

The Volunteer in Denbighshire

November
2011

Lifetime Achievement Award for Care Champion

Mrs Eurwen Edwards OBE, President of Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council, Vice Chairman of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Honorary President of the Pennaf Housing Group and a founder member of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association, has been honoured with a prestigious 'lifetime achievement' award recognising her dedication to the care of others.

Mrs Edwards, aged 91, who lives in Rhyl, has spent most of her life helping others through her voluntary work, and her devotion was recognised when she received the Craig Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award at a ceremony organised by Care Forum Wales in Cardiff recently.

Mrs Edwards' own inspiration for her lifelong passion of helping others came from her father John Wynne, a postman from St Asaph, who died from pneumonia when she was only 11. She said: "When I was small, my father would take me around the workhouses and we would talk to some of the people who were there who were less fortunate than us because my dad wanted me to understand that everybody is equal and you should treat people in the way you want to be treated - with kindness and respect. "It is something which I have remembered all my life and has become very important to me"

This guiding principle has seen her through decades of caring for other people which started long ago helping World War II evacuees from Liverpool settle in to their new Welsh surroundings and has included heading up the Clwyd branch of the WRVS for more than 20 years.

Mrs Edwards has also been Chair of Age Concern in her area and President of the Clwyd Disability Association. She has also championed the cause of vulnerable young people and young families, particularly those who have been homeless.

Mrs Edwards insisted her award was not just for her but for the thousands of people who have volunteered alongside her. She said the award was a great highlight but when

asked about the most important moment in her volunteer career, she said quite simply: "I think a thank you from someone who has really been at their wit's end. I don't think it is about medals but simply about having someone squeezing your hand and thanking you for helping them.

"That's what has kept me going all these years!"

Mario Kreft, the Chair of Care Forum Wales who made the Lifetime Achievement Award, said Mrs Edwards was a very worthy winner.

He said: "When Mrs Edwards accepted her award, she lifted it like a footballer lifts a cup, with determination and strength and I think this really embodies the type of person she is. She is true heroine of social care."



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change 4 life, RRU Rural Regeneration Unit, Health Challenge Wales

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust open for applications from Local projects

Local applicants who have a remit to serve their local community or town can apply for up to £2,500. The categories for funding are: sport, the arts, the environment and the community. The deadline for applications is 21 December 2011. Further details are available from www.millenniumstadium.com, email msct@fusionuk.org.uk or telephone 029 2049 4963.

WANTED – An individual from the voluntary sector that has a passion and enthusiasm for supporting the Denbighshire Rural Development Partnership .

Can you help to make a difference in our rural communities?

Vision for the Denbighshire Rural Development Partnership is :

“Our rural communities will be economically, socially and culturally active whilst maintaining the beautiful natural and historic environment. There will be access to affordable housing, to employment and to services for people from all parts of our rural community. More housing will sustain community facilities such as school and shops. Local transport structures will improve access between communities whilst the unique rural culture and identities of our small villages will be protected and celebrated. Economic activity will sustain the natural beauty of the AONB and rural areas. The agri-food sector, tourism and contemporary communications will enable further rural development

How does the Partnership work?

The Denbighshire Rural Development Plan Partnership has been formed with representation from four sectors: community, private, public and voluntary. The decision-making body will comprise sixteen individuals from throughout the area, each with specific expertise within fields relevant to the issues to be addressed and well placed to communicate with the

sectors they represent. Currently the voluntary sector has 3 representatives with one vacancy

The members of the Partnership have been selected to ensure that the relevant knowledge and experience and means of communicating with the related geographical communities and communities of interest, the links to other policies, plans and strategies and the knowledge to enable the selection and delivery of appropriate priorities for action are all available to it.

How often does it meet and for how long?

Usually every quarter for about 3 hours.

What does it do?

It bids for money from Welsh Government which it then distributes ,through a competitive bidding process, to various organisations (private sector, statutory or third sector). Currently the budget for 2 years is £5 million

If you are interested please write to Mr John Watkin Chief Executive Officer, DVSC by no later than 16th January 2012 .

