

The Volunteer in Denbighshire

September
2011

DENBIGHSHIRE VOLUNTARY SERVICES COUNCIL

ADVANCE NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year DVSC will be holding their AGM

at

Trefnant Village Hall, Trefnant, Denbigh

on

Friday 25th November

Preceded by a light lunch available from 12 noon

The Village Hall has recently undergone a total refurbishment and, as well as the normal AGM business, we will discover how much time, effort and sheer hard work the refurbishment has entailed.

Please be reminded that only DVSC members have voting rights at the AGM. If you are not already members, and wish to ensure that your organisation's voice is heard in the future please contact Bronwen Isaac 01824 702441 to obtain a membership form

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WHO'S WHO AT DVSC?

John Watkin *Chief Executive Officer*

Gareth Mawby *Deputy Chief Executive Officer*

Maggie Bradley *Volunteer Centre Development Officer - Engagement Gateway*

Suzanne Bradley *Third Sector Liaison Officer*

Rhian Drake *Finance Officer*

Carys Edwards *Clerk/Typist*

Jackie Evans *Admin Assistant*

Gerry Frobisher *Youth Volunteering Co-ordinator*

Lindsay Haveland *Senior Health, Social Care & Well Being Facilitator*

Bronwen Isaac *Office Supervisor*

Gaynor Jones *Volunteer Centre Organiser*

Vera Jones *Caretaker*

Lynn Mealings *Social Enterprise Officer*

Lilwen Roberts *Information Officer*

Sian Roberts *Development Assistant*

Jennifer Rowlands *Project Manager*

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Denbighshire Learning

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01745 353096

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Sarah Caunt *Admin Assistant*

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Upper Denbigh Community Development Project 01745 815897

Angela Watt *Community Development Worker*

Sharon Simon *Admin Assistant*

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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Claire Sullivan *Carer Services Co-ordinator,*

Garry Davies *Independence & Wellbeing Facilitator,*

Helen Owen *Community Facilitator,*

Katy Harris *Primary Care Facilitator,*

Barry Martin *Carer Services Administrator,*

Viv Brundell and **Elaine Jones** *Grants Administration*

Simone Percy *Carer Opportunity & Participation into*

Employment Facilitator,

Jean Rodden *Continuing Health Care Facilitator*

Social care professional to Chair Housing Association

The new Chair of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association is Mr Dafydd Ifans, a professionally qualified Social Worker who has extensive experience of working at senior management level.



Mr Ifans, who lives in Llansannan in Conwy, joined the Boards of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association and Tŷ Glas Housing Society in February 2009. He also sits on the Pennaf Ltd, Offa Ltd and Tir Tai Ltd Boards of Management, which are all part of the Pennaf Housing Group.

Mr Ifans, a fluent Welsh Speaker, began his Social Work career with the North Wales Probation Service as a Probation Officer. He has since held various senior managerial posts within Local Authorities, within an England and Wales non-departmental public body and within the Welsh Government where he held the post of Chief Executive of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service in Wales (CAFCASS CYMRU).

Group Chief Executive Mr Graham Worthington said, "We are delighted that Mr Ifans has agreed to be the new

Clwyd Alyn Chair, his commitment and dedication continue to be a great asset to the organisation."

Clwyd Alyn Housing Association who have developed in excess of 5,000 housing units across North and Mid Wales, manage general needs housing across six counties as well as providing specialised

supported accommodation for older and vulnerable people and for those who have experienced issues of homelessness.

The association also manages three residential care homes and is to open a fourth care home with specialised nursing facilities in Colwyn Bay in September.

Mr Ifans said: "I'm really looking forward to meeting with many of our tenants, residents, leaseholders and clients, as well those who work with many of our partner organisations. "The ethos of 'opening doors and enhancing lives' is very much part of the culture at Clwyd Alyn, whether that is providing affordable housing for local people or whether it is about providing support for the more vulnerable or marginalised people in our communities," Mr Ifans added.

Risk management for small charities and new trustees

The Charity Commission, the regulator of charities in England and Wales, has produced a web section on risk designed specifically for small charities. Aimed at small or newer charities, and for trustees just starting out, the three pages cover ten useful questions for avoiding problems, simplified risk management for small charities, and signposting for further information/help on topics from charity law to health and safety. News item at http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_risk_info.aspx or go direct to <http://preview.tinyurl.com/6az7utt>

(Source: VolResource Newsletter 483)



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 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

Minute Taking [Half Day] – Monday, 17 October, 2011 – 10.15 am to 1.00 pm - DVSC Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin

By the end of this session you will

- Have a clear understanding of the minute takers role
- Have a check list of items to be included in minutes
- Have instruction in taking accurate, brief and clear minutes
- Have an understanding of the important dynamic between the minutes taker and chair

