



The VOLuntary network for you & ME, for organisations working with 0-25 year olds in Caerphilly

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July Update



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Dear Network Members

Welcome to July's edition of the Volume Newsletter (event though we are now in August, we've been rushing to get this out!)

The date for the next Volume Network Meeting is now **Tuesday 13th September at St Margaret's Park**. The theme for the morning will be centred around Safeguarding.

With effect from the 18th July I will be starting my new role with Blaenau Gwent but it has been agreed for me to stay on in Caerphilly for 1 day a week until October and a decision is made regarding the funding for the role.

In the meantime, Ross Thomas will be job-sharing the role in Caerphilly (18.5hrs), again based in the Ystrad Mynach GAVO offices. Ross will be covering a lot of the admin work and hopes to get out of the office and meet with as many Volume Network members as possible over the coming couple of months. For the time being, he will be available at CouncillorRoss@hotmail.com until he's added to the GAVO email listing.

Finally, we would both like to wish you all a good summer and, if work commitments allow, a well earned break (!)

Kim Jones &
Ross Thomas

DATES for your diaries

Safeguarding meeting:

Monday 5th September 2011 11.00am—GAVO offices, Ystrad
(*lunch will be provided between these two meetings)

Volume Steering Group meeting:

Monday 5th September 2011 1.30pm—GAVO offices, Ystrad

Volume Network meeting:

Tuesday 13th September 10.00am—1.30pm at St Margaret's Park, Aberbargoed





Core Aim Group Updates

Core Aim 1—Melanie Snowden

No update

Core Aim 2—Dave Brunton

No update

Core Aim 3—Rep Leah Salter

No update

Core Aim 4—Nicci Gill

No update

Core Aim 5—Sian Northey

No update

Core Aim 6—Lynne Meghji

No update

Core Aim 7— Dave Brunton

No update

CYPP Board

No update

VOLUME Steering Group

The latest meeting was held on 14 July . Members discussed having a theme at the next Volume Network meeting and it was decided it will focus on Safeguarding.

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee—Reps Melanie Snowden / Lynne Meghji

No update

If you are looking for funding for your organisation or project, WCVA can carry out a funding search for its members on Grantfinder. Contact the Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, or email help@wcva.org.uk

Sell2Wales, www.sell2wales.co.uk

A Welsh Assembly Government initiative, register for free.

- Promote your company to all registered Welsh public sector bodies.
- Search & view all Welsh public sector tender notices.
- Search the supplier database for potential collaborators for bids.
- Download useful documents such as EU legislation, tendering guidelines, purchaser policies and articles on how to succeed.

Funding Information



If you require any help or further information regarding grants and funding please contact GAVO on 01443 863540 and speak to Sandra Davies or one of the Development Officer who will be happy to help you.

Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups through the Nominet Trust.

The aim is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, in terms of education, safety and inclusion. No minimum and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. Complete an online eligibility questionnaire. If successful a link to a more detailed application form provided.

Closing date for applications is 9 am on 14th Sept 2011. <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/>

People's Postcode Trust

A trust set up by the "People's Postcode Lottery" offers grants of £500 to £10,000 to small organisations and community groups for projects lasting up to 3 months in the areas of: Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; Environmental Protection.

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

O2 'Think Big' Project

Youth Cymru has up to £30,000 to give to young people who want to put something back into their communities - a national partner with O2. Youth Cymru is able to provide easier access for young people to funding for their projects - £300 project funding and give a mobile phone to any project that meets the criteria. Think Big funds all sorts of things. The only limit is young people's imagination. six project categories: **think campaigning** – make a stand and push for change; **think neighbourhood** – improve the local area; **think planet** – work for a better environment; **think learning** – share knowledge and ideas; **think expression** – help people discover their artistic talents; **think well-being** – inspire people to lead a healthier life. Further details: Keith Thomas via email keith@youthcymru.org.uk or visit www.O2.co.uk/thinkbig

NSPCC finds 64 child sex crimes a day recorded by police

Police in England and Wales recorded a child sex crime every 20 minutes last year, new NSPCC research reveals today.

More than 23,000 offences – including rape, incest and gross indecency – were logged in 2009-10. This is an eight per cent increase on the previous year.

Most reports concerned children aged 12-15 years old. However, over 1,000 victims were pre-school age and one in four were aged 11 or under.2 Girls continue to be around six times more likely to be sexually assaulted than boys, with over 20,000 (86%) female victims recorded. To read the full report visit www.nspcc.org website



£13m to tackle school drop-outs in South Wales

A £13m project is being launched to reduce the number of 14 to 19-year-olds dropping out of school or further education in parts of south Wales.

It will provide support and training for around 8,000 young people both at schools and out-reach projects.

