

# *The Volunteer in Denbighshire*

June  
2011

## **Big Lottery Fund Community Voice Funding Programme**

### **New Funding Pot**

**Up to £24,000 every year  
for six years**

**Grants available to help local people and  
groups in Denbighshire to have their say to  
bring about change in their communities  
with support from DVSC, County Council,  
Health Board, Police, etc**

**Want to know more? Have you a project in mind  
that needs a funding injection? Please contact  
Emyr B Williams, DVSC's Senior Development  
Officer (01824 702441) to see whether your  
project is suitable to be considered, and access  
funding for the benefit of your community.**

**Closing Date for receipt of Expressions of  
Interest from organisations with project ideas  
22 July 2011**

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## WHO'S WHO AT DVSC?

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**Jackie Evans** *Admin Assistant*

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### **NEWCIS - (North East Wales Carers Information Service)**

**Denbighshire - Rhyl Office 0845 6033187**

**Ann Shield** *Carers Services Co-ordinator*, **Diana Owen** and **Glain Jones** *Carers Needs Assessment Officers*, **Carolyn Hilderbrandt** *Fieldworker*, **Kati Denton** *Admin*, **Gundega**

**Bushevitsa** *Finance/Admin Officer*, **Iona Crompton** and **Kealie Jones** *Carers Opportunity and Employment Mentors*, **Farrell Coleman**, *Admin Assistant*

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**Simone Percy** *Carer Opportunity & Participation into Employment Facilitator*, **Jean Rodden**

*Continuing Health Care Facilitator*

**Lynn Mealings – DVSC**  
**Social Enterprise**  
**Officer**



I am the newly appointed Social Enterprise Officer for DVSC; a new post for me and a brand new post for Denbighshire. The post is the first of several appointments across Wales.

Who am I? What is my job? How can I help? Where am I based?

I have worked in the commercial sector, public sector and further education; now I'm in the third sector, supporting, promoting and developing social enterprise for Denbighshire. That means I have been employed in publishing, marketing, lithography, account management, project management, reprographics and sales; training and assessment and public sector service delivery.

I have an understanding of budget management, HR, PR, procurement, strategic development, events management/public events, business planning, logistics, trouble shooting, conceptual intervention and small and medium enterprise development. I have a huge amount of creative vision with a special interest in marketing, publicity and communications.

I am driven by a passion to make a difference to other people's lives; therefore social enterprise is my natural spiritual home. That means supporting local Denbighshire people/business to set-up and to continue working through

social enterprise; creating an organisation/business that is local; that is run and managed by the people/volunteers that it engages or employs; that the business has successful trading practice and commits at least 50 % of its profit from that trade into a local social initiative.

I'll help you set-up, become constituted, discuss and structure your ideas into a workable business plan, search for funding, access training, recruit staff, develop marketing and PR plans, go on-line, trade successfully, locally in a sustainable environment. You may also be interested to know that I have set up and run a private small business and a public service small enterprise. My post graduate research comprised conceptual problem solving, new technology and marine ecology and I can trace my ancestry back in North Wales for over a thousand years!!

I am based in DVSC Rhyl Offices and my responsibility is for the whole of Denbighshire. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

My contact details are :-

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84 Marsh Road, Rhyl  
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Tel: 01745 369 973  
E.mail: [lynn@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:lynn@dvsc.co.uk)  
Website: [www.dvsc.co.uk](http://www.dvsc.co.uk)



## VOLUNTARY SECTOR REGIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

All courses are **£20 pp** unless otherwise stated (Courses would cost £100 if not for WAG subsidies)

**This successful collaborative training programme will be continued and full details of courses to come will be included in the September issue of The Volunteer. Details will also appear on DVSC's website [www.dvsc.co.uk](http://www.dvsc.co.uk)**



**Are you interested in your local heritage?**

**Would you like to find out more about funding a heritage project?**

Heritage Lottery Fund is holding two workshops which will introduce you to some of our grant programmes and give advice on how to apply.

