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Welcome to the latest edition of the SCVS e-bulletin! If you would like to contribute an article to future bulletins, please email gail_hanlin@scvs.org.uk / claire_davies@scvs.org.uk

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Finding and Getting Money

The SCVS Development Team offers support and advice to voluntary and community organisations in Swansea who wish to become more sustainable, whether they are well established or just starting out. This includes advice and assistance on:

** Collaboration with similar organisations / * Skills to better manage your organisation / * Merging in order to consolidate services / * Funding advice / * Ways to move from grants to trading / * Development of Social Enterprise / * Bidding for and delivering public services*

We hope that the following funding opportunities are useful to you; if you would like to discuss other funding options, or would like a more tailored funding search carried out for your organisation, then please contact us.

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Reminder:

Western Power Distribution Community Chest

Applications will be accepted until the **end of April 2012**, or until the grant fund has all been awarded, whichever occurs first.

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For further information, please visit: <http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1166>

Tidy Towns - Community Led Projects Improving Local Environmental Quality 2012 - 13

Community organisations and Third (voluntary) Sector groups are invited to bid for Community Led Funding, for projects greater than £1,000 but less than £30,000.

Eligible projects may include:

- Clean-ups
- Improving neglected spaces
- Developing community gardens and allotments
- Installation of prevention measures
- Access improvements
- Control of invasive species
- Biodiversity and habitat projects
- Awareness campaigns

Applications under £1,000 should be directed to Keep Wales Tidy, who operate a small grants scheme. More information on the small grants scheme can be found on the Keep Wales Tidy website: <http://www.keepwalestidy.org/volunteers/group-information/tidy-towns-grants-scheme>

For projects greater than £1,000 but less than £30,000, you can find detailed information on who is eligible and how to apply in the Guidance and Application Form documents which can be requested via the contact details below.

The deadline for applications is 4.00pm on Friday 13th April 2012.

If you have any queries, please contact 029 2082 6230 or 02920 82 5581 or email: LEQ@wales.gsi.gov.uk

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund was established to help rural areas in the United Kingdom to become more sustainable. The focus areas for the Fund are:

- Projects to improve the sustainability of British farming in areas of deprivation
- Projects to improve the sustainability of rural communities
- Projects to reconnect people with the countryside

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The total amount of funding available in each round is approximately £250,000. The maximum level of funding for individual projects will be £50,000. The Fund can pay for a portion or the entirety of the costs of a project and applications for capital, project and resource funding will be considered.

Applications will be accepted from organisations that can demonstrate the support of the community which will benefit from the project and show evidence of consulting the community.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 13th April 2012.

For full details, please visit: <http://princescountrysidefund.org.uk/our-projects/apply-funding>

Golsoncott Foundation

The Foundation's objective is "to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of the public in the arts generally and, in particular, the fine arts and music".

Grants vary according to context and are not subject to an inflexible limit, but they are unlikely to exceed £5,000 and are normally given on a non-recurrent basis.

The Trustees' overriding concern is to support those projects that demonstrate and deliver excellence in the arts, be it in performance, exhibition, artistic craft, or scholarly endeavour. Priority is given to applications that focus upon the perfection or promotion of the art in question. Additionally for those applications involving young people, the trustees look to a long-lasting connection between them and the art form, one which aims at a significant level of participation and achievement, rather than projects that offer little scope for further involvement.

The trustees meet quarterly and the next deadline is Monday 30th April for consideration at the May meeting.

For full details, please visit: <http://www.golsoncott.org.uk/guidelines.html>

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

The Fund is a grant making registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability, by making grants to voluntary organisations working in this field.

The Charity operates three grant schemes:

- General Grants - Grants range from £250 upwards, with no upper limit

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- Small Grants - The Charity also provides small grants of up to £5,000. These are assessed outside of normal grants meetings
- Research Grants - A limited fund is available for research projects. Grants range from £250 upwards, with no upper limit

Funding is normally considered for capital or revenue costs and for both specific projects and general running and core costs. Normally one-off grants are awarded but exceptionally a new project may be funded over two or three years, subject to satisfactory reports of progress.

