



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

VOLUME Newsletter

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April Update

Dear all

Welcome to April's edition of the Volume newsletter, It has been a busy few weeks with the demand for end of year reports and I hope you can all finally see light at the end of the tunnel. With the challenging times ahead I will do my best to keep you informed of any developments. I will continue to include any news and updates that come from the partnership in the newsletter and via the Volume Network. Don't forget we have reps on the Partnership Board and each of the Core Aim Groups who are there to represent all of the voluntary sector.

This was due to be an election year for representatives but there are likely to be some changes to the Core Aim Groups structure with the implementation of the Families First Agenda. As yet I have no further details and we will have to wait to see what shape that takes. After consultation with the Steering Group it was decided to implement the election process once we have more details about what the new structure might look like and the voluntary sector's role within it.

Date for your diaries

VOLUME Network Meeting

Tuesday 7th June 2011 10.00am—1.30pm St Margaret' s Park

The morning will include an Open Mic session. If you would like to do a short presentation about your project, forthcoming work or event please email me at kim.jones@gavowales.org.uk so I can book you a slot.

TAC Briefing—The Role of the Lead Professional

Tuesday 17th May—Ty Penallta

The session has been arranged for the voluntary sector about the role of the lead professional in the TAC process. The session will be held on 17th May at Ty Penallta. If you would like to attend please email parson@caerphilly.gov.uk with your details.

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Core Aim Group Updates



Core Aim 1—Melanie Snowden

Core Aim 2—Dave Brunton

Core Aim 3—Rep Leah Salter

Latest meeting was held on 24th March. The group discussed the progress of the TAC (Team Around The Child) pilot in Ty Sign and in advance of the evaluation discussed some of the points of learning and some issues that the pilot has raised such as information sharing, recording and file storage. We also discussed the potential challenges and benefits for professionals involved in the TAC panel and those who may take on the role of lead professional. Further training for the voluntary sector was discussed and a briefing session has been arranged to address any questions that may arise. This is planned for 17th May 9.00 – 12.00 at Ty Penallta Ebbw Room. Nia Parsons (TAC project co-ordinator) will facilitate the session. The next CA3/ TAC meeting is rescheduled for May 12th as the April date clashed with the Easter break which would have impacted on availability.

Core Aim 4—Nicci Gill

Next meeting 27th April

Core Aim 5—Sian Northey

Meeting cancelled

Core Aim 6—Lynne Meghji

No update available

Core Aim 7— Dave Brunton

The latest meeting was held on 7th April, The group discussed the definition of environmental poverty and noted the release of the information contained within the Children's Health and Well-being Monitor. This data will eventually be broken down into borough wide statistics. The group will also work on and send a response to the CYP Partnership on the draft CYP Plan.

CYPP Board

The date of the next meeting is 5th May, I will include an update in May's edition.

VOLUME Steering Group

The latest Steering Group Meeting was held on 29th March the main part of the meeting involved a presentation and update from Nia Parsons about the work of the TAC (Team Around the Child) Pilot Project which is currently running in Ty Sign Risca. Nia advised the group of an information session that has been arranged for the voluntary sector about the role of the lead professional in the TAC process. The session will be held on 17th May at Ty Penallta. If you would like to attend please email Nia at parson@caerphilly.gov.uk with your details.

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee—Reps Melanie Snowden / Lynne Meghji

Reps are elected for a 3 year period and it is now time for re-election, the current reps are mentioned above and can stand for re-election. I will be emailing the election papers next week and welcome nominations. There are 2 places available and if more than 2 people are nominated I will hold a ballot at the next Network Meeting in June. The purpose of the Committee is 'To foster a good working relationship with the Caerphilly CBC and partners named in the Compact Document to strengthen the partnership between the voluntary sector and the partners for the benefit of the local community in the CBC area.'

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.

Wales gets volunteering boost

Volunteering in Wales has been given a boost with confirmation that a leading grant scheme has been extended to 2011. The Volunteering in Wales Fund, managed by WCVA, has received continued support from the Welsh Assembly Government meaning that organisations will be able to apply for funding to support projects for the next year.

The Fund can offer grants of up to £25,000 to support and develop new volunteers through covering the cost of volunteer expenses and training; contributions to organisations' running costs and the recruitment of specialist staff to help support new volunteers.

The deadline to make a grant application is **5pm on Friday 14 May 2010**. For further details and an application pack, contact the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email help@wcva.org.uk.

Family Actions Welfare Grants are available for clothing and general household needs such as beds/cookers also more varied needs such as communication aids and medical adaptations. In general grants are made for £100 - £300. ***The next grant applications will be accepted 1st - 30th June.*** One priority area is young people aged 19 – 25, grants to support young people who are living alone. Applications must be made by someone who knows the applicant in a professional capacity such as a social worker. More information Tel 020 7241 7459 or email grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk

The Asda Foundation supports local good causes chosen by their staff, and is funded by profits from the mid-week national lottery. There are no specific priorities and each application is considered on its own merits. Under the Foundation's terms, they will assist any charity in the UK, as well as people and projects that require financial assistance, providing they have the support of local ASDA colleagues. For further details your.asda.com/asda-foundation

£3m boost for Wales' poorest communities

Communities First Trust Fund will continue for a further year. Grants of up to £5,000 made available to community and volunteer organisations.