Trainer – Emyr B Williams

Introduction to Tendering - Monday, 14 November, 2011 - 10.00 am – 3.30 pm – Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin

By the end of this session you will

- Improve your understanding of the differences between grants and contracts
- Increase your knowledge about tendering
- Have received guidance about the tendering process
- Have explored the potential of joint working when considering public service delivery

Trainer – Emyr Williams/Maggie Bradley

Please note this course is intended for those with no prior knowledge of the tendering process

Finding the Right Funding Mix – Thursday, 17 November, 2011 – 10.00 am – 3.30 pm – Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl

By the end of this session you will

- Understand the concept of sustainable funding
- Understand the importance of good governance and planning
- Understand the need for a fundraising strategy
- Develop a knowledge of new and alternative sources of income and finance (including the tendering process and options for trading)

Trainers – Jan Smith Sonia Kendall, CVSC

Community Fundraising [Half Day] – Thursday, 24 November, 2011 – 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 and 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

Fit for Funding – Monday, 5 December, 2011 – 10.15 am - 3.15 pm – DVSC Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin

By the end of this session you will

- ♦ Be able to 'do your homework!' and understand how good research, realistic outcomes and accurate budgeting can improve the chances of a funding application being successful
- ♦ Learn how to write concise and compelling funding applications
- ♦ Be able to build relationships with grant givers and meet their expectations

Trainer – Emyr B Williams

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

Role 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

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

CFAP Capital Small Grants Scheme

In July DVSC held another panel meeting to allocate grants from the Welsh Government's Communities Facilities and Activities Programme [CFAP]. Grants of up to £3,000 are available for groups/organisations for capital expenditure to facilitate activities that promote the regeneration of communities.

Grants Awarded

Rhyl Little Theatre Ltd -

Purchase of tables, chairs and trolley £1,000

St John Rhyl Division -

Purchase of 2 Way radios for use at events £914.00

Arcville Playgroup, Rhyl -

Purchase of shed, toys, etc £1,000

Rhyl and District Musical Theatre - Provide

accessible toilets £3,000

Rhyl Silver Band - CCTV and Roller Shutter Door for band building £2,995

Capel Mawr, Denbigh - Refurbish Kitchen £3,000

Prestatyn and Meliden Community Action Group - New combi boiler £995

G2G Communities CIC - 5 computers, desks and chairs £3,000

Brickfield Angling Club, Rhyl - Refurbish 2 accessible fishing pontoons £2,800

Denbigh WI - Installation of demonstration Kitchen in WI House £3,000

Capel MC Derwen - New windows for community vestry building £2,000

Prestatyn Youth Arts Festival - Contribution towards purchase of film making equipment £1,000

Capel Annibynwyr Waengoleugoed -

Contract new effluent soakaway from community chapel £3,000 [another quote awaited]

In total, grants of **£27,704** were approved from this year's allocation. Details, criteria and application forms are available on the DVSC website www.dvsc.co.uk under funding.

The next closing date for receipt of completed grant applications is 30th September



**Deputy Minister
announces support for
children and families in
Wales**



Voluntary organisations providing child and family services across Wales can now bid for funding under a renewed grant scheme, the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services, Gwenda Thomas has announced.

The combined Children and Families Organisation Grant (CFOG) scheme will provide up to £4m funding to all-Wales voluntary sector organisations. The funding is being made available under a new two-year grant round from 2012-2014, which has opened for bids.

Gwenda Thomas said:

“The third sector needs to respond to the challenges we face in these times when we are all experiencing reduced budgets. The changes to Children and Families Organisation Grant funding requirements are aimed at ensuring that voluntary organisations support the

Welsh Government’s priorities for social services and improving the lives of all children in Wales.

“We want to encourage innovative and collaborative ways of working that ensure resources are best employed and we think the changes we have made to this scheme will help voluntary sector organisations achieve this.” Organisations who would like to consider applying for funding can find more information at the link

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/childrenandyoungpeople/2011/110901cfo/?version=1&lang=en>

If you would like to obtain an application pack please email CFOG2012@wales.gsi.gov.uk to request one

The deadline for applications is the 31st of October 2011.



Lloyds TSB | Foundation for England and Wales

25 years dedicated to working with charities helping disadvantaged people across England and Wales

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales - We Fund Core Costs

This year, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales celebrates its 25th anniversary, and has £25m to give to charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community.

In Wales, the Foundation have already funded a wide range of charitable causes, including debt advice services, support for the deaf and hearing impaired, citizen advice bureaux and drug addiction support services. So far this year we have awarded £676,400 to charities in Wales, but we still have money available.

Unlike many other grant makers, 70% of our funding goes towards core costs such as salaries, overheads, rent and project costs.