Funding is available only to organisations within the UK. Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Grants will not normally be awarded to individuals. Applications for research grants will only be considered from established research workers.

Deadlines are as follows:

- General Grants - **Tuesday 1st May** for the June meeting. Another meeting is usually held during December
- Small Grants - Applications can be made at **any time** and will be considered before the main meetings
- Research Grants - **1st March** and **1st August** each year

For further information, please see the website:
<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/whatwedo/whatwedo>

Funding Surgery - Lloyds TSB Foundation

Tuesday 29th May 2012 at SCVS

Further details and how to book are available on the SCVS website:
<http://www.scvs.org.uk/funding/p2681.html>

GwirVol Grants 2012 - 2013

GwirVol is pleased to announce the launch of the 2012 - 2013 round 1 youth volunteering grants.

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the **delivery** of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities in Wales and overseas, that will support the step change in access to volunteering for young people aged 14-25 and especially for disadvantaged young people. The GwirVol grant scheme offers five different strands of funding.

- **Creating Opportunities:** For organisations looking to create new youth volunteering

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projects, new youth volunteering roles or to recruit more young people into existing volunteering roles. Creating Opportunities grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.

- **Promotions:** For organisations looking to promote the benefits or challenge the perceptions of volunteering to young people or about young people to their local communities. Shout it out! grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £3,000.
- **International:** For organisations looking to develop overseas volunteering opportunities that benefit young people and their communities in Wales as well. International grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £30,000.
- **Millennium Volunteers:** For organisations looking to recognise the commitment young people give to volunteering through offering the 200 hour award of excellence. Millennium Volunteers grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.

You can obtain more information and download the application forms and guidance at: <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/grants/>

The deadline for applications is 2.00pm on Wednesday 13th June 2012.

GwirVol also runs the StreetGames grants which are open all year with no closing date. If your organisation involves young volunteers in sports activities, visit: <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/grants/streetgames/>

Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP)

An all Wales capital grant scheme which is open to community and voluntary organisations and provides funding for the provision of facilities within communities and for activities engaging local people, which will help promote the regeneration of communities.

Your organisation must be self-governing, non-profit-distributing, and be for community or public benefit, without discrimination. If you require funding for a capital refurbishment or for a new building, you must be the legal owners of the building and / or land on which it is to stand, or be able to demonstrate a long term secured tenancy (20 years or more) with at least 10 years to run at an affordable rent. You will also need the written consent of the landlord to carry out the proposed works.

It is intended as a fund for organisations to draw upon to fill remaining gaps in finances after all other sources of support have been explored.

Grants may be awarded to a single capital project or to support costs of up to three years.

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The largest grants are normally £100,000 in any one financial year (1st April to 31st March) or £300,000 in total over a three-year period. Most applications are much smaller than this.

Competition for the funds is expected to be strong, given the large number of good projects proposed throughout Wales.

Statutory bodies such as local authorities, community or town councils are not eligible to apply to this programme.

There is only one set deadline for 2012 / 13 which is Tuesday 31st July 2012.

For further information, please contact: Eryl Loring on 01685 729317 or visit:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/cfap/?lang=en>

Change Fund Small Grants and SCVS Capital Grants Fund 2012 - 13 now open

Change Fund Small Grants of up to £1,000 are available for properly constituted **voluntary and community groups** for activities, facilities and services for the benefit of people living in the City and County of Swansea.

The fund will provide an accessible and flexible source of funding, in particular to small voluntary and community groups who may not be at the stage of making larger applications. Priority will be given to groups with no paid staff.

For further information and details on applying, please visit:
<http://www.scvs.org.uk/funding/bscdf/changefundsmallgrants.html>

SCVS Capital Grants Fund 2012 - 13

Supported by the Welsh Government Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP), the Capital Grants Fund will consider applications from organisations with annual unrestricted income of less than £150,000, for the adaptation of buildings, purchase of equipment and other capital items. Grants will usually be in the range of £1,000 - £10,000. Grants for more than £10,000 will be considered only where there is evidence of wide community benefit.