If you would like an informal chat then by all means please feel free to phone John on 01824 702441



Cronfa Amaethyddol Ewrop ar gyfer Datblygu Gwledig: Ewrop yn Bwtioeddli mewn Ardaloedd Gwledig
 The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe Investing in Rural Areas



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VOLUNTARY SECTOR REGIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

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

This successful collaborative training programme continues and full details also appear on DVSC's website www.dvsc.co.uk. To book any of these courses contact Bronwen Isaac on 01824 702441 or email bronwen@dvsc.co.uk

Community Fundraising [Half Day] – Tuesday, 17 January, 2012 – 9.30 am – 1.00 pm - DVSC Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin

By the end of this session you will

- Be able to create a plan for fundraising for your local community
- Develop appropriate cases for support
- Develop a network of local groups
- Recruit, manage and support fundraising volunteers
- Implement community fundraising activity
- Ensure they comply with relevant legislation and best practice

Know where to go for further information, help and advice

Trainer – Jennifer Rowlands

Volunteer Recruitment, Selection and Induction - Monday, 23 January, 2012 – 10.00 am to 3.00 pm – DVSC Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin

By the end of the session you will

- Be familiar with a range of methods to attract a diversity of volunteers
- Recognise ways in which volunteering can be made more accessible to all
- Recognise 'selection' as a two way process and be familiar with a range of selection tools
- Be able to prepare questions for and conduct a selection interview
- Understand the use of vetting procedures, including CRB checks and recognise their limitations
- Recognise potential uses and abuses of volunteers' personal information
- Have identified actions for improvement in their own practice and that of their organisation

Trainer – Gaynor Jones

Trading [Half Day] – Thursday, 26 January, 2012 – 9.30 am – 1.00 pm - Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl

By the end of this session you will

- Be able to assess your potential for trading goods or services
- Understand the processes involved in developing a trading idea
- Develop a competitive advantage and know where to go for further information help and advice

Trainer – Jennifer Rowlands

Roles of Officers of Voluntary and Community Groups – Wednesday, 15 February, 2011 - 10.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl

By the end of this session you will

- Have identified the individual roles of honorary officers and
- Understand the importance and impact of these roles on the organisation
- Understand the functions and responsibilities of honorary officers

Have considered the knowledge and skills required to undertake these specific roles

Trainer – Emyr B Williams

Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership Training Programme

Open to anyone working with children (from birth) and young people up to the age of 25 in Denbighshire

Paediatric First Aid Course

This is a two day course specifically designed for childminders and persons employed in the care of children and young babies. Assessment is throughout the course and qualification is valid for 3 years.

The course syllabus complies with the guidelines issued by CSSIW.

February Saturday 4 & 11 February 2012

Time: 9.15am – 4pm

Venue: DVSC, Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin, LL15 1AF

Trainer: Irene Jones, Complete First Aid

Emergency First Aid in the Workplace Course

This is a one day HSE accredited course in emergency first aid children and young people. Assessment is throughout the course and qualification is valid for 3 years.

February Saturday 18 February 2012

Time: 9.15am – 4pm

Venue: Kings Hall, Kings Avenue, Prestatyn

Trainer: Complete First Aid

CIEH level 2 Award in Food Safety (formally known as Basic Food Hygiene)

This one day QCA accredited course will ensure those who handle food will gain a firm grasp of the importance of food safety and knowledge of the systems, techniques and procedures involved. They will have the confidence and expertise to deliver quality food, safely. This course is ideal for those working in a childcare setting who may be involved in food preparation.

February Saturday 18 February 2012

Time: 9.00am – 4.30pm

Venue: Rhuddlan Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan

Trainer: Pat Stubbs

Child Protection Training

This 6 hour course is suitable for anyone working with children and young people of all ages. By the end of the session you will be able to discuss what is meant by safeguarding, abuse and neglect, to identify the signs and indicators of abuse, to know what to do if there are concerns about a child and identify the impact of abuse on children and on those involved.