If your charity is registered with the charity commission, is helping disadvantaged people and you have 12 months of reserves or less, then the Foundation wants to hear from you. Visit the website

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk, have a look at the funding guidelines and complete the eligibility questionnaire. It only takes ten minutes and it will tell you instantly if your charity would be eligible for funding.

NEW FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cadwyn Clwyd have 2 new community project pots that could contribute up to 70% of your project costs. Rural Denbighshire are the only areas that qualify to receive Cadwyn Clwyd funding. **(This does not include Prestatyn, Dyserth or the Rhyl areas)**

[1] The **Community Action Scheme** will provide advice and financial support to community groups with projects that enhance community assets, public spaces and sense of identity.

The applicants must show that their proposal will offer something innovative and new for that locality; upgrading an existing service will not be

supported.

[2] The **Rural Events Scheme** can provide advice and financial support to community groups that hold events on a recurring basis or new events that are planned to become regular events in the future (eg annual or biennial).

Scheme administrators will give particular emphasis to community events that have been arranged by volunteers or community groups.

For further details or to obtain application forms please e.mail:

helen.roberts@cadwynclwyd.co.uk

The closing date for receiving applications: November 30th 2011



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK MEETING

The next meeting of the Denbighshire Community Development Network will be held on

**Friday, 30 September, 2011 at 9.45 am
Wellington Road Community Centre,
Rhyl.**

As the meeting is being held on the same day as the **Macmillan Cancer Research Biggest Coffee Morning in the World** it has been decided that the meeting will commence with the sale of coffee/tea and cakes with all proceeds donated to Macmillan Cancer Research.

Nia from Community Development Cymru will be joining us once again and she will discuss several items including Community Development National Occupational Standards and the Communities First Consultation.

Lunch will be provided, giving plenty of opportunity for networking.

If you would like to attend, please contact Emyr Williams 01824 702441 / emyr@dvsc.co.uk before Friday, 23 September, 2011.



16-25 yr old NEETS Music Activity Scheme in ANGLESEY, DENBIGHSHIRE, GWYNEDD & CONWY

Who is the scheme for?

The project is targeted at 16-25 year olds who are not in Education, Employment or Training.

Participants will be supported by trained and experienced Community Music Wales Tutors who will guide them through music activities, individually and as part of a group. The project will be client led with activity tailored to suit each individual participant.

Eligibility Criteria:

16-25 year olds that are Not in Education, Employment or Training resident within counties of Anglesey, Denbighshire, Gwynedd and Conwy.

Travel to the workshops will be covered for participants.

For further details please contact

Sarah Breeze PROJECT OFFICER North Wales, Unit 20, Galeri, Victoria Dock, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1SQ

sarah.breeze@communitymusicwales.org.uk
T: 01286 685248

OPPORTUNITIES TO CHAMPION PATIENTS' RIGHTS IN NORTH WALES



The organisation that represents patients' rights in North Wales has several vacancies and is seeking additional members.

Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Council (CHC) is looking for more members to strengthen the voice of local people in influencing patient care in North Wales.

The CHC is the public's independent 'watchdog' in the National Health Service in North Wales. Our CHC members represent the public interest and play an important role in influencing the way that health services are planned, delivered and improved.

CHC members are local people who act as the eyes and ears of patients and the public, listening to their concerns and working with the health service to improve the quality of patient care.

An additional 15 new members are needed across the six counties in North Wales to help the CHC continue to deliver its vital service to the community.

We are looking for people from all walks of life and from all age groups - the most important requirement is a genuine interest in improving health services for your community. Some key skills which would be useful include: an understanding of local health issues; being able to work in a team and with a diverse range of people

We particularly welcome and encourage applications from under-represented groups including women, minority ethnic and disabled people.

If you have a genuine interest in health services and would you like to make a positive difference then you can help by joining the Community Health Council team in North Wales.

For further information please contact us on:

(01248 679 284 or 01978 835 6178 or * admin@bcchc.org.uk or visit our website on www.bcchc.org.uk

Notes: NHS Public Appointments are made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice.

Workplace Learning - developing skills and training in the workplace

The Workplace Learning Team at Coleg Harlech WEA (North) provides flexible high quality learning opportunities across North and Mid Wales. They offer one-day courses to advanced level 4 qualifications. All the packages offered to organisations are tailored to suit businesses and staff members' needs. Training is mainly delivered at the workplace by their experienced tutors. Many courses delivered can be studied online with a dedicated tutor service, or in a classroom environment. Qualifications on offer are: leadership; financial & resource management; general management; marketing & sales; office administration; working safely; IT and office software; customer service & relationship management. Further details are available from workplace@fc.harlech.ac.uk or contact the Workplace Learning Team on 01248 353 254.