Welsh Government ministers say it will improve job prospects and career opportunities for the youngsters. It is being run in the Bridgend, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil and Torfaen council areas. As of the end of June 2010, 11.3% of 16 to 18-year-olds in Wales were classed as NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training). Deputy

Great Cheese Race

We are looking for teams of fun loving people to take part in one of the highlights of the event - the Great Cheese Race! Children and adults are being encouraged to take part in the fun run around a special course which takes participants around the grounds of the magnificent castle, with fancy dress adding to the laughter and enjoyment.

Every year teams line up to take part in the race and join in with the opening celebrations for the Big Cheese Festival on the Friday evening (29th July). Now it's your turn and all you have to do is create a team of 4 people to come along at 6.00pm. You can walk, jog or run .

The race is a great way to raise sponsorship for your school, club, society or special cause. With only a few weeks to go we want you to enter your team and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes. All entrants will receive a certificate and medal, with overall winners for best fancy dress and each race.

To receive an entry for this year's race, email events@caerphilly.gov.uk or visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/bigcheese



Ensuring play is given the importance it deserves



Adventure Play



Where we will be over the summer!

25th July – 26th August 2011



Mondays	No Play Sessions
Tuesdays	Phillipstown Park – 1.00pm – 2.45pm Tirphil Park - 3.00pm – 4.45pm
Wednesdays	Greenfield(By the rugby field) - 1.00pm – 2.45pm Tanlan Play site - 3.00pm – 4.45pm (3rd August—playday event at Tanlan 12-4pm)
Thursdays	Phillipstown Park 1.00pm – 2.45pm Tirphil Park 3.00pm – 4.45pm
Fridays	Greenfield(By the rugby field) - 1.00pm – 2.45pm Tanlan Play site 3.00pm – 4.45pm

Trips*

Fri 12th Aug - TBC

Fri 19th Aug - TBC

** Places for trips are limited, may carry age restrictions and will only be allocated on return of Play Site Registration and Parental Consent Forms available from playworkers at all sessions.*

National Play Day
3rd Aug - 12pm-4pm
Tanlan Play site

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Every Day will be filled with fun play opportunities.

For further information please contact the Adventure Play Team on 01443 863540

Bite Size

Me and My Net

Deadline: 30th September

Over a million (mostly young) people die from malaria every year. Me and My Net is our newest competition, designed to engage young people in the challenges posed by the disease, and to encourage the proper use of bed nets. Young people (under 18s) are invited to get their thinking caps on and make their voice heard in a fun and creative way.

There are over **100 fantastic prizes** to be won, including computers, cameras, certificates, and the star prize, **a one week trip to London**. Entrants can write a letter to a cousin who lives in a town where malaria is a problem, take a photo or draw a picture of themselves or a friend with a mosquito net, or create a campaign to get young people to use nets. Visit the website to find out more www.meandmy.net and submissions can be made online here: www.rcsregister.org/public/index/index

New 'Contact a Family' survey

A new survey has been launched by 'Contact a Family', aimed at finding out the experiences of families who might feel isolated when they find out that their child has a disability.

Contact a Family want to highlight any issues through publishing the findings via media stories. The survey will take some five minutes of your time and can be completed online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/contactafamilyisolation2011

GAVO's new-look website

GAVO have recently launched their all-singing, all-dancing, flash-looking website. Still available at the usual address [GAVO's savvy new website](#) is more colourful and user-friendly. As ever, the usual documents are available on the Caerphilly Volume Network page such as the latest Volume Newsletter and the most recent minutes from the Steering Group meetings.

A chance to let others know what you do
Please use this page to tell others about
your work or project email the information to
kim.jones@gavowales.org.uk



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The National Youth Advocacy Service is an established national charity which ensures that children and young people are given a voice in any issue that affects them. NYAS Cymru supports & empowers children & young people locally in their own communities

We are looking for highly motivated; child focused people interested in promoting the rights and welfare of children and young people, to become, NYAS Advocates. You will need to be committed to listening and will have experience of working face to face with children & young people. We would particularly welcome people who have experience of working with children with disabilities.

Independent Advocates

Sessional Advocates – South Wales and the West

Advocates work exclusively for children and young people to promote their views, wishes and feelings. We work with children and young people who are in care (looked after by the Local Authority), to ensure their voices are heard within decision making processes. We are seeking to recruit sessional advocates, across South Wales, including: Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and the Vale of Glamorgan. Candidates must have experience of direct work with children and young people and already hold a professional child care or youth work qualification. You will be paid a sessional rate and be offered training, supervision and support to fulfil this role.

Independent Visitors and Residential Visiting Advocates

South Wales and the West

Essential experience includes:

- A genuine and active interest in the welfare of children and young people
- Experience of building and maintaining long term supportive relationships with children and/or young people either in an individual or group setting
- Ability to form positive working relationships with a variety of people including Professionals.

To comply with NYAS's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, all successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced CRB Disclosure check

For further details and application forms contact Nicola Courtney at our Head Office, Egerton House, Tower Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 1FN.

email: recruitment@nyas.net or visit our website at www.nyas.net

Please Quote Reference: 28

Closing Date: 31st July 2011