December Saturday 3 December 2011

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue: DVSC, Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin

Trainer: Suzanne Bradley

Speech, Language and Communication Training

Including how to support children with communication difficulties and ways to encourage good communication environments including early intervention

February Monday 27 February 2012

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Venue: DVSC, Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin

For further details and to obtain a booking form please e.mail JoAnne Williamson on joanne@dvsc.co.uk To book a place a cheque for £10 pp is required but this will be returned when you attend the course.

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

FIT FOR WORK SERVICE

The next workshop is to be held at Rhyl Community Fire Station 8th December from 9.30am until 12.30pm and 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

Coping at work when times are hard : interventions to promote well-being and performance at work

This interactive seminar will begin with an overview of the ways in which work can undermine well-being and how this might impact on service outcomes. This will be followed by a summary of evidence based practice in employee well-being and will describe some of the actions that can be taken to help staff cope. Participants will be given the opportunity to think about next steps to promote well-being and coping in their own organisation. Information will be given on resources available to help achieve this – many are free to access.

This workshop will be delivered by Dr Jan Hill-Tout who is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist, specialising in the area of staff support and employee well-being. She has practical experience of supporting employers and employees to cope when times are hard.

Places on the workshop is strictly limited, so early booking is essential. Please contact Lloyd Beattie on 01745 369561 or e-mail Lloyd.beattie@rhylcitystrategy.co.uk to book your place.

Policy Templates

The Fit for Work Service has produced a range of policy templates for your use. These include Sickness Monitoring, Return to Work Forms, Stress Risk Assessment Policy, Wellbeing Policy.

If you would like a copy of any of these templates please contact Eileen Higton, Partnership Development Manager on 01745 369561 or e-mail eileen.higton@rhylcitystrategy.co.uk

Get ready to have your say on the council's priorities



Denbighshire is asking for views on what people think the council's main priorities should be over the next four years from 2012 to 2016.

The Corporate Plan is necessary to enable the council to show how it will continuously improve, and will take into account consultation and engagement with residents, councillors, staff, regulators and other interested parties.

Following the 2012 Council Elections, Councillors will select a number of priorities for the new Corporate Plan, which will then be included in a draft Corporate Plan document. This will be available for comment during the Summer of 2012. Once finalised, it will provide

a clear vision about what the council's priorities are for the period of the plan, and focussed work programmes will be developed to ensure its success in delivering the outcomes associated with those priorities for the communities of Denbighshire.

Consultation leaflets are available and can be completed and handed in to any Denbighshire reception, including one-stop-shops, libraries, and leisure centres. The survey can also be completed online through www.denbighshire.gov.uk/corporateplan and should take no longer than two minutes.

The consultation will close on 9 December, 2011, and feedback will be provided through the media, the council's website and 'County Voice' newsletter. If you have any queries, please contact the Corporate Improvement Team on 01824 712 508, or corporate.improvement@denbighshire.gov.uk

Review of Guidance - Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation

In January 2011 the Welsh Government issued guidance titled *Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation*. It aims to help police, teachers, social workers and health workers amongst others to identify children at risk of sexual exploitation, take steps to protect them and take action against perpetrators.

When the guidance was launched the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services, Gwenda Thomas, made a commitment to carry out a review to check whether the guidance is a useful and practical document .

An on-line questionnaire has been produced that contributes to this review. A link to this on-line questionnaire is attached and I would

be grateful if you could take the time to give us your views.

<https://response.questback.com/nationalassemblyforwales/hwlr1tprqw/>

The questionnaire should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and all information that you provide will be confidential. The results will be anonymised in any future reports that are published.

We'd be grateful if you could undertake the online-questionnaire by **12 December 2011**, after which time it will no longer be available.

If you have any questions relating to this questionnaire please contact Rebecca Powell on Rebecca.powell2@wales.gsi.gov.uk.



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COMMUNITIES INVESTMENT FUND (CIF)

On Wednesday 30 November WCVA will launch the new **Communities Investment Fund (CIF)** at The Factory in Porth, Rhondda Cynon Taff.