14:00 – 16:00 21 June – [Llanfwrog Community Centre, Ruthin LL15 1LE](#)

10:00 – 12:00 22 June – [Galeri, Caernarfon LL55 1SQ](#)

If you'd like to attend one of the sessions, please email [daniellew@hlf.org.uk](mailto:daniellew@hlf.org.uk) by **Friday, 17 June** to reserve a place.

The workshop will be delivered bilingually and simultaneous translation will be available. The venues are fully accessible but please tell us if you have any additional requirements.

### **NewLink Wales Training Substance Misuse Awareness Level 1**

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011, Wrexham, Voluntary £140, Statutory £150

### **Substance Misuse Awareness Level 2** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Wrexham, Voluntary Sector £155, Statutory Sector £165

If you want further information or require a copy of the NewLink Wales training booklet please contact us on our details below: NewLink Wales, Meridian Court, North Road, Cardiff CF14 3BE

Tel: 02920 529002 Fax: 02920 619250

Email: [training@newlinkwales.org.uk](mailto:training@newlinkwales.org.uk)

Website: [www.newlinkwales.org.uk](http://www.newlinkwales.org.uk)

### **Minimum wage increases announced**

The adult national minimum wage is to increase by 15p an hour, to £6.08, from 1 October 2011. For 18 to 20 year olds the change is 6p, to £4.98, 16 to 17 year olds add 4p to get £3.68, apprentices up 10p to £2.60. (Source: VolResource Newsletter, No 474)

## Greencare Activities Denbighshire



This new partnership between Groundwork North Wales and Conwy and Denbighshire Youth Justice Service involves the implementation of environmental/conservation projects across the county. This enables young offenders and those at risk of offending to gain the opportunity to give something back to the community and learn new skills in the process.

The project will help address social exclusion by engaging with persons who are excluded from society. Additional benefits for those participating include improved self-confidence, increased well-being, better understanding about the environment they live or work in and the development of a 'work' ethos. This in turn will help develop stronger community ties for those people previously economically inactive or socially isolated for whatever reason.

As a team, we have a range of skills and are eager to help community groups, local authorities and schools across the county who need assistance with grounds maintenance, creation of sustainable kitchen gardens, willow weaving, construction work, joinery skills etc.

The work will be done by myself – Sarah Freeman (Project Officer) and Steve Lucas (Assistant Project Officer) and a small group of supervised young people.

For further details and information please contact Sarah Freeman on 07714 310469 or 01978 757524



### House-to-House Code launch is culmination of sector wide consultation

The Institute of Fundraising is launching its revised House-to-House Collections Code of Fundraising Practice. The Code has been revised to provide more specific and detailed guidance for the different types of collections that occur. As well as the Code, accompanying guidance has been created to explain the different types of collections that can occur and the different parties' involvements. The guidance also provides information around bogus collections and some tips on trying to avoid giving to them. For more details, [http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/Codes\\_and\\_regulation/Codes](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/Codes_and_regulation/Codes)

(Source: Institute of Fundraising Cymru e-briefing, April 11 and WCVA e-briefing)

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 2011 DVSC Funders Fayre**  
Nova Centre, Prestatyn      Tuesday, 18 October, 2011  
Further details to follow - watch this space

**PRACTICAL SERVICES ALWAYS AVAILABLE from DVSC**

**RESOURCES**

- Typing - £3.50 per A4 sheet
- Photocopying - 5p per A4 sheet
- Payroll - Highly competitive rates - Please contact Gareth Mawby 01824 702441 for detailed costing
- Internet Access - Free
- Equipment hire - Display boards, flip charts,
- Conference / Committee Room hire - see page 15 for costs and facility details
- Bi-monthly Newsletter
- Leaflet / Flyer distribution with the Newsletter - please contact Lilwen Roberts 01824 702441 for costs

**FUNDING**

- Advice and information
- Funderfinder Service
- Identifying funding sources
- Advice on completing funding application

**TRAINING**

- Training Courses / Information seminars
- Signposting Low cost training courses for:-
- Accounting (SORPS)
- Volunteer Management
- Funding
- Committee Skills
- Roles of Trustees

**VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

- Matching Volunteers with volunteering opportunities within organisations in the County
- Millennium Volunteers 16 - 25 years old
- Young Volunteers in Denbighshire - under 16 years

**Are You Being Served?**

The April voluntary sector network meeting, which was held jointly by the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing network and the Children & Young People's network, heard from Rick Abbas (DCC Welfare Rights Unit) and Karen Beattie (DCC Equalities Officer) on the impact of changes to welfare rights benefits, and the implementation of equalities duties.