Regional Policy Event
October 2011



The changing face of commissioning

9:30 Tuesday 4 October 2011
Morfa Hall, Rhyl

For booking forms and further information on the workshops

please visit www.tinyurl.com/wcva-policy-policyevents or contact WCVA's Helpdesk on

(0800 2888 329 or e-mail policy@wcva.org.uk

Booking form and £12.00 per delegate have to be returned by **no later than Friday 23 September 2011**. Bookings are only secured upon receipt of payment.

**THE NORTH WALES CARE
AND REPAIR OFFICE HAS
MOVED!**

From 1st September 2011 the
new address of our North
Wales Office is

Unit 6b, Llys Onnen, Parc Menai,
Bangor, Gwynedd
LL57 4DF
Tel: 01248 671880

Please come and support
our "MacMillan Coffee
Morning"

**Naylor Leyland Centre,
Well Street, Ruthin on
Friday 30th September
from 10.30 am until
12 ish.**



All Welcome

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

You are invited to attend Menter Iaith Sir
Ddinbych's Annual General Meeting which is
to be held at **Ysgol Dewi Sant, Rhyl on
Wednesday 5th October 2011**. Our guest
speaker, Sally Pettit of Ty'n Llanfair,
Pentrecelyn, Ruthin will be sharing her
experiences about how being bilingual has
been useful to her both personally and
professionally. The meeting will start at
7.30pm, with a buffet before hand starting at
6.45. If you would like to join us please see
above attachments or telephone Iorwen on
01745 812822 or e mail
lorwen@menteriaithdinbych.co.uk before
21st September 2011.

HP 1200 laser printer - well used - but still in
fairly good working order, available free of
charge from the Naylor Leyland Centre.
Please contact Bronwen Isaac 01824 702441
or Bronwen@dvsc.co.uk if you are interested.



**DENBIGHSHIRE
LEARNING
DISABILITY
FORUM**

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

PLEASE NOTE—The October Disco
will now be held on Friday 4th
November as many of our members
are away in October. Discos as
normal thereafter

CARERS LUNCH

Following three successful lunches
held before the summer
holidays a lunch is now
being planned for
Carers/ parents,
sometime in October, in
Meliden. The date and
venue are yet to be finalised but to
register your interest and to receive
full details please contact Jackie



Forum Christmas Party

This year the Forum Christmas Party
will be held on Friday 9th December
at 7pm at the Masonic Hall, Meliden.
If you would like to attend please
contact Jackie (see below) and she
will pass your request to Ray Ashley
who will be distributing tickets.

Look out for the next issue of Denfold
News - due out October /November.
Contact Jackie if you're not already
on the mailing list

**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. Code of Practice for funding the voluntary sector - Denbighshire County Council has provided a Funding Code of Practice for the Third Sector Liaison Group which, subject to one or two amendments, has been approved by the Group.

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

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. 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).

7. Cymorth and Families First - No further news to report and so currently all we know is that third sector organisations funded under the Cymorth programme will have to look elsewhere for funding from April 2012 as the Cymorth programmes finishes on 31.3.2012. There will be a new scheme called Families First but no-one knows at this stage who will receive funding from this project or how much. This is far from ideal as it does not give third sector organisations the opportunity to forward plan its services and that means the vulnerable clients across the County are left in a situation of not knowing whether the third sector organisation currently supporting them will be able to continue that work beyond 1st April 2012. We are lobbying the Welsh Government and have submitted a proposal to them which would assist the organisations involved during the transition period.

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 1st 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.

8. Voluntary Organisations grant – At the last Third Sector Liaison Group we asked if the Council would waive the 10% cut and they indicated they would consider and report back. The Council have advised us that the 10% cut will now be used to finance new services which the third sector can bid for. A productive meeting was held at the Nova in Prestatyn in August where the Council invited the third sector groups present to identify possible new services. A list was presented to the Council and so we await the outcome.

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



Prestatyn student, Demi Wright, aged 16 is Denbighshire Volunteer Centre's 1,750th Millennium Volunteer and Young Dragon, who is a member of Prestatyn Army Cadets. **Demi Wright** of Prestatyn is a former Hawarden High

School student and will be starting her studies at Northop College in September.

Members of North Wales Young Dragons/Dreigiau Ifanc travelled to the Ffos Las Racecourse near Carmarthen to meet up with other Young Dragons to take part in an all Wales showcase presentation of Young Dragons. HRH Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales was in attendance at where he met representatives of all his charitable organisations in Wales, Young Dragons/Dreigiau Ifanc being the newest.

our showcase we had representatives from Girl Guiding, Boys and Girl Brigade, and The Sea Cadets as well as Cadets from the Army, ATC, Police and Fire Services. Two Young Dragons from North Wales Emily Lewis and Alice Frobisher made the journey and were fortunate to have a lengthy conversation with the Prince.