More details and application forms are available at: <http://www.scvs.org.uk/funding/bscdf.html>

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Lloyds TSB Foundation in Wales

Applications are invited from registered charities with a financial track record, including independently examined or audited accounts of at least two years and Charity Commission returns that are up to date and not overdue. They are specifically interested in those local or regional charities with a turnover of less than £1m per year and National (Wales) charities with an income of up to £2.5m.

The Charity's work must address the Foundation's mission statement (enable disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community of their choice) and look to deliver services and activities that produce the following benefits:

- Improved social and community involvement
- Improved life choices and chances
- Helping people to be heard

Priority is given to charities working within the most deprived geographical areas e.g. LSOA's in the top 20% in Wales or in terms of 'communities of interest', those clearly working with disadvantaged groups of people e.g. mental health, disability, domestic abuse, etc. Grants are primarily in the range of £10,000 to £15,000 in 2012 and will be mainly over a two year period.

Charities are encouraged to look at the website: <http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx> to check the eligibility criteria and complete the initial online enquiry when they have a firm proposal to present.

**For the current SCVS grant schemes please visit our website:
<http://www.scvs.org.uk/funding/bscdf.html>**

SCVS Training

Note regarding costs: Unless otherwise stated, all SCVS courses follow the standard SCVS pricing structure which is available by clicking [here](#).

*** NEW * SCVS Training Programme - Summer Term 2012**

New Qualification Opportunities at SCVS

PTLLS Level 3 Award: Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector

This qualification sets the minimum standard for all those in or entering the learning and

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development sector. It introduces the knowledge and skills required by trainers and teachers to develop and deliver programmes, provide learning support and take responsibility in managing the learning process in post-16 education.

Who needs this qualification?

Anyone entering teaching or training roles or already in-service who needs to achieve the minimum threshold status as a teacher within the following:

- Adult and community learning centre
- Work-based learning or training organisation

Why is this training important?

From 2010 anyone who teaches courses that are publicly-funded will have to be qualified. This qualification meets the basic minimum standard for those entering the lifelong learning profession and confers a threshold licence to teach.

OCN Level 3 Award in Community Development Work

This is a brand new CDW qualification, accredited by Agored Cymru. The course is designed to provide learners with a sound knowledge of CDW values and processes, understanding of skills for group work and awareness of diversity, inequality and injustice issues. Achieving the qualification involves completing 3 written assignments and attending 9 days of training. Completion of this Award enables progression to the Level 3 Certificate in CDW, which will be offered by SCVS from the Autumn Term.

IOSH

SCVS has linked up with Swansea Metropolitan University to offer learners from third sector organisations a unique staff development opportunity, which leads to a nationally recognised qualification. See details in the main programme below.

April

- **British Red Cross Basic First Aid Certificate**
Wednesday 18th April 2012, 9.30am - 5.00pm
Cost: £35 to participants from voluntary sector organisations
- **Introduction to Mentoring**
Wednesday 25th April 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm
- **CIEH Level 2 Certificate in Food Safety**
Monday 30th April 2012, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Cost: £35.00 to participants from voluntary sector organisations

May

- **PTLLS Level 3 Award – Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector**
Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th May & 13th June 2012, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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Cost: £250.00 (this includes accreditation) to participants from voluntary organisations who are members of SCVS

- **Internet Fundraising**
Monday 21st May 2012, 10.00am - 12.30pm
- **LEAN Methodologies**
Monday 21st May 2012, 1.30pm - 4.00pm
- **Data Protection Act Briefing**
Tuesday 22nd May 2012, 10.00am - 12.30pm
- **Volunteering and the Benefits System Briefing**
Tuesday 22nd May 2012, 1.30pm - 4.00pm
- **Building Groups in the Community
Agored Community Development Award**
Wednesday 23rd May 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm
- **British Red Cross Basic First Aid Certificate**
Monday 28th May 2012, 9.30am - 5.00pm
Cost: £35 to participants from voluntary sector organisations
- **Understanding Good Governance**
Tuesday 29th May 2012, 10.00am - 12.30pm
- **Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees**
Tuesday 29th May 2012, 1.30pm - 4.00pm