It was a sobering meeting, and some organisations are already reporting peoples' distress at

finding that their benefits have been cut or changed. A copy of Rick's Power Point presentation is available from [lindsay@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:lindsay@dvsc.co.uk).

The next joint meeting will be held on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July** at DVSC, beginning at 10.15 with coffee, and ending with lunch at about 1.00pm. It was felt that this meeting should include a series of workshops about "who knows what/who can help", and how to support potentially aggressive and/or severely depressed service users safely.

**GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**



Town and Community councils, registered charities, community and voluntary groups wishing to apply for financial assistance towards capital or revenue projects which will support economic or social regeneration or improve the environment in Denbighshire are invited to register their interest.

*Forms will be available from 27th June onwards and have to be returned by 2nd September 2011. Contact:*

**Grants & Rural Development Plan Support Officer, Denbighshire County Council, Ruthin Gaol, 46 Clwyd Street, Ruthin,**

**Denbighshire, LL15 1HP. Tel: 01824 708242  
E-mail: [grant.support@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:grant.support@denbighshire.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.denbighshire.gov.uk](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk)**

## Syd Badland MBE



L - R Mr. Lloyd FitzHugh, High Sheriff of Clwyd; Mrs. Badland; Mr. Syd Badland, MBE; Mr. Trefor Jones, CBE, H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Clwyd.

Many, many congratulations to Syd Badland, Trefnant who was honoured with the MBE at a very special ceremony at Rhuddlan Community Centre on Wednesday 6th April 2011. Syd's health did not allow him to travel to London so the MBE came to him. Syd was honoured for all his voluntary work with a multitude of local organisations over more years than he cares to remember!

### Help with Gift Aid, payroll giving and legacies

In April the Chancellor announced them as 'the most radical and generous reforms to charitable giving in a long time'. He was talking about changes to tax-effective giving mechanisms including Gift Aid and legacies. If your organisation hasn't yet got to grips with Gift Aid, legacy or payroll giving then Giving Wales can help. For the Giving Wales leaflet (below) or for further details contact Eileen Kinsman, Giving Wales Officer, 0800 2888 329, [givingwales@wcva.org.uk](mailto:givingwales@wcva.org.uk)



### Course on Understanding Changes to the Benefits System 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in Llandudno

#### Course Aims

The Welfare Benefit's system is undergoing major changes which affect the majority of claimants. Making sure you are aware of what changes have happened and what is happening in the future will ensure that you can continue to provide good advice and support. The course will identify recent and forthcoming changes and the affects they have on claimants, with particular reference to disabled people.

#### Designed for

Anyone working in a support, care or advice role for a disabled adult or child. It is an introductory level course, and is designed to raise awareness of benefits and would not include any benefit calculations.

Further details from Inacia Rodrigues, Training Administrator, **Learning Disability Wales, 41 Lambourne Crescent, Cardiff Business Park, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5GG**

**Tel: 029 2068 1174 Fax: 029 2075 2149**

[training@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk](mailto:training@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk)

### **City & Guilds Energy Awareness 6281-01 (Formerly 6176-01) Course**

This three-day course (free) is designed and aimed in particular for **Health Professionals or Health Workers** who wish to gain knowledge of domestic energy efficiency, the causes and effects of fuel poverty which are linked to physical and mental well-being, and who are in a position to provide face-to-face energy advice.

Individuals attending the course will be

shown how to spot the signs of fuel poverty and how to give advice to patients, encouraging them to understand how changes in their behaviour can lead to a warmer home and improved health without increasing fuel bills.

**J  
uly 12, 13 & 14 in Wrexham - Exam  
on 20th July**

**For further details please  
contact Lynsey Thompson**

**[Lynsey.thompson@nea.org.uk](mailto:Lynsey.thompson@nea.org.uk) Tel:  
01912615677**

**Public Health Wales** has now launched a consultation on the [National Workforce Development Plan for Public Health in Wales](#).