For more information on Young Dragons/Dreigiau Ifanc, please contact Gerry Frobisher on 01745 369973.

Gerry Frobisher, said "In



Waves Wales Alliance of Volunteers Engaging with Services



The Wales Alliance of Volunteers Engaging with Services was established in the spring of 2010, having been set up to provide volunteering opportunities within the criminal justice system, recognising that volunteers might provide help and support to offenders supervised by the Probation Service.

Those who find themselves in the criminal justice system are likely to be affected by many additional difficulties, including housing matters, financial concerns, domestic and relationship issues and many other problems, all of which conspire to impede efforts to properly address offending behaviour.

Waves has taken on responsibility, on behalf of the Probation Service, for providing reception services at the Dewi Sant multiagency building in Rhyl. This administrative function includes operation of the telephone switchboard, inter agency liaison and cooperation, and delivery of front line services to those attending the centre. Training will be given to volunteers and out of pocket expenses paid.

Wanted: Volunteers To Design & Make Equipment For Disabled People In North East Wales

Remap is a very special charity, working through a nationwide network of volunteers who use their ingenuity and skills to help disabled people achieve independence in some aspect of their lives, or enjoy leisure opportunities previously closed to them.

They design and make unique pieces of special equipment that are given free to people who need them when mainstream services have been unable to help.

The work is interesting and varied; it can be challenging, and it is always rewarding. And while you would do much of the work in your own home, you are very much part of a team whose other members will support and help you.

People needed include: Engineers, physicists and technicians; Craftsmen such as wood and metal workers; People skilled in electronics and electrics; Model makers; People with other 'softer' skills such as upholstery; People with health professional knowledge such as occupational therapists & physiotherapists; Product designers; Competent DIYers They cover the area of North East Wales that includes Clwyd, Flintshire, Denbighshire and part of Conwy and work alongside qualified medical people, usually occupational therapists. If you fit into any of the above categories and have some spare time, they urgently need you to come and help. For more information, in the first instance, contact Gaynor Jones at the Volunteer Centre.

Denbighshire YouthGrants Funding

Is your organisation looking for money to develop a volunteering idea or to purchase equipment to help with a project involving young people? Or maybe your group is already working with young people, and would like additional funding to develop volunteering activities?

If so, you will be able to apply for a maximum grant of £500 to support volunteering, purchase equipment or set up a new volunteering activity for young people.

In April, Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) was awarded funding to support a variety of volunteering projects and activities, led and carried out by young people in Denbighshire, in order to increase volunteering amongst people aged between 16-25 years.

Last year DVSC distributed £8,700 YouthGrants funding to sixteen youth groups

The successful groups were Prestatyn Cricket Club; 1340 Rhyl Squadron ATC; Kids Fun Club; Rhyl Little Theatre; Clwb Hwyl Hwyr; Young Dragons/Dreigiau Ifanc; Llangollen Silver Band; Denbigh Youth

Project; 1st Meliden Guides ; Rhyl Football in the Community; Prestatyn Young Firefighters Association; Llangollen & District Young Farmers Club ; 2193 Prestatyn Squadron ATC; St John Ambulance – Ruthin; Prestatyn Pop in Centre and Prestatyn Swimming Club”.

Denbighshire Volunteer Centre Organiser, Gaynor Jones said “We would like to see this money distributed as soon as possible to local groups involving young people, so please contact us if you think you can make use of funding up to a maximum of £500”.

Denbighshire YouthGrants Panel Member Manon Evans, from Denbigh, said “We would also like more young people aged from 16 to 25 to join our Young People’s panel who meet to discuss grant applications. All panel members will be supported by DVSC staff”.

If your youth group or youth-led project wishes to apply for funding, or if you would like more information about becoming a panel member, please contact Gaynor Jones, Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council on 01824 702441 e-mail gaynor@dvsc.co.uk or Gerry Frobisher on 01745 369973 e-mail gerry@dvsc.co.uk



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Welsh credit unions join forces

Five credit unions in North Wales have merged, Caledfryn, Clwyd Coast, Llandudno and District, Wrexham and Y Llechen credit unions have joined to form [North Wales Credit Union](http://www.northwalescu.co.uk), which becomes one of the largest of such groups, with more than 9,500 members.
www.northwalescu.co.uk

Wales Drug & Alcohol Helpline (DAN 24/7) now has a new number that is FREE from landlines and most mobiles.

You can now ring 0808 808 2234.