The Trust Fund will be managed by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). Community groups can apply for up to £5,000, no minimum amount. Application forms and guidelines at www.wcva.org.uk shortly. There are likely to be administrative changes to the Trust Fund this year. For further information or to find out if your community is a Communities First ward and therefore eligible to apply for funding, contact the Communities First Helpline on 0800 578 8898.

BIG INVESTS £20 MILLION INTO IMPROVING CHILDREN'S FUTURES



Children can't choose the families they are born into and some grow up in very difficult circumstances.

The Big Lottery Fund announced an investment of £20million that will help give vulnerable young children across the UK a better future by supporting their families.

BIG's approach will see families being offered tailored individual support from local voluntary sector organisations working in partnerships with public services.

The Improving Futures programme will provide funding for more effective and joined-up support to help families with multiple and complex problems. This support will be delivered by partnerships that bring together voluntary sector organisations and public services. The partnerships will be locally based – and for the first time engaging not only children's charities, but those that can help address families' housing, health, employment and other needs.

The programme will fund up to 20 partnerships across the UK, each receiving a grant of up to £900,000 to work with families with children aged five to ten years old. It aims to fund only the very best proposals and BIG will also fund a robust evaluation of programme with a view to understanding how their success can be replicated elsewhere.

Full details of the Big Lottery Fund programmes and grant awards are available on the website: www.biglottery.org.uk

Deadlines:

12 May 2011 – Deadline for expressions of interest.

30 September 2011 – Deadline for full application submission.

Contact: 0845 4 10 20 30 or email general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk



2011 Children and Young People's Wellbeing Monitor for Wales

Published electronically it gives a range of information and research on children and young people's wellbeing. Wellbeing indicators are reported at an all-Wales level



2011 Children and Young People's Wellbeing Monitor for Wales
Executive Summary

Key findings from the Monitor include:

- The uptake rate of two-year-olds being immunised against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) continues to increase from a low of 80% in 2003-04. During 2009-10, 92% of two-year-olds had been immunised against MMR.
- The rate of hospital admissions for self-harm in Wales have increased in recent years and are lower for boys than for girls.
- The numbers of young people not in education, training or employment (NEET) have remained largely at the same level for more than a decade.
- Proportion of pupils taking part in club sport has increased gradually over past 10 years.
- Thirty-one per cent of 16-25 year-olds had volunteered to help friends, neighbours members of community in the past year and 20% had volunteered for an organisation.
- Numbers of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents declined since 1979, reflecting changes in children's behaviour towards road safety and trend towards safer cars.
- Nearly one in three (32%) of children in Wales – around 200,000 - now live in poverty, according to a relative income measure.

Follow the link to access the [2011 Wellbeing Monitor](#). Limited printed copies are available. Please e-mail to Rebecca.Nelson@wales.gsi.gov.uk



Invitation to the launch of the Centre for the Study of Play and Recreation, Thursday 12 May 2011 9.30—19.00 University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College Greenwich.

This one day **free** multi-discipline conference welcomes academics and practitioners working in the field of play and /or recreation.

Speakers and topics include:

Perry Else, Four Quadrants: A model for understanding play
Alan Powers, English toy theatres
Kevin Brehony, Play, work and alienation, 1826-1927
Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska, The Royal Family and playing fields
Stuart Lester, The production of play/time space in schools
...and many more...

To book a place please contact Sheryl Clark playandrecreation@greenwich.ac.uk or tel 020 83319558

Bite Size

Money advice and welfare benefits training

The Citizens Advice Bureau has a number of courses running in Cardiff over the next few months. They are focused on Money advice and welfare benefits. For more information email adviser.training@citizensadvice.org.uk or ring 0113 224 5824 or you can [book courses online](#).

Educational child safety DVD

A DVD has been launched in Caerphilly which focuses on accidents in the home that are potentially fatal or cause the most serious or disabling injuries. The DVD will be available to all new parents in the Caerphilly Borough. For more information contact Tracey Deacon on 01495 241209 or visit the Health Challenge Caerphilly website

Back to school for school nurses **28 March 2011, [Welsh Assembly Government](#)**

The One Wales commitment to ensure that every secondary school in Wales has a school nurse is expected to be achieved by the end of this Assembly, the Health Minister, Edwina Hart, announced today. The Welsh Assembly Government had committed to a school nurse for each of Wales's 223 secondary schools, and the final three remaining posts are expected to be filled during April 2011.