This document, which sets out a training plan for public health work in Wales, is aimed at all levels, sectors, partners and stakeholders across Wales and has been developed by Public Health Wales, supported by the National Workforce Development Group for Public Health in Wales. A number of individuals and teams across the public health system, including representatives from WCVA and Wellbeing Wales, were interviewed and contributed to the information gathering stage which helped to shape the aims and objectives of the plan.

The Plan's approach to the wider workforce may be of particular interest to those in the third sector: This group includes those who have a role in health improvement, protecting health and reducing inequalities but who would not necessarily regard or immediately identify themselves as part of the public health/health and wellbeing workforce. Such individuals may be highly recognised and highly financially rewarded, or alternatively, may be unpaid volunteers seeking to make a difference in their communities. It is hoped that the report will both highlight the role of the third sector in public health as well as establish a strong plan of action to improve integration and access to workforce training.

The Public Health Wales team welcome general comments on the plan but have also developed a pro forma with four key questions which can be filled in and returned to [Claire.Barley@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Claire.Barley@wales.nhs.uk). **The consultation closes on Friday 12 August 2011**

# My Life My Way

21st July 2011, 11am

Royal Pavilion, Llangollen

- Do you sometimes feel that time is passing you by?
- Do you feel you could do more?
- Would you like to have more control over your life?
- Would you like to have the confidence to just “go out and do it”?  
Would you like to find the new you?
- Would you like help with training, volunteering or employment opportunities?

If the answer to these questions is “**YES**” then come along to the Royal Pavilion, Llangollen and see what My Life My Way has to offer

Find out how you, like others, can change your lifestyle for the better

If you would like to attend this event please contact  
**Vicky Hoban or Sandra Jones on 01745 334976**





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Helps Wales reduce its Carbon Footprint

WCVa  
Welsh Council for Voluntary Action

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Welsh Government

**Date for your diary**

[www.cymru.gov.uk](http://www.cymru.gov.uk)

**When and Where**

**Tuesday 5 July:**  
Carmarthen, Ivy Bush Royal Hotel

**Wednesday 6 July:**  
Newport, Christchurch Centre

**Wednesday 13 July:**  
Llandrindod Wells, The Pavilion

**Thursday 14 July:**  
Rhyl, Morfa Hall

**Building community resilience to the impacts of climate change**

Climate change is already affecting Wales and the impacts of climate change are projected to become more significant over time. We need to start preparing for the challenges and opportunities that climate change brings.

**What the events will offer**

- Interactive sessions exploring the likely impacts of climate change
- Presentations and learning from those who have already taken action
- Workshops on preparing for climate change impacts in four areas: Health and social care, Housing, Vulnerable groups and Community groups

**What participants will gain**

- Increased understanding of how climate change is likely to affect their organisation and the community they work with
- Support and ideas for potential actions, including a template to help build the impacts of climate change into their business planning

**Who should attend**

- All third sector organisations, including non-environmental organisations.

The events are particularly relevant to organisations that offer services to marginalised or disadvantaged groups that are most vulnerable to climate change i.e. older people, disabled people, children and young people, refugee groups and people living in poverty.

**Cost**

£12 per delegate  
(to include buffet lunch)

**Booking your place**

Visit: [www.dinyurl.com/wcva-policy-policyevents](http://www.dinyurl.com/wcva-policy-policyevents)  
or contact Sarah Baker at [policy@wcva.org.uk](mailto:policy@wcva.org.uk)  
or 0800 2000 329

Deadline: 24 June 2011

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**DENBIGHSHIRE  
LEARNING  
DISABILITY  
FORUM**

The Forum will be holding a  
**‘lunch and chat’ day on**

**Friday 15 July 2011  
at**

***The Forum Café Denbigh*  
from 12- 2pm.**

**If you are a parent  
or carer for a  
family member  
with a Learning  
Disability, we  
would love to invite  
you to come along  
and join us**



**Please contact Alan or Jackie on  
01824 702441 or email  
[alan@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:alan@dvsc.co.uk) by Friday July 1  
to book your place**

**Dates For Your Diary**  
**Forum’s monthly discos** are held on the last Friday of the month at the Masonic Hall in Meliden  
7pm - 10.30pm

**For further details about Forum’s work and events please contact either Alan or Jackie on 01824 702441 / 709315**

**Campaigning** – progress report by John Watkin, Chief Executive Officer

**1. Denbighshire County Council Scrutiny committees** – We have still not secured any seats on the local scrutiny committees.