For more information on the service please go to www.dan247.org.uk and to order free promotional material you can order online at www.callresources.org.uk

Welsh Government Budget 2012-13

The Welsh Government will announce the draft budget for 2012-13 on 4 October 2011. The budget will then be scrutinised by the National Assembly for Wales – this will involve the various subject committees (Health & Social Services; Children & Young People; Environment & Sustainability; Enterprise & Business; Communities, Equality & Local Government) each undertaking scrutiny of their own area of the budget. They will then feed this into the Finance Committee who will undertake general budget scrutiny, take account of the other Committees’ reports and publish their own report (by 8 November). The Welsh Government will then have to take account of this before publishing its final budget for 2012-13 which will need to pass a vote in the Senedd.

There will be more information about the budget timescales and opportunities to have your say on the Voices for Change Cymru website www.voicesforchangecymru.org.uk over the next few months and don’t forget to check the VfCC latest news items for updates.

SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL CANCER CARE

Wednesday, 23 November and Thursday 24 November 2011

Reichel Hall, Ffriddoedd Site, Bangor University, Ffriddoedd Rd Bangor LL57 2TR

Registration forms on www.nwcs.ac.uk or for further information contact: North Wales Clinical School, Office F7, Croesnewydd Hall, Wrexham Technology Park, Wrexham LL13 7YP. Tel: 01978 727633; e-mail: jeanette.christian@wales.nhs.uk

Out and about listening to your views

Denbighshire County Council and its partners on the Local Service Board will be hosting roadshows over the coming weeks – giving local people the chance to have their say on public services in the county.

The LSB is made up of Denbighshire County Council, North Wales Police, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Coleg Llandrillo Cymru and Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council.

The sessions will be held in the following locations:

- Monday, 26 September – Eirianfa, Denbigh 7pm**
- Monday, 3 October – Ysgol Brynhyfryd, Ruthin 7pm**
- Monday, 10 October – Foryd Room, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl 7pm**
- Wednesday, 12 October – Corwen Sports Pavilion 2pm**
- Thursday, 13 October – Kings Hall, Prestatyn 2pm**
- Tuesday, 18 October – Dean’s Library, St Asaph 7pm.**

For further information, please contact Denbighshire’s Communications Team, on 01824 706222.



NEW NAME AND NEW STAFF

Denbighshire Advocacy Service for Older People has evolved and changed its name to **Access to Advocacy 50+**. Funding from Big Lottery People and Places, awarded over a three year period, and a further award from Engagement Gateway over 12 months has enabled the advocacy service, which is part of Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council, to expand. The service will provide

support, information and advice to people over 50, who live in Denbighshire, and will also assist those wanting support to make their voices heard, secure their rights, represent their interest and obtain services they need.

MEET THE TEAM – Elfed Williams - Senior Advocacy Officer
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I was first appointed by Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council as the Advocacy Officer in October 2008 with the remit of establishing a service providing one to one advocacy support for people over 50 and living in Denbighshire. In the first 12 months I dealt with over a hundred cases varying in the degree of assistance required from people wanting support in obtaining services to much more serious cases involving the Protection of Vulnerable Adults.



Obtaining funding, as anybody working in the third sector will know, is a continuous battle and it was no different for the Advocacy Service. I was grateful to Denbighshire County Council, Local Health Board as it was then and Lloyds TSB for the funding received but this did not enable me to build the service. From the experience I had gained during this time I knew that I was only scratching the surface in respect to the need therefore I decided to apply to the Big lottery for more sustainable funding. In 2009 we started researching and consulting regarding the need for the service and the results were used to complete a final submission to Big Lottery in July 2010. We heard, in December 2010, that our bid had been successful and were awarded £246,800, over a three year period.

The new project, renamed as Access 2 Advocacy 50+, will enable us to expand the service and the team to include a full time Senior Advocacy Officer, part time Outreach Worker and Admin Support. A vital important element of the funding secured is the establishment of 6 surgeries throughout the County which will be run and operated by Volunteers. The surgeries will be located in Rhyl, Prestatyn, Denbigh, Ruthin, Corwen and Llangollen. The first surgery will be open for business in Rhyl Library from Tuesday 6th September from 9am till 12.30 and every Tuesday after that.

Further funding from Engagement Gateway, over 12 months, has enabled us to appoint a Volunteer Coordinator to recruit and support volunteers to help run the advice surgeries

To find out more about our new and exciting Access2Advocacy 50+ service
Tel: 01745 353096

or call in to see us at our new office **Unit W5, Morfa Clwyd Business Centre, Marsh Road, Rhyl LL18 2AF**

Dawn Sandford - Avocacy Outreach Support Worker

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I am the newly appointed Advocacy Outreach Support worker for Access 2 Advocacy 50+. I will be providing an advocacy service to older people in Denbighshire alongside Elfed Williams, Senior Advocacy Officer.