CIF will operate across the Convergence areas of Wales and will invest a total of £6m in loans and grants into the third sector in the next three years.

Of the total funding, £4m is ear-marked to support organisations seeking to deliver public service delivery contracts and the remaining £2m will be invested in more general third sector enterprise development.

Any third sector organisation is eligible to apply for up to £250,000 from CIF provided the funding supports a project or activity that takes place in Convergence areas.

The funding can support project development costs including capital and revenue costs, provide cash-flow support while trading capacity is being developed and the purchase or development of assets.

The event on 30 November is free to attend and will provide delegates with an opportunity to find out about CIF and how it can support third sector activities.

WCVA is holding a similar event to launch CIF in North Wales early in the New Year and details will be issued shortly.

For any general queries about the Communities Investment Fund, contact Matt Brown, Fund Manager, on 029 2043 1779 or mbrown@wcva.org.uk.

Worker skill in communicating with young people

The Children's Workforce Development Council has produced *Communication and engagement with children and young people: An employer's pocket guide*. It is intended to be a starting point rather than comprehensive. It should equally apply to developing skills of volunteers as well as paid staff. <http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/employers/communication-and-engagement> (Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 498)

Seminar - The Equality Act and what it means (with the Equality and Human Rights Commission)



11 January, 10am-3pm, Morfa Hall, Rhyl, FREE
19 January, 10am-3pm, Future Inn, Cardiff Bay, FREE

The Equality Act 2010 requires public authorities to pay due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and harassment, to create equality of opportunity and to foster good relations.

The Welsh Government has created specific duties for public sector organisations, which this seminar will address. These cover issues such as:

- Setting objectives
 - Engaging
 - Collecting relevant information
 - Procuring
- Impact Assessing
 Lunch will be provided.

Further details - WCVA Helpdesk / Lein Gymorth 0800 2888 329 | help@wcva.org.uk | www.wcva.org.uk

**South West Rhyl
 Communities First**

**Christmas Fayre
 Saturday 19th
 December 11am - 3pm
 John Davies Community
 Facility, 82 Marsh Rd**

Further details from
 Lisa Evans
 01745 332528

Keep Well this Winter



The Keep Well this Winter campaign aims to provide help and advice to those aged over 60 to ensure they maintain good health during the winter. These top tips are some of the best ways to keep your home warm, keep on top of your bills and keep healthy.

Keep Well

Flu jabs are free for people aged 65 and over and can prevent or lessen the effects of flu – ask your doctor for an appointment. It is especially important in the winter to eat healthily and stay as active as possible.

Keep Warm

Set your heating to the right temperature (between 18°C and 21°C,) and you can keep your home warm and lower your bills.

Nest is the Welsh Government's fuel poverty scheme. Nest provides free, impartial advice

on saving energy, money management, benefit entitlement and whether you're eligible for home improvements at no cost under the scheme. If you're worried about the cost of heating your home, you can call 0800 512 012 free from a landline or 0300 456 2655 from a mobile phone. www.nestwales.org.uk.

Keep Safe

Avoid slips and trips in the home by using stair rails and keeping passages well lit. Fire Safety is especially important during the Winter. Your local Fire and Rescue service will carry out a free home fire safety check for you and fit smoke alarms if you do not already have them. Call them on 0800 169 1234 for more information.

For further information about the Keep Well this Winter campaign contact

Age Cymru on 029 2043 1555
www.kwtk.org.uk



Consultation - [Inquiry into Residential Care for Older People](http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=2222)

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The Committee's inquiry will examine the provision of residential care for older people in Wales and the way in which it can meet their current and future needs.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:

To examine the provision of residential care in Wales and the ways in which it can meet the current and future needs of older people, including:

- the process by which older people enter residential care and the availability and accessibility of alternative community-based services, including reablement services and domiciliary care.
- the capacity of the residential care sector to meet the demand for services from older people in terms of staffing resources, including the skills mix of staff and their access to training, and the number of places and facilities, and resource levels.
- the quality of residential care services and the experiences of service users and their families; the effectiveness of services at meeting the diversity of need amongst older people; and the management of care home closures.
- the effectiveness of the regulation and inspection arrangements for residential care, including the scope for increased scrutiny of service providers' financial viability.
- new and emerging models of care provision.

the balance of public and independent sector provision, and alternative funding, management, and ownership models, such as those offered by the cooperative, mutual sector and third sector, and Registered Social Landlords.