**2. The Welsh Government Code of Practice for funding the voluntary sector** -

Denbighshire County Council has provided a draft code for the Voluntary sector Liaison Group to comment on. There is a meeting on 28th June at which the issues will be discussed with a view to finalising the document.

**3. Procurement and Commissioning**

**(a) North Wales Procurement Partnership** -

this now looks like a watching brief as no major problems, that I am aware of, are happening. **(b) Collaborative**

**commissioning** – We have started discussions with Denbighshire County Council and we have asked for this item to be included in the action plan for 2011 so that we can collectively make some headway as it appears progress in other County areas are at a far more advanced stage than in Denbighshire.

**4. Rural Development Board Programme (RDP)** – We are waiting the outcome of the mid term review that is being undertaken by the Welsh Government. The consultants acting on behalf of Welsh Government are currently talking to members of the Rural Development Partnership. It is hoped, arising from the review, that the rural programme will become more accessible and less bureaucratic which will assist the Third Sector and the local communities immensely.

**5. Regeneration Board** - We are still waiting for news from the County Council as to whether the Third Sector will be involved.

**6. Rhyl Shopmobility** – This organisation has had some real financial problems arising from the road works in Rhyl and of course those problems are beyond their control. DVSC are currently helping with regard to accounts preparation

**7. Community Transport** - We have always

wanted to see in Denbighshire a robust and co-ordinated community transport service and it is pleasing to report that some really positive steps are now being taken by Denbighshire County Council in collaboration with the Community Transport Association and ourselves (DVSC). A number of meetings have taken place but as yet there is nothing of substance to report. We are also making submissions to a working group established by the Welsh Government.

**8. Cymorth and Families First** – First the good news – funding has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Now for the not so good news – third sector organisations will now have to look to alternative sources of funding from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 as it is very unlikely that the existing Cymorth funded projects will receive the same level of support from Families First, in fact its possible they will not receive any funding at all. So now is the time for third sector organisations to look at their “Plan B “ and look for money from alternative sources if they want to continue delivering services beyond 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. I know this will be devastating news for some organisations but that is the situation we are in. DVSC will naturally help with funding applications, business plans etc so please contact us for help.

**9. Voluntary Organisations grant** – At the last Voluntary Sector Liaison Group we asked if the Council would waive the 10% cut and they indicated they would consider and report back. We will receive their response on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

# Volunteer Centre

For further details on volunteering opportunities or issues please contact Gaynor at Ruthin on 01824 702441 or Gerry in the Rhyl office 01745 369973

## Denbighshire Heritage Service Urgently Need Volunteers – Sharing Treasures Exhibition Attendants

From Monday 13th June to Wednesday 31st August there will be a touring archaeological exhibition held at Rhyl Museum. Attendants are needed to oversee the exhibits (all in high security cases) hand out explanatory leaflets and interact with the public.

If you're over 18 and interested please contact Gaynor Jones 01824 702441 [gaynor@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:gaynor@dvsc.co.uk)

We at **The Denbighshire Wildlife & Avian Rescue Centre (Denbighshire Avian Rescue Centre)** are looking for people with a love of wildlife and who would like to play a part in helping to form a constituted group. This will enable us to apply for and access funding we desperately need.

We have now been going as a rescue centre for nearly 2 years and all the work we have done has been done with very little funding

but we now need to move up a level to be able to get vets on board and also to employ a part time veterinary nurse. All this costs money that we just haven't got.

