



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

VOLUME Newsletter

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May Update



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Volume Network Meeting

7th June 2011 9.30 - 1.30

St Margaret's Park, Aberbargoed

It's your network so come along and find out about the work of other organisations in Caerphilly.

Make the most of a great networking opportunity

To book a place email
kim.jones@gavowales.org.uk



Core Aim 1—Rep Melanie Snowden / Nicci Gill

The latest meeting was held on 3rd May with Nicci attending. The key issues discussed were action plan, workforce development training programme which has been very well attended. A report from Flying Start, the tendering process was completed but it was noted that the process had too short a turnaround. The Flying Start report is to be taken to the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership and Community Safety Partnership as the information has significant findings for the various communities in Caerphilly.



Core Aim 2—Rep Dave Brunton

No meeting held to report back from

Core Aim 3—Rep Leah Salter

Next meeting 26th May

Core Aim 4—Rep Nicci Gill

Next meeting 25th May

Core Aim 5—Rep Sian Northey

Core Aim 6—Rep Lynne Meghji

Rep currently not able to attend

Core Aim 7—Dave Brunton

Next meeting scheduled for 9th June

Full updates of the work of the Core Aim Groups will be given at the next network meeting on 7th June.

CYPP Board

The latest meeting was held on 5th May, and there will be another meeting on 18th May. Items currently under discussion are the progress of the Children and Young People's Plan and the commissioning process for the Families First Programme.

VOLUME Steering Group

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee—Reps Melanie Snowden / Lynne Meghji

Nomination forms are currently out for election to the Liaison Committee, closing date for receipt of applications is 13th May.

£3.17 million for Bargoed Retail Scheme

Bargoed is set to benefit from £3 million of Welsh Assembly Government funding which will enable a large scale town centre retail scheme to go ahead. The funding from the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area programme has been allocated to Caerphilly County Borough Council to help it deliver phase one of the Bargoed Retail Development. The project will see the development of an anchor food store with Petrol Filling Station, seven retail units and associated car parking and public realm facilities.

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.

Once again I am pleased to invite you to the **Annual 'Speed' Funding Day**, which is jointly organised by Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations and Caerphilly County Borough Council. The Event will take place on:

Wednesday 18th May 2011 at the Oasis Christian Centre, Cefn Fforest, Blackwood (NP12 3LY)

Our main theme for the day will be "Speed Funding". You will be given the opportunity of meeting face to face with prospective funders, to talk about your projects and possible funding opportunities.

The following funders have confirmed their attendance, whilst confirmation from others is being sought:

- Big Lottery Programmes
 - Sports Wales
 - CCBC – Community Regeneration Fund
 - Children in Need
 - Heritage Lottery Fund
 - Environment Wales
 - Social Enterprise Grant Scheme
 - Wales council for Voluntary Action
- WCVA

Please visit the GAVO website www.gavowales.org.uk for the latest list of funders who will be attending. There will also be an opportunity to speak to GAVO Development Officers who will be available to discuss Constitutions and Community Development.

The Funding Day will begin with registration at **10 a.m.** and a buffet lunch will be provided. The event will close at **approximately 4.00 p.m.**

A contribution towards the cost of running this event of **£4.00 per person** is required. Cheques should be made payable to **Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations**.

For more information contact sandra.davies@gavowales.org.uk

£3m boost for Wales' poorest communities

Communities First Trust Fund 2011-2012 is now open for applications.

Communities in Wales' most disadvantaged areas have been given a boost with the news that funding for the Communities First Trust Fund will continue for a further year. Social Justice Minister, Carl Sargeant confirmed the funding which will see grants of up to £5,000 made available to community and volunteer organisations. The Minister said: 'I am pleased that the Communities First Trust Fund will continue for a further year. The Fund has made a real difference to many individuals and communities in some of our most deprived areas. I am sure that community and voluntary groups will welcome the news that small grants will continue to be available.'

The deadline date for submitting completed applications with all supporting documents is Wednesday 30 November 2011.

The Big Community Vote 2011

If you know a community group or organisation that is doing well in your community and you would like to see them have a chance to receive a grant of £2,000, why not encourage them to nominate themselves for The Co-operative Membership Big Community Vote 2011. Visit <http://www.co-operative.coop/bigcommunityvote> for more details.