The deadline date for responses is **16 December 2011**.

WCVA launches a guide to third sector trading

WCVA has recently published a guide for third sector groups hoping to increase their funds through trading.

Titled *It's an idea, but is it a business?*, the guide is aimed at groups who are planning to start trading or already do, and plan to use any profits to achieve sustainability or for another charitable purpose. It covers subjects such as getting started, business planning, the role of directors, financial monitoring and much more besides, and is rammed with invaluable advice and guidance.

The guide can be downloaded from WCVA's website www.wcva.org.uk and is in the publications section



DENBIGHSHIRE LEARNING DISABILITY FORUM

Denbighshire has a great track record in this field with its promotion of community living projects as opposed to a care home environment. Denbighshire also provides a job finding service for people with a learning disability to help find "mainstream" jobs. Denbighshire County Council also provides placements within their departments for work experience.

Heartfelt words from the Forum's Chair - Breaking Down the Barriers

For far too long people with a learning disability have been viewed as being "different" by the wider community and are treated either very childishly or with contempt and fear, the truth of the matter is that the majority of people with learning disability that pose a danger to people is no higher if not lower than persons without disability and with regard to being treated like children not only is this disrespectful but also discriminatory.

The reason that people treat others with such a stigma can be summed up in two words EDUCATION and EXPOSURE. Those who treat people with ANY disability, in such a way that they would not treat someone without, are quite obviously ill informed and have not met and spoken to a person in that position. The only difference between those with a learning disability and those without is the speed of learning development. People with a learning disability have personality in abundance and are far more capable than perceived by the general public and are just as "normal" as you or I.

Professionals have long recognised this and made moves to reduce the segregation of people and increase the level of "presence" within the community, as this without doubt, makes great inroads in the general public's education, and promotes normalisation of the people with the disability.

It is evident after recent events in Denbighshire that there is a long way to go in breaking down barriers in the community to enable comfortable living for all. The recent expansion of the Community Living Scheme in Denbighshire has been met with bigotry and shameful discrimination by a minority of people.

The people that are eligible for community living and employment integration are capable and pose no danger to the community and relaying this message is of the utmost importance to everyone with a vested interest to ensure smoother integration for all.

Therefore it seems the most logical thing is to stamp out the narrow minded views and educate the general public in learning disabilities to promote integration where possible and challenge discrimination directly and tactfully.

The work we all put into breaking the barriers and educating our youths will pave the way for a future of much more acceptance and better understanding all round which is ultimately what people with a disability long for and strive for — TO BE TREATED AS AN EQUAL.

Lee Humphreys, Chair

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**

An opt-out system for Organ Donation - what do you think? Make your voice heard at an event near you!

The Welsh Government is committed to continuing efforts to increase organ donation rates. As well as continuing the implementation of the UK Organ Donation Taskforce recommendations, the Welsh Government will also be introducing an Organ Donation Bill.

The Organ Donation Bill would create an opt-out system of organ donation. This means that unless an individual makes an objection their organs and tissues will be available for donation after their death.

On 8th November 2011, the Welsh Government released a White Paper detailing the above intentions. A Bill will be introduced in 2012, legislation could be in place by 2013 and a soft opt-out system could come into effect in 2015. The White Paper sets out proposals for how the system would work including:

- ♦ only people aged 18 or over who both live and die in Wales would be included under the system;
- ♦ individuals must have lived in Wales for a sufficient period of time before being included in an opt-out system – the White Paper invites views on how long that period should be;
- ♦ proposing four options for how people's wishes on donation could be recorded – including keeping a register of both those who have objected and not objected, or keeping no register of objection.