June

- **Mental Health Awareness**
Monday 11th June 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm
Cost: Free, but a £20 charge will be made for non-attendance
- **IOSH Managing Safely**
Tuesdays 12th, 19th, 26th June & 3rd July, 9.00am - 5.00pm
Costs: £300.00 to participants from Voluntary organisations
£500.00 to participants from Public Sector organisations, including Communities First Staff
- **Safeguarding Children**
Monday 18th June 2012, 10.00am - 3.00pm
- **Facilitating Participation in Groups
Agored Community Development Award**

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Wednesday 20th June 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm

- **British Red Cross Basic First Aid Certificate**
Monday 25th June 2012, 9.30am - 5.00pm
Cost: £35 to participants from voluntary sector organisations
- **Managing Conflict Agored Community Development Award**
Wednesday 27th June 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm

July

- **Grants Fit for Funding**
Monday 2nd July 2012, 9.30am - 4.00pm
- **Legal Structures for Voluntary Organisations**
Tuesday 10th July 2012, 10.00am - 12.30pm
- **Mental Health Awareness**
Monday 16th July 2012, 10.00am - 4.00pm
Cost: Free, but a £20 charge will be made for non-attendance

Full details for all courses are available on the SCVS website:
<http://www.scvs.org.uk/training/p2356.html>

To be transferred straight to the booking form, [click here](#)

Voluntary Sector Vacancies

Details of local Third Sector vacancies are posted on the SCVS website as and when they arise. To check for current vacancies, visit: www.scvs.org.uk

If you are currently looking for work in the voluntary sector, don't forget to check the **recruit3** website which provides details of work opportunities in the charity and voluntary sectors in Wales, Scotland and England.



www.recruit3.org.uk

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recruit3 is the new jobs website for the third sector in Wales, developed jointly by WCVA and Big Issue Cymru, replacing the Goodmoves service.

Swansea Council for Voluntary Service Part Time Development Officer (Volunteering)



- **17.5 hours per week (Big Lottery Funded until 31/3/2014)**
- **Salary: SCP 31, £26,276 (pro-rata)**

The post holder will support individuals wishing to take up volunteering, in particular those volunteers who have higher support needs or who in the longer term wish to access paid work. The role will involve enabling beneficiaries to access opportunities that will increase confidence levels and a sense of self-worth, as well as offering opportunities for skills development.

Closing date for applications: 10/04/2012

Further information and an application pack is available from the SCVS website - <http://www.scvs.org.uk/2734.html> or by contacting Sally Williams on 01792 544012 / Email: sally_williams@scvs.org.uk

SCVS is an Equal Opportunities employer and welcomes applications from individuals irrespective of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, cultural and religious background

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Cyngor Gwasanaeth Gwirfollol Abertawe Swyddog Datblygu Rhan Amser (Gwirfoddoli)



- **17.5 awr yr wythnos (Cyllidwyd gan y Loteri Fawr hyd at 31/3/2014)**
- **Cyflog: SCP 31, £26,276 (ar gyfartaledd)**

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Diwrnod cau i geisiadau: 10/04/2012

Mae gwybodaeth bellach a phecyn cais ar gael o wefan CGGA

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<http://www.scvs.org.uk/2734.html> neu trwy gysylltu â Sally Williams ar 01792 544012 / E-bost: sally_williams@scvs.org.uk

Mae CGGA yn gyflogwyr cyfle cyfartal ac yn croesawu ceisiadau gan unigolion yn annibynnol o ras, rhyw, anabledd, tueddfryd rhywiol, cefndir crefyddol a diwylliannol.