British Gas Energy Trust Invests Additional Fund for the Vulnerable - applications from voluntary sector organisations, registered charities and not-for-profit groups in South Wales. Grants to organizations to provide money and debt prevention advice and education, with a particular emphasis on fuel poverty, encourages bids that involve partnership and collaborative working between organisations. **Applications may be submitted at any time.** More information www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/index.html

Hate Crime – Abuse and Harassment

A hate crime incident is any offence committed against a person or property because they are seen as being different. You can be a hate crime victim of prejudice against your race, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identity. If you have been the victim of hate crime, suffered racially abusive behaviour, graffiti or language, you have every right to report these incidents and to expect help and support in making sure it doesn't happen again.

Caerphilly County Borough Council works very closely with partners to deal with these incidents. Please contact Gwent Police on 01633 838111 or in writing to Gwent Police Headquarters, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbrân, NP44 2XJ to report any such incidents, or you can contact the Valleys Regional Equalities Council (VALREC) for advice and guidance, on 01443 742704 or by emailing info@valrec.org. You can also contact Safer Wales through their on-line service that enables victims, witnesses or other third parties to report hate incidents. The hate crime reporting form can be accessed at www.saferwales.com. Safer Wales will pass on the full details of the incidents to the Police and other support agencies in your area (with the consent of the reporting person).

Child Neglect -10th June 2011 A one-day course facilitated by Barry Davies Swansea

Around half the children on child protection registers in Wales and England are placed under the category of Neglect. Yet the subject of child neglect has been described by some campaigners as 'neglected' relative to the attention given to other forms of abuse. The course will provide an overview of neglect in the context of safeguarding children and young people.

Cost: £115 Members £135 Non Members Full details on website www.childreninwales.org.uk

CSCB - Multi Agency Domestic Abuse Awareness Training Level 2

(All Agencies)

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board in this geographical area has re-named itself the **Caerphilly Safeguarding Children's Board**.

Aims: To raise awareness of the issues facing adults and children affected by domestic abuse and the role that agencies can contribute in supporting and sign posting to services.

Objectives: At the end of the course, participants will:

- Recognise the different categories and extent of domestic abuse on a local and national level
- Explore the complex issues within an abusive relationship and why, often someone in an abusive relationship stays or returns to the relationship
- Highlight the effects on adult victims and children, and the close links between child protection
- Discuss the differences in the process of seeking help for individuals
- Share current best practice and local information to enable participants to respond safely and appropriately to disclosures of domestic abuse
- Provide the opportunity to interact, share current practice and issues, and to network with other agencies.

Maximum number of participants per course: 20

Length of Course: 1 Day

Venue, Dates, Time: On 18th October 2011 training will be held in Ty Penallta Tredomen Park

For all other dates the training will be held at Tredomen House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7WF

8th June 2011

15th September 2011

18th October 2011

23rd November 2011

19th January 2012

21st February 2012

9.30am – 4.30pm. Tea/coffee from 9.15am.

Please note that lunch will **not** be provided.

Facilitator: Andrea Davies, Domestic Abuse Coordinator, Caerphilly (CCBC)

How to book a place: Closing date: 6 weeks prior to the course.

Contact Tel: 01443 864315. Fax: 01443 863110.

E-mail: Learndec@caerphilly.gov.uk

Target Group:

Police, Health, Education, Social Services, Youth Offending Team, Probation, Voluntary Sector and Crown Prosecution Service Staff.



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Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board met on March 9th and ratified its

[Safe Recruitment Guidance](#). Please can you disseminate this guidance throughout your organisation, particularly to those departments and managers with responsibility for the recruitment and selection of employees and volunteers.

If you have any queries regarding this guidance document please contact Zarah Newman, Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board Co-ordinator on 01443 864798 or at newmaz@caerphilly.gov.uk.

Public Health Wales will establish a Child Measurement Programme for Wales.



The programme will see the way primary school children are measured standardised across Wales. Data will be collected and used for surveillance of prevalence trends of underweight, overweight and obesity at a local authority level across Wales. www.wales.nhs.uk