More information on the proposals (including the paper itself and a response form) can be obtained from the Organ Donation website on <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/organ/?lang=en>

The Welsh Government want to engage with the public on a face-to-face basis to hear their views. On behalf of the Welsh Government, the Board of CHCs in Wales has booked several consultation events which will take place across Wales. The local events details are listed below:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday 8 December 2011	17.30 - 19.00	BANGOR - Neuadd Reichel, Bangor University, Ffriddoedd Road, Bangor, LL57 2TR
Tuesday 20 December 2011	17.30 - 19.00	WREXHAM - Glyndwr University, Plas Coch Site, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AQ

(*Hearing Loops will be utilised where available)

If you are interested in attending any of the above events, please contact the **Board of CHCs in Wales' Office** on **0845 644 7814** or enquiries@waleschc.org.uk and we will register your interest.

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

The **1900th and 1950th Millennium Volunteer** recruited by the Volunteer Centre are 16 yr old Ceri Gill and 17 yr old Sarah Williams both 1st Year Sixth Formers at Ysgol Brynhyfryd Ruthin.

Ceri is a keen sportswoman working on completing her Community Sports Leaders Award (CSLA) through the school and in the community. She is also an active member of the Ruthin St John Ambulance and attends many weekend events as well as weekly sessions.



Sarah is also a keen sportswoman working on her CSLA through the school and the Denbighshire Netball Team. In school Sarah is a Peer mentor, and a Reading Buddy as well as a volunteer with the Ruthin Talking Newspaper.

 The **2000th Millennium Volunteer** recruited by the Denbighshire Volunteer Centre is 17 year old Jordan Greenfield of Prestatyn who is a 1st Year Sixth Former at Prestatyn High School. Jordan is an active member of Prestatyn Indoor Climbing Club and Prestatyn Running Club where he is on hand to help, encourage and coach younger members. As part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, Jordan volunteered at the Prestatyn Abandoned Animals Association Centre throughout the Summer and still helps out there on Saturdays.



CUDDLES

Cuddles is a support group for the Special Care Baby Unit at Glan Clwyd Hospital. We support the Unit by buying equipment following our fundraising events. We are always looking for volunteers to help us at events.

If you are interested, you can get in touch with Sandra on 07876626370 or join us on the last Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm at Glan Clwyd Hospital in the Children's Outpatients Seminar Room.

This year, the **Abandoned Animals Association** celebrates 25 years of re-homing unwanted pets, and since opening its new rescue centre at Little Pydew, Prestatyn, twelve months ago, the Association has re-homed 140 dogs, cats and kittens to new, caring homes – a figure way beyond their original goal.

Their success is down to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of management, staff and volunteers, who give these abandoned animals the love and care they so desperately need.

Volunteers are essential to the continued running of the Rescue Centre, as they can help in so many ways such as dog walking, general cleaning around the kennels, maintenance and answering the telephone.

To see the animals at the Abandoned Animals Association Rescue Centre, or to become a volunteer, contact Carol on 01745 857975, or check their website

www.abandonedanimals.org.uk



Fifteen year old Ellie Newell of Prestatyn, a pupil at St Brigid's School, Denbigh, who took part in the Crogen Cadet Challenge, has become the 100th young person to become a Young Dragon/Dreigiau Ifanc in North Wales.

The Future of Rhyl Through The Youth Of Today

DVSC Council hosted a special showcasing event on Friday 28th October 2011 at Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), Morfa Hall, Bath Street, Rhyl, entitled "The Future of Rhyl Through The Youth Of Today".



(Groups attending were St John Ambulance, ChildLine/NSPCC, Action For Children, Rhyl Youth Action Group (RYAG), Rhyl Army Cadets, Rhyl City Strategy Youth Forum, Talented Rhyl Youth (TRY), Rhyl Girl Guiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides), Rhyl Youth Marching Band, Denbighshire County Council 5 x 60 and CSLA, The Phoenix Performers, Rathbone Cymru, SNAP Cymru, Young Volunteers in Denbighshire, Millennium Volunteering and Young Dragons.



Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council's Youth Volunteering Co-ordinator, **Gerry Frobisher** said "This event was held to provide an opportunity for youth groups and clubs in Rhyl, to come along to SHOWCASE their organisations, and tell people what young people are doing in their town today, and what this can bring to Rhyl in the future. The event was very successful".

Denbighshire County Councillor, Morfudd Jones, Lead Member Welsh Language, Children, Young People and Leisure said "It was very positive and informative event and showed just how much young people are doing for Rhyl and how they are involved in the Community".

Mark Isherwood AM for the North Wales Regional said "It was great to visit the Youth Showcase Event in Rhyl, promoting the achievements of Rhyl's young people. I was very impressed by the young people I met. We must do more to celebrate the good work being done by them and by the various organisations with which they are involved".

Rhyl Town and Denbighshire County **Councillor Ian Gunning** said "I want to congratulate Denbighshire Voluntary Services for putting together this worthwhile event and I had the pleasure of catching up with many youth organisations and also finding out how they are progressing with their work with young people in Rhyl. We must do all that we can to ensure that our young people know what is available to them and hopefully this event will have raised the profile of many worthwhile projects"

Cinnamon Trust

The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly and their pets. We provide help with day to day care of pets - fostering when owners are hospitalised and dog walking when owners are unable to walk themselves.

The Cinnamon Trust needs your help! Please could you volunteer to help with walking a local dog for an elderly owner? Anyone with even an hour a week to spare can make a huge difference to an elderly/terminally ill owner and their much loved pet. Contact Gaynor Jones for further details.





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WCVA's regional policy events



WCVA's next round of regional policy events will focus on how the third sector can engage with the Sustainable Development Bill and the Natural Environment Framework. These events will help the third sector be involved in this unique opportunity to set Wales apart as a sustainable nation and also to value biodiversity and ecosystems within wider context of the wellbeing of Wales and its citizens.

The First Minister's statement on the Welsh Government's legislative programme, on 12 July, included the following commitment:

We will legislate to embed sustainable development as the central organising principle in all of our actions across Government and all public bodies, bringing forward a Sustainable Development Bill. The approach will set Wales apart as a sustainable nation, leading from the front.....the Bill will provide for the establishment of an independent body to continue the legacy of the Sustainable Development Commission in a way that best reflects Welsh interests and needs.

The Welsh Government is committed to consult widely on these proposals. This will be an opportunity for you, early in the process of developing the Sustainable Development Bill, to:

- hear the current thinking and the timetable to take this proposal forward
- contribute your initial views to inform the development of the SD Bill
- consider how this proposed Bill might affect the third sector; and
- register your interest in continuing to be

informed as the proposals for the Bill are developed. The second part of the event will be a Natural Environment Framework workshop. This workshop will explore:

- can we define 'Natural Environment'?
- how do biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and sustainable development relate?
- how can we explain this clearly and simply to people?
- what role does the third sector have in the Natural Environment Framework

These regional policy events are relevant for all third sector organisations, especially those who are involved in sustainable development. This includes organisations working on social justice, equalities and the wellbeing of our communities. It is also relevant to third sector organisations whose work is currently close linked to the Natural Environment Framework but also for organisations who work with communities who have a link to wellbeing or want to know more about how the environment supports our wellbeing and resilience against climate change.

The north Wales regional policy events will take place in Morfa Hall, Rhyl on Thursday 26 January 2012. For more information and to make a booking visit www.tinyurl.com/wcva-policy-policyevents or contact policy@wcva.org.uk or telephone Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329

Denbighshire Community groups awarded sports funding

Denbighshire County Council Community Chest - At the last panel meeting on the 3rd October the following clubs were awarded a grant in support of coach education and equipment:

The funding, made available through Sports Wales, was awarded to:

Menter Iaith	£1218
Ruthin Town Youth Football Club	£563

Ruthin Rovers	£1500
Kids Fun Club	£1500
Dyserth Junior Football Club	£1200
East Parade Bowling Club	£1350
Rhyl Community Table Tennis Club	£1420
Rhyl Football Club in the Community	£1114
Henllan Football Club	£837.30
Dee Valley Dragons Rugby League	£1500
Glan Morfa Cycling Ass	£720

For more information on the grant please contact Sian Bennett on 01824 712710, e-mail: sian.bennett@denbighshire.gov.uk

Community Buildings Energy Surveys

Is your community building costing a fortune to heat?