Rhif Elusen: 1063242 / Cwmni cyfyngedig trwy gwarant: 3346236

Swansea Carers' Centre - Part time Carers' Advocacy Worker

- **18 hours per week**
- **£20,434 per annum (pro rata to 18 hours)**

You will take responsibility for developing a Carers' Advocacy Service for older people who are carers (aged 50+) across the City & County of Swansea. This five year project is funded through the Big Lottery Fund.

Closing date for receipt of applications: Thursday 12th April 2012.

For further information and an application pack, please visit: <http://www.carers.org/local-centre/swansea> contact them on 01792 653344 or email: admin@swansecarerscentre.org.uk

Carmarthenshire County Council - Collaborative Communities Sustainable Organisation Development Officer

- **Fixed term to 31st December 2013, based in Carmarthen**
- **Salary: £22,221 - £26,276 (Grade G)**
- **Reference: 3/013863**

An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Community Regeneration Unit within Economic Development at Carmarthenshire County Council to join the Collaborative Communities Project. They are seeking a committed, motivated individual to work with third sector social economy organisations within Carmarthenshire, offering a holistic service to support them with the ongoing sustainability of their organisations. The project is funded through the ERDF Convergence Programme and is a partnership project delivered within the 4 counties of Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Swansea.

You will have extensive experience of project development in a variety of settings and be able to work with organisations to help them to diagnose their current and future potential, to move towards a trading and contracting focus for their business.

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The above post is funded under the European Regional Development Fund Convergence Programme.

For an informal discussion, please contact Jane Pritchard on 01269 590256.

Closing date for applications is Friday 13th April 2012.

Further information, including application forms, are available from: http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/cccapps/english/carmarthenshire_jobs/Job_Details.asp?JobRef=3198 by calling 01267 234567 or email: direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Completed applications should be returned to the Assistant Chief Executive (People Management and Performance), Building 14, St. David's Park, Jobswell Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3HB.

Age Cymru Swansea Bay - Operations Manager (Maternity Leave Cover)

- **Full Time - 35 hours per week, Monday - Friday**
- **Salary: £24,050 plus incentive package**

This is an exciting managing post within a new company, managing the day-to-day delivery of chargeable services for Age Cymru Swansea Bay Independence Ltd.

They are looking for someone with a proven track record in generating sales, with excellent customer service skills and the ability to lead a team of front line staff.

Closing date: Tuesday 17th April 2012 (12 noon)

Full details, including the job description and application form are available on the website: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cymru/swanseabay/>

Gower Christian Youth Work - Youth and Schools Worker

- **Salary: £18 - £20K p.a. (depending on experience), plus pension**
- **37.5 hours per week (evening and weekend work on occasion)**

A new post has been created to develop Youth Ministry in the Gower Area, South West Swansea. The role will be to work with young people of Gower, to help them develop their faith and relationship with God, and will include work into schools, and with local churches. The post has been created by Gower Christian Youth Work, in conjunction with Scripture Union.

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Genuine Occupational Requirement: Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010 applies to this post with respect to religion. The jobholder must be a practising Christian who lives its ethos and teachings in order to teach the Christian Faith with conviction and integrity.

Closing date for applications: Monday 30th April 2012.

For a Job Outline, Person Specification and Application Form, please contact 01792 386291 or email: alison@stmadoc.co.uk

Events / Training

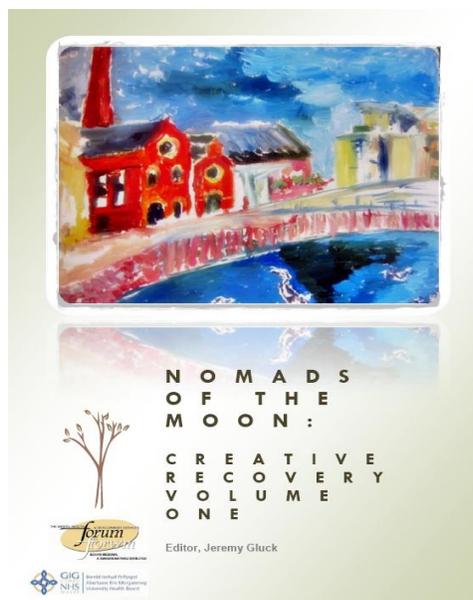
“Nomads of the Moon”: Creative Recovery Volume One

You are invited to the launch of “Nomads of the Moon”: Creative Recovery Volume One

The first volume of stories, poetry, music, video and artwork by local service users about recovery will be published this month and accompanied by a **launch event @ Tapestry Café Bar, Llys Glas, Orchard Street, Swansea, SA1 5AJ on Wednesday 25th April 2012 from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.** It will feature poetry reading, music and exhibition of artwork by contributors.