In the past I have been employed in the Public Sector, Voluntary/Third Sector and Private Sector. I have been providing advice and information to the general public for over 25 years and I enjoy meeting people and helping them to resolve their issues.

I am enthusiastic and fully committed to ensuring that everyone is aware of their rights, understands how to achieve them and to provide them with help if they need assistance to do this.

I am based in the Rhyl office but offer an outreach service to people over 50 living in Denbighshire



Sarah Caunt - Admin Support

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In 2010 I graduated from the University of Chester with a degree in Animal Behaviour and Welfare. After working part-time at a local kennels I was offered a job through the Future Jobs Fund, run by the Job Centre in January, 2011. I worked for Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) in Ruthin, where I was Administrative Assistant to Gaynor Jones, the Volunteer Centre Organiser, and to Lindsay Haveland, the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Facilitator. Whilst with DVSC I acquired a lot of valuable skills and built on my knowledge of the third sector, as well as being able to work with a fantastic team of people. My role was only contracted for six months, but luckily in my last month of work an administrative position came up with the new Advocacy Project. In this current post I am responsible for managing the database, assisting the other members of staff in their day-to-day work and aiding in the design of our new website, as well as more general admin duties.



Luke Pickering - Volunteer Coordinator

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I have worked within charities for the past three years delivering community services and supporting my team of volunteers. I started out in the British Red Cross in Flintshire for the Home from Hospital service, where I worked with a team of volunteers delivering a high quality service to the users on a short term basis. I then was successful in gaining a post within the Stroke Association in Flintshire for the Family and Carer support service where I also work with a team of volunteer delivering the services and supporting the volunteers needs. Unfortunately in March 2011 the Stroke Association was hit by cut in funding, which resulted in redundancy from my role.

On the 1st August 2011 I started in my present role which involves looking at all the needs of the Access 2 Advocacy volunteers such as support, development and creating an overall enjoyable experience. I will provide this support to my team through regular volunteer meetings, 1:2:1's, training and regular contact. Through my role I will be enabling the development of volunteers by guiding them in a direction of learning or gaining skills and experience. The different avenues that are available to volunteers are training, education, further volunteering and even employment.

The whole Volunteering experience with Access 2 Advocacy is about the volunteer and providing them with opportunities and support to fully develop in their role.



First Third Sector Partnership Council meeting with new Government

The Third Sector Partnership Council met for the first time under the new Welsh Government on Thursday 14 July 2011. The Partnership Council is part of the Welsh Government's Third Sector Scheme and is one of the key mechanisms by which the Welsh Government engages in dialogue and co-operation with the third sector.

At this latest meeting, chaired by Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Local Government and Communities, representatives of the sector discussed and set the priorities for the next three years and received presentations in the following key areas.

Future arrangements for European Structural Funds
The meeting agreed on the importance of the Welsh Government and the Third Sector working together to maximize the opportunities available to Wales from European Structural Funds from 2014, and agreed that a working group should be set up to take this forward.

Funded Nationally, Delivering Locally

The Simpson review of local authority service delivery will affect local authority delivery of services, and the meeting agreed that a small working group should be set up to consider the implications for the sector and produce

proposals on access to the database, including Welsh Government, WLGA and the third sector.

Asset transfer

e-PIMS (electronic property information mapping service) is database of public sector properties

which are vacant or have space that could be used by the sector. It is hoped that all community assets will be included in this database in the future. The meeting agreed that a small working group should be set up to take this forward prior to the next TSPC meeting.

Public Service Workforce Partnership

The role of the Public Service Workforce Partnership Council is being refreshed as part of the new Welsh Government's public policy agenda. The meeting was asked: how can the public service workforce work better alongside the third sector workforce in this agenda? Graham Benfield said that WCVA had submitted proposals for the Minister which would stress that all jobs in the third sector should be seen as having "parity of esteem" with other sectors, and that guidance should be issued to local authorities to consider the longer term and collateral emergencies before cutting services or grants. The Minister indicated he would be pleased to do this.

Third Sector Skills

WCVA has explored many avenues to gain recognition for a framework to address

the skill needs of the sector and now proposes a new approach which will focus more directly on how the sector itself can meet or work with other providers to meet their skill needs.

WCVA agreed to set up a small steering group to develop the idea and report back on progress in May 2012.

Implications of UK Government Decisions on Wales

The meeting agreed that a small working group should be set up including the Welsh Government and the Third Sector to discuss methods for ensuring that Wales' voice is better heard and taken account of on nondevolved issues of concern to the sector, and how to tackle some of the implications arising from non-devolved issues which are affecting the people of Wales.