If we do not succeed to form a group and access funding this could mean that we will lose this much needed centre. Please take a look at <http://www.denbighshire-avian-rescue-centre.com>  
Email: [drescue@live.co.uk](mailto:drescue@live.co.uk)  
01745 530056 or 07866961923



Young Volunteer in Denbighshire Osian Williams receiving his Bronze Award from Cllr Bob Lube Deputy Mayor of Llangollen. Osian a

member of Llangollen Silver Band, also won first place in the Urdd Eisteddfod held at Swansea. He was a soloist in the individual brass section. Many congratulations to Osian.



Osian Cllr Lube, with Mia Thomas who received her Millennium Award of Excellence from Ken Skates AM Clwyd South.

## CHILDLINE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Volunteers to support children and young people who contact ChildLine. Full training is given for all volunteer roles.

Information meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at Warren House, Warren Drive, Prestatyn.

Further information about volunteering opportunities at ChildLine can be found on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) or contact the Volunteer Centre.

**VOLUNTEERS WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2011**



On Wednesday 8th June, more than 70 volunteers representing 30 different organisations, spent a very enjoyable time touring the Rhyll Lifeboat Station. Following their tour everyone moved to the Rhyll Pavilion for a buffet lunch and the day culminated with Cllr Bill Cowie, Denbighshire County Council Chairman, presenting 'Thank you' certificates to the Volunteers. Gaynor Jones, Volunteer Centre Organiser, said "This event was organised by DVSC's Volunteer Centre as a way of showing our appreciation and to say "Thank you" to all volunteers for their valued contribution and commitment given to the many voluntary / community groups throughout Denbighshire".



**Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Shopping Buddies**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2011 a group of past and present Shopping Buddies

Shopping Buddies co-ordinator Gerry Frobisher, said "The Shopping Buddies" scheme was launched two years ago and since then has helped many customers with their shopping. The volunteers have walked round the shop with customers assisting with reading labels, stretching up and bending down for goods, pushing their trolley, helping load bags and just being around the shop just to help when needed. I would like to thank Sainsbury's for their continued support for the scheme, and for the excellent birthday cake they supplied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration".

Buddies gathered to celebrate the scheme's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday at the Rhyll Sainsbury's store.



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Organisation or Community  
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idea? Find out about European  
funding opportunities available  
for your organisation at  
**TECHNIUM OPTIC**  
Ffordd William Morgan St.  
Asaph Business Park  
St Asaph LL17 0JD  
Friday 22nd July 2011  
10.30am – 12.00 pm

Contact Derek Vaughan's  
North Wales office by emailing  
[linda.pierce@derekvaughanmep.org.uk](mailto:linda.pierce@derekvaughanmep.org.uk)

## *London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay*

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shine.

**Olympic Torch Relay  
19 May – 27 July 2012**

**Find out more:**

**[london2012.com/olympictorchrelay](http://london2012.com/olympictorchrelay)**

**Nominations close**

**29 June 2011**



## TWO DAY CELEBRATION OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION IN NORTH WALES

**21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> September, 2011.**

**Glyndwr University, Wrexham, North Wales**

**This two-day partnership event – designed for children & young people with SLCN,  
parents, nursery & playgroup leaders, SENCO's and teachers, health visitors,  
therapists, psychologists, social workers, commissioners, and other professionals  
working with SLCN.**

**For further details or to make a booking, please contact**

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**Please note, there will be not be a charge for this event, but any donations to AFASIC Cymru will be gratefully  
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## **Building communities resilient to the impact of climate change**

WCVA's next round of regional policy events will focus on how communities and organisations can prepare for the impact of climate change. These events will be run jointly with the Sustainable Futures Network.

With the publication of the new UK climate change projections in 2009, it is clear that the impacts of climate change are likely to be very significant for Wales and the UK as we approach the middle of the 21st century. We can expect:

- increased temperatures across all of the UK with greater warming in summer than in winter;
- more winter rainfall and drier summers for much of the country;
- rising sea levels especially in the south of the country.

As yet our understanding of the consequences of climate change for people living in Wales, and the third sector, is still at an early stage. We need to consider the impacts of the direct and indirect effects of climate change and the short and long term consequences of each in order to respond effectively.

