children or young people. Suzanne urged the members to attend this.

Based around the YouthDen website ([www.youthden.com](http://www.youthden.com)) steering group, there is now an Information and Communication group who look at how we do just that. One member was keen to join this group and Suzanne will make contact to arrange this.

Training and Workforce Group are bidding for Small Grant funding to put on a training programme (administered by DVSC) covering the subjects required for many groups to keep running, which will be open to all, probably from

September. Several Early Years umbrella groups sit on this group at present and representatives from the voluntary youth sector would be made very welcome.

The Rural Transport Forum will consider the views and issues of children and young people on behalf of the partnership.

The sub-groups of the Play, Leisure and Enrichment group, namely Play, Sports and Leisure and Culture would all welcome voluntary sector members.

The Disabilities group would also welcome new members and again one person present expressed an interest in attending.

The two Entitlement groups, for children under 11 and for young people over 11, have representatives from the other working groups to consider the over-arching entitlements of the age groups within the Single Plan and also the responses to Estyn inspections (11+). Reps from these groups then also sit on the Strategic Partnership, alongside the various statutory bodies who make up this multi-agency body.

The role of the reps is often said to have to represent the whole voluntary sector. As this is acknowledged to be extremely difficult, a range of representatives from across the diverse areas of the sector would allow individuals representatives to stand for a slice of the sector, and Suzanne's role is to make that possible and effective for the sector.

Joy Williams introduced whitebox, a way to make money through a search engine on your website. For further details, please contact her on [JoyWilliams@whitedotbox.com](mailto:JoyWilliams@whitedotbox.com)

Sarah Breeze presented the Rural Key Fund to the members, a capital bid fund available in most areas other than Prestatyn and Rhyl. Sarah is based at DVSC ([sarahb@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:sarahb@dvsc.co.uk)) and would be happy to provide further information.

Maggie McQuillan gave the members a brief introduction to the Engagement Gateway programme where groups can tender for grants to help get people back into work. Based at DVSC ([maggie@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:maggie@dvsc.co.uk)), Maggie would also be happy to provide further information.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm, many thanks to all who attended and presented.