Mrs Hart said: "Delivering on our commitment to provide a school nurse for every secondary school in Wales will lead to greater consistency of the service across Wales, improving the health of children and young people".

Report on childhood vaccination uptake in Wales

[Public Health Wales](#) has published a report showing uptake of childhood vaccinations in Wales between October and December 2010.

Pupils star in building site safety film

A short film starring pupils at Hillside primary school in Blaenavon shows the dangers of building sites. The film can be [viewed here](#).

Obesity and alcohol costs to the NHS

£73m is the cost of obesity and £70m is the cost of excessive alcohol consumption to the NHS in Wales, according to an academic [study](#) commissioned by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Sunbed Ban for under 18's

The Minister has also confirmed her intention that, from 31 October 2011, unsupervised sunbed use will also be banned in Wales

A ban on the use of sunbeds by people under the age of 18 in Wales will come into force on 8 April 2011. The provisions of the Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 - introduced as a Private Members Bill - will make it an offence for an operator of a sunbed business in England and Wales to allow, or offer, someone under the age of 18 to use or access sunbeds on their premises.

The ban is designed to reduce the incidence of skin cancer by protecting under 18s from the dangers of overexposure to ultra-violet radiation. In addition, the Act enables the Welsh Assembly Government to introduce stricter controls on sunbed use, which will be enforced by local authorities.

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Compelling case for banning smoking in cars

New research by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in Wales has shown that harmful particulate matter from tobacco smoke reaches very high levels in cars, and lingers even after cigarettes have been put out. The study also reveals that high levels of dangerous particulate matter (PM) from tobacco smoke is still present in cars up to two hours after lighting up, and that opening the car window does little to reduce the risk of harm to children.



Visit Pupil Voice Wales

Promote the questionnaire on [http:// www.pupilvoicewales.org.uk/](http://www.pupilvoicewales.org.uk/) to your people. The aim is to gather as many young people's views as possible about how they would like to get their voice heard in schools and have opportunities to be part of decision-making processes. This is part of a piece of work which is aiming to develop good practice guidance for schools. Young people who fill in the questionnaire have a chance of winning a £50 'Love2shop' voucher.

The closing date for the questionnaire to be completed is 29th April - so young people need to do this quickly!

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



GAVO, CAERPHILLY

Voluntary Sector Achievement Awards for 2011

Do you know a person or group of volunteers who carry out voluntary work within the Caerphilly County Borough?

GAVO, Caerphilly in conjunction with Caerphilly County Borough Council are looking for people to nominate an individual or group for a Voluntary Sector Achievement Award.

Closing Date for nominations: Friday 6 May 2011

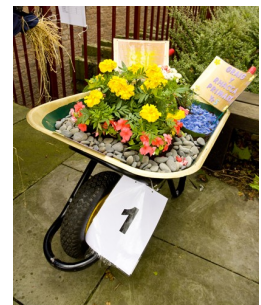
Awards Evening (Invitation only): Wednesday 29 June 2011

Awards are sponsored by Gwent Police and the Campaign Newspaper and are designed to reflect the vital and diverse role volunteers play in supporting and contributing to the well being of the community. There are many people doing wonderful things within Caerphilly County Borough, so please take time to nominate that special individual or group of volunteers and ensure this year's Awards Ceremony is a success.

If you require a nomination form, please contact the GAVO Caerphilly Volunteering Team at GAVO on tel: 01443 863540. Nomination forms will also be available for downloading from the GAVO website www.gavowales.org.uk



CAERPHILLY FLOWER FESTIVAL CAERPHILLY TOWN 2011 CHILDREN'S FLORAL WHEELBARROW COMPETITION 25th & 26th JUNE



For the 4th year running, the prestigious Caerphilly Flower Festival will include the very popular Children's Floral Wheelbarrow Competition.

To enter this years competition organisations must register their entry with Stacy Francis – Events Officer at events@caerphilly.gov.uk or telephone 01443 866390 (office). An application form will then be distributed for completion. The closing date for entries will be Monday 20th June 2011. Visitors to the Flower Festival will be able to vote for their favourite Floral Wheelbarrow and there will be a fantastic prize for the winning entry.



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PLAY

Easter Half Term

Monday 18 th April	1.00pm–2.45pm Tirphil Park 3.00pm–5.15pm Tanlan Play Site
Tuesday 19 th April	1.00pm–2.45pm Phillipstown Park 3.00pm–5.15pm Greenfield (alongside rugby field)
Wednesday 20 th April	Abseiling & Archery Trip with CAG (Ages 8-14, 10 places available, please see one of the team for a consent form.)
Thursday 21 st April	1.00pm–2.45pm Phillipstown Park 3.00pm–5.15pm Brithdir Park
Friday 22 nd April	1.00pm –2.45pm Tirphil 3.00pm -5.15pm Tanlan Play Site

For further information please contact a member of the Adventure Play team on 01443 863540.

Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