The ability to change to face these challenges, develop community resilience and address equity issues in emerging responses is vital so that some groups are not disproportionately negatively affected. The third sector needs to consider how its beneficiaries will cope with these new challenges and what changes may need to be made to its services to support them.

To help fund the introduction of Gift Aid online filing by 2013, the Government will withdraw Self Assessment (SA) Donate for tax returns from April 2012.

As there is great uncertainty, it is very important that we start building the resilience of our organisations and communities so that we can recover more quickly. We need to build in a high level of robustness, especially supporting people already marginalised. Adaptations to climate change can also offer us opportunities and help us to regenerate our communities.

To support the sector to address these challenges and opportunities, July's round of policy events will offer a day on how climate change will affect our communities, and how the third sector has a key role in building resilience to meet these changes. Participants will come away from the day with an increased understanding of what climate change means for their organisations and their beneficiaries along with a focused set of activities for their organisation to help them build climate change into their planning.

These regional policy events are relevant for all third sector organisations, especially those who may offer services to already marginalised and disadvantaged groups who are most vulnerable to climate change, such as older people, disabled people, people living in poverty. It is also relevant to third sector organisations who offer services which will be impacted by the change in weather patterns, for example health and social care organisations and housing associations.

The regional policy events will take place in Carmarthen on 5 July, Newport on 6 July, Llandrindod Wells on 13 July and Rhyl on 14 July. For more information on venues and to make a booking visit [www.tinyurl.com/wcva-policy-policyevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/wcva-policy-policyevents) or contact Sarah Baker at [policy@wcva.org.uk](mailto:policy@wcva.org.uk).

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## Nominations for campaigning awards begin

**Voting is now open for an awards programme set up to honour outstanding grassroots campaigners.**

The 2011 Sheila McKechnie Foundation Campaigner Awards feature nine nomination categories - Consumer Action, Environment, International Campaigner, Local Campaigner, London Social Justice, Social and Economic Justice, Take Action, Transport and Shout Out - an award for 14-18 year-old campaigners based in London.

The awards are for individuals who are new to campaigning or operate with few resources, yet show passion, tenacity and the potential to create change - locally, nationally or globally.

SMK runs programmes for individuals and groups providing support, advice and a place to share information on key areas of effective campaigning: from strategy, tactics, and targets to evaluating successful campaigns

Award winners receive a bespoke package of support for their campaigns, which includes one-to-one coaching from experienced campaigners, a residential skills-building weekend, public affairs and media coaching and mentoring sessions with field experts.

Voting for the SMK Campaigner Awards is open now. Nominate a campaigner [www.smk.org.uk/nominate-a-campaigner](http://www.smk.org.uk/nominate-a-campaigner). The deadline for votes is 20 June.

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## Charity Commission updates its 'trustee toolkit'

**The Charity Commission has published the third chapter of *Protecting charities from harm*, its online compliance toolkit for charity trustees.**

The toolkit, developed in partnership with the third sector, is a guide for trustees, giving them practical guidance to help manage risk and protect their charity and its property from harm.


Trustees have a legal duty and responsibility under charity law to protect the funds and property of their charity so it can be used for beneficiaries. The guidance in the toolkit update highlights some of the types of fraud and financial crime to which charities are vulnerable and provides practical guidance on how to tackle it.

The guide also highlights the warning signs of fraud, money laundering and other financial misconduct, explains what the Commission's role is in dealing with fraud and offers practical

advice on anti-fraud measures. The new chapter also provides information on when an effective fraud action and response plan could be necessary, and how to implement one.

Anna Lewis, WCVA Legal Services Officer, said: 'This toolkit offers clear guidance to trustees to make them aware of what they can do to avoid the types of fraud that charities can be susceptible to. The use of real-life case studies which show what can go wrong is a particularly effective way of highlighting why those working in the voluntary sector need to be vigilant.'

The first chapters of *Protecting charities from harm* covered charities and terrorism, and due diligence and monitoring. The last chapter of the toolkit, to be published soon, will offer advice on holding, transferring and receiving funds safely in an international context. The new chapter can be found on the Charity Commission's website, [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk).

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