Are your users complaining about cold and draughty halls?

Cadwyn Clwyd is looking to fund energy surveys in community buildings across rural Denbighshire. These surveys will provide you with an action plan including the following information:

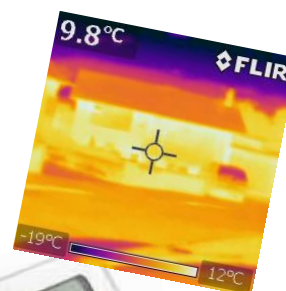
- ◆ How you are losing heat?
- ◆ What measures you could take to improve the energy efficiency in your building?
 - ◆ How much running costs could be reduced by?

Some capital funding may be available for implementing recommended improvements

Those signing up will be provided with an electricity monitor and receive a thermal imaging photo of their building.

To register your interest please contact us:
Tel: 01824 705802 Email: admin@cadwynclwyd.co.uk

Please note this project will be subject to match funding and approval. Cadwyn Clwyd has funding available but requires 30% match funding. Expressions of interest will be used to secure match funding.



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Issues around training and recruitment of trustees

The Charity Commission has produced the first in a series of 'registration bulletins'. These will analyse data on new charities joining the register by looking at, among other things, their geographical spread, aims and incomes. They will also explore particular themes in more depth, this time based on the findings of a trusteeship survey conducted with over a hundred new applicants to the register. The press release highlights that many of these organisations were not providing any training to new trustees, http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_reg_bulletin.aspx, while a connected article on The Guardian's Voluntary Sector Network points out that some may not be looking far enough to recruit the right trustees, <http://preview.tinyurl.com/bp272hw>. The actual report *More than just a Number: Themes and trends in charity registrations* is at http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About_us/About_charities/More_than.aspx

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 but will continue until such time as agreement is reached.

2. 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.

3. Rural Development Board Programme (RDP) – We are waiting the outcome of the mid term review that is being undertaken by the Welsh Government. 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. A recent survey carried out by WCVA at the request of Minister Edwina Hart has highlighted a number of areas of concern and we look forward to changes in the near future which will support third sector organisations in their attempts to secure resources to deliver quality, value for money services in the rural area.

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

5. Community Transport - Taith have commissioned a consultancy firm, on behalf of the 6 North Wales County Councils, to research the possibility of establishing a community transport social enterprise that will deliver transport across the six Counties supporting existing local community transport providers wherever possible.

6. Cymorth and Families First – As mentioned in the last report Cymorth will end 31st March 2012 and so will the funding

attached to that programme. This means all attention is now focused on the Families First programme which is due to be launched on the 9th December 2011 by Denbighshire County Council. Clearly there will be a big change in that third sector organisations will now be expected to tender for the services on offer alongside private sector and “in house” statutory agencies. The process is likely to be highly competitive and there are no guarantees that existing organisations funded under Cymorth will receive Families First moneys from the 1st April 2012. There are a number of issues still to be addressed as we go to press namely the impact that TUPE and VAT could have for third sector organisations as the impact of both these items could be significant and as such must be factored into any tender that is submitted.

So, as before, my advice is the same - 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 1st April 2012 just in case Families First does not deliver the cash you were hoping for. 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.

7. Voluntary Organisations grant – The Council have promised to circulate to the Third Sector Liaison group a copy of the organisations that have submitted proposals on how the 10% reduction can be used to finance new services which the third sector can bid for. The amount involved is around £80,000. We will keep you informed.

Finally you will note that the number of campaigns is now down to 7 compared with 10 earlier in the year and so that does demonstrate we do have success in addressing issues and concerns that you raise with us. So please keep on sending in your ideas and any issues you have and we will take them up with the authorities on your behalf.