Published by the Swansea Mental Health Forum, the title of the publication will be “Nomads of the Moon” (named after the first piece in the volume, by contributor Claire Stockdale), and will gather, share and publish creative work around the theme of recovery from mental illness, by service users from across the ABMU area.

If you would like more information, please contact Jeremy Gluck, Mental Health Forum Information and Research Worker at SCVS on 01792 544020 or email: jeremy_gluck@scvs.org.uk.



WCVA's Regional Policy Events

WCVA's next round of regional policy events will take place across Wales in April.

The theme of the events is “Funding Your Future: New European Programmes and Loan Finance”

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Almost £100m of European Structural Funds was accessed by the third sector during the current round of European funding. But what will the 2014-2020 programmes look like? How can we influence the design of the new programmes, and what funding opportunities are they likely to present?

This event will inform delegates about the developments that are taking place within the design of the new European programmes and will be of interest to any organisation planning their funding future. The event will also offer an opportunity to learn how loan finance, through WCVA's Communities Investment Fund, can support third sector enterprise in Wales.

If you would like to attend, please click these links to download the [booking form](#) and [programme](#)

Please return the booking form and £12.00 per delegate by no later than Thursday 5th April 2012. Bookings are only secured upon receipt of payment.

If you would like further information, please contact the Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email: policy@wcva.org.uk

Swansea ESF Awareness Opportunity

The number of organisations who are ESF funded and working with young people in Swansea is increasing. This can make supporting young people, the economically inactive or unemployed complicated and confusing.

You are invited to attend the event at **Dyfatty Community Centre on Wednesday 18th April 2012, from 10.00am to 12 midday** for open house networking.

Aims of the event:

- Allow you to network with ESF funded organisations and allow them to promote their services to you
- Increase your awareness of how the ESF Projects can support you in your work
- Allow you to assess how the ESF funded projects can meet the needs of your clients

Separate invitations will go to ESF funded partner organisations working with young people.

For further details, please email: paul.relf@swansea.gov.uk or jo-ann.walsh@cwwest.co.uk

Free Workshop - Basic Skills & Dyslexia Awareness

Friday 27th April 2012, 9.30am - 3.30pm, Well-Being Regeneration Centre, Unit 3, Llanelli Gate Business Park, Dafen, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ

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Join Connecting Learners at their one-day workshop where the following topics will be covered:

- Definition of Basic (or Essential) Skills & Dyslexia
- How does this affect adults in the workplace?
- What can we do to help?
- Assessment & Signposting
- Dyslexia and Equalities

Please note: This workshop is aimed at Managers and Supervisors with responsibility for staff or volunteers or at those with an interest in workplace learning and development. (Child and adolescent learning will not be covered)

For further information, or to book a place, please contact: Karen Fisher (Project Manager) or Nicola Bujega (Project Administrator) on 01792 646640 or email:

karen.fisher@communitylives.co.uk nicola.bujega@communitylives.co.uk

Learning Disability Wales Training

Learning Disability Wales provides training on a variety of topics relevant to people in the voluntary, public and private sectors as well as people with learning disabilities, parents and carers.

Making Information Easy to Read and Understand – Level 1

Wednesday 16th May 2012 - Cardiff A

Making Information Easy to Read and Understand – Level 2

Tuesday 29th May 2012 - Cardiff A

For full details, please visit: <http://www.learningdisabilitywales.org.uk> contact them on 02920 681160 or email: training@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk

The Environment Centre Open Day

Saturday 26th May 2012, 11.00am - 3.00pm at The Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea, SA1 1RY.