The minutes and all papers for this meeting can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/3jdqrun>

The Third Sector Partnership Council will hold its next meeting in November.

For more information on the work of the Third Sector Partnership Council and the Voluntary Sector Scheme contact Mirriam Nasrat, mnasrat@wcva.org.uk.

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**Supporting communities to grow**

A new programme to help people set up and manage growing schemes in the heart of their community has been launched across Wales by the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG). Called Tyfu Pobl (Growing People), the three year programme will support a variety of schemes, including city farms, allotments, community gardens, community orchards and Community Supported Agriculture schemes. It is a direct result of booming interest in community food growing and creating natural green spaces.

The Welsh Government-funded programme will ensure that community groups don't work in isolation - local people will be encouraged to share their knowledge and expertise so that connections between new and well-established growing schemes are created throughout Wales. A new development team is already in place, with regional offices in Cardiff, Pembrokeshire, Newtown and Bangor. Meanwhile a Community Enterprise and Funding Coordinator to help combat the withering effects of the current funding climate by accessing funding sources and working with groups so they become more financially sustainable and less grant reliant.

As part of the programme, local growing groups will benefit from support and advice from the development team as well as fieldworkers drawn from existing groups and allotments mentors. A travel bursary scheme will also be available so groups can visit each other's sites and regional meetings to enable local growers and gardeners to meet up, learn new skills and swap ideas and inspiration.

An official launch event takes place on 23-24 September at Greenmeadow Community Farm in Cwmbran, which will kick off the new autumn programme of regional gatherings and training events. Training will be delivered around 4 main areas; sustainability, social inclusion, the setting up of a community growing project and the creation of community growing spaces for land owners. Further details are available from Katie Jones, tel 029 2022 5942, email Katie@farmgarden.org.uk.

WCVA Trustee and Governance Conference 2011 – 26 October, Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Sharing the load is the title of this year's ever-popular Trustee and Governance Conference, taking place in Llandudno on Wednesday, 26 October.

The event will explore how trustee boards can work together and move forward in difficult times, and will feature an array of expert speakers and workshop leaders. Keynote speakers include Dorothy Dalton of *Governance Magazine* and Mike Lewis of the Welsh Refugee Council, while

workshops include Simon Boex (Fundraising Standards Board) on 'Resources, risk and reputation', Charity Commission representatives on 'The charitable incorporated organisation' and Rob Taylor (Age Cymru) on 'Life after merger'.

To view the full programme and booking form, visit www.wcva.org.uk or email eventsadmin@wcva.org.uk or call 0800 2888 329 with further enquiries.

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Vote in the Third Sector Awards Cymru 2011

Do you know a group you think deserves national recognition for its achievements? Nominate now in the Third Sector Awards Cymru 2011.

The Third Sector Awards Cymru, supported by Class Telecommunications, promote and celebrate the work of the third sector across Wales, work that continues to be dedicated and inspirational even in these difficult times. The Awards are your chance to reward that group you've always thought deserves recognition.

There are four categories:

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The Health, social care and wellbeing award - for organisations that have helped people be healthier and happier in their community.

Most admired organisation - quite simply, for the group you most admire.

Don't let an inspirational group go unrewarded. Nominations are now open - cast your vote today at www.wcva.org.uk. Nominations must be received by 25 November 2011.

Boost for sustainable travel in Wales

The Welsh Government has announced that sustainable travel centres across Wales will receive a £6 million funding boost over the next 12 months.

There are five sustainable travel centres in the county, based in Cardiff, Mon a Menai, Haverfordwest, Carmarthen and Aberystwyth, each delivering measures encouraging people to walk, cycle or use public transport.

Wales Transport Minister Carl Sargeant said: 'This funding will go towards enabling local authorities to promote sustainable travel through a combination of initiatives including developing travel plans for the main employers in the area, providing more support for bus services and a vigorous promotion of cycling and walking

'By providing the individual with a realistic alternative option to the car and changing people's attitude towards transport we can achieve our aim of developing a truly sustainable transport system in Wales.'

Lee Waters, Sustrans Cymru Director, said: 'We know from our work and evidence that when you

coordinate measures to give people more information about the transport choices available to them - and improve conditions on the ground to make it more attractive for people to travel sustainably - then it can deliver significant reductions in car use.

'Sustrans Cymru is working closely with Welsh Government to maximise the benefits of this of £6 million investment and we're confident it will contribute to the overall aims of reducing carbon emissions from transport and creating a healthier, more active population.'

The £6 million budget will be split across the centres, with £1.3 million set aside for Personalised Travel Planning interventions - which will see information go to homes telling people about alternatives to driving. The PTP will be trialled initially in Cardiff. Similar schemes have been carried out in England and helped cut car journeys by around ten per cent.

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