The Environment Centre is an independent charity, whose focus is environmental information, education and activity in South Wales. They are holding an open day on Saturday 26th May 2012.

Do you have any questions about recycling, energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation, fair-trade produce; or just want to see what they can offer?

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The day will consist of surgeries, providing advice to visitors towards a greener lifestyle; and offer the chance to ask their experts about any queries you may have.

There will also be stalls from different environmental organisations for you to enjoy, activities for you to get involved in, and free fair-trade tea, coffee and refreshments will be available from the Centres green shop.

For more information, please contact them on 01792 480200 or email:

info@environmentcentre.org.uk

More information about the Centre is also available on their website at:

<http://www.environmentcentre.org.uk/>

General News

Cabinet Office - Charities Act Review

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts has been appointed by the Minister for the Cabinet Office to undertake the statutory review of the Charities Act 2006, and consider whether further changes to the legal and regulatory framework for charities are desirable.

“The preparation of the report “Unshackling Good Neighbours” published last May gave me the opportunity to learn at first hand of the important and imaginative work being undertaken by the charity sector in its many forms. I was therefore very pleased to be asked to carry out this Review, the terms of which not only require me to look at the operations of the 2006

Charities Act but also to look forward as to how to help the sector in the future.”

"This is your chance to help in the shaping of the structure for the sector probably for the next decade, so please do contribute to the debate."

WCVA will be submitting a response to this consultation. If you have any comments that you would like them to include in their response, please email them: alewis@wcva.org.uk by Friday 6th April 2012.

Closing date for responses: Monday 16th April 2012.

To view this consultation, please visit: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/content/charities-act-review>

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Click, Connect and Learn with Sustainable Funding Cymru

WCVA's Sustainable Funding Cymru (SFC) project is launching an exciting new service to third sector organisations in Wales. Their popular range of training courses for 2012 offers the opportunity to extend learning beyond the classroom by accessing and sharing materials online.

The Learning Zone provides the Welsh third sector with the ability to connect and learn online on funding and finance issues. The benefits of online learning are well documented and feedback from learners is that they wanted a more flexible way to learn. In particular, trustees who simply don't have the time or are unable to travel.

Learners are able to access resources prior to training and after attending an event. Specific resources can also be made available to those learners unable to attend the face-to-face sessions, who still want to find out more about sustainable funding.

To launch the site, SFC has created a short 15 minute course on Welsh Language Awareness, providing an ideal opportunity to try the Learning Zone firsthand before their forthcoming funding courses are released. Over the coming months there will be a greater number of courses available for public access and for those who attend SFC's training sessions. Subjects include bid writing, tendering, working with outcomes, planning for trustees, raising funds for capital projects and trust fundraising.

To access the Learning Zone, simply go to: <http://sfclearningzone.org.uk> (do not add 'www' before the website address).

Full details of SFC's new range of training courses for 2012 is available [here](#) or contact WCVA's Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email: sfc@wcva.org.uk

New Information Sheets on Climate Change

The SCVS website holds 183 information sheets for the following categories:

- Getting Started
- Running your organisation
- Working with others
- Volunteers
- Trustee and governance
- Employing and managing people
- Finding and getting money
- Managing money
- Assets
- Promotion and marketing
- Campaigning and influencing

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A whole new section on Climate Change has been added. The new inclusions are as follows:

- **Introducing climate change**
- **Why climate change issues are important for the third sector**
- **Climate change as part of sustainable development**
- **Climate change social justice - impacts on vulnerable groups**
- **Climate change and environmental justice**
- **Climate change and energy**
- **Climate change and housing**
- **Climate change and livelihoods**
- **Climate change and health**
- **Climate change and transport**
- **Reduce your organisation or group's carbon footprint**
- **Take local community level action on climate change**

To download any of the information sheets, please visit the SCVS website:
<http://www.scvs.org.uk/funding/infosheets.html>

Let's Knit South Wales

Do you have a Chronic Condition, Long Term Condition and would like to join a Knitting and Crocheting Group?

Beginners, intermediate, and experienced are welcome who can help the beginners in both Knitting and Crocheting.

Meeting dates to be arranged as well as venue, depending on interest and areas response.

Enjoy meeting other people that have long term conditions, whilst at the same time, creating a nice garment or gift for yourself or family.

The group is soon to be launched. If you are interested, please contact 07845 007304 or email: Letsknitsouthwales@gmail.com

Office Space to Rent

A charity called Elite Support and Employment which give one to one support to people with disabilities to work in special schools, 14-19 age range, are looking for office space for 3 people.

If you can help, please contact Kathy Rivett on 01443 226664 or email: krivett@elitesea.co.uk

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Panasonic Photocopier - Free to a Voluntary Organisation

A local GP Practice has a Panasonic Photocopier that they would like to give away to a voluntary organisation / group. It is second hand, free of charge and in good working order.

If your group is interested, please contact: Amy Meredith, Health, Social Care and Well Being Facilitator at SCVS on 01792 544028 or email: amy_meredith@scvs.org.uk and she will put you in touch with the Practice Manager.

Promote the work of your group - For Free



Swansea Sound radio station has a strong reputation for supporting local charities and groups on their shows.

With this in mind, Leighton Jones, the presenter of the popular weekly morning show on the station would like to offer local groups and organisations the chance to come on air and promote their work.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Leighton directly on: 01792 51 1170, or email: leighton.jones@swanseasound.co.uk to arrange a time to appear.

You can listen to Swansea Sound on 1170 MW, or online at: <http://www.swanseasound.co.uk/index.php>

Health & Wellbeing News

As a result of lechyd da no longer being produced, we have decided to add a Health and Wellbeing News section to the Ebulletin. If you would like to speak to a member of staff regarding Health and Wellbeing, please contact either Amy Meredith (Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Facilitator) on 01792 544028 email: amy_meredith@scvs.org.uk or Elinor Evans (Disability Development Officer) on 01792 544018 email: elinor_evans@scvs.org.uk

Community Networks

SCVS are currently working with colleagues in primary care to provide an opportunity for voluntary organisations to attend Community Network meetings (in the Swansea Locality) to provide a brief overview of the services / projects that you provide.

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Community Networks provide a new way in which GP Practices and a range of health, social care and voluntary sector professionals will work more closely together.

Community Networks will:

- Focus on preventing ill health, enabling people to keep themselves well and independent for as long as possible.
- Develop the range and quality of services that are provided in the community.
- Ensure services provided by a wide range of health and social care professionals in the community are better co-ordinated to local needs.
- Improve communication and information sharing between different health, social care and voluntary sector professionals.
- Facilitate closer working between community based and hospital services, ensuring that patients receive a smooth and safe transition from hospital services to community based services and vice versa.

There are five community network groups in Swansea, one for each of the five community networks. The purpose of the community network group is to provide leadership in the development and provision of integrated health and social care services for the people within the community network area (the individuals that are registered for general practice care within the area). For further information about community networks, please click on the following link, which will take you to the SCVS Website <http://www.scvs.org.uk/representpart/p1540/p1564/p2672.html>

If your group / organisation would be interested in giving a short 5-10 minute

presentation at the start of one of these meetings, please contact Amy Meredith, Health, Social Care and Well Being Facilitator at SCVS as soon as possible on 01792 544028 or email: amy_meredith@scvs.org.uk

Please note that registering your interest does not guarantee your organisations attendance at these meetings, as spaces are limited.

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And Finally...

Don't forget to check out the SCVS website!

www.scvs.org.uk

And our other site:

www.swanseasthirdsector.com

'Partnership, Representation & Consultation – Online'

This essential site gives detailed information on the key policy issues and partnerships in Swansea – and in the wider context. We welcome your views and feedback on the site.

If you have an article for the e-bulletin or our website, email it to:
gail_hanlin@scvs.org.uk / claire_davies@scvs.org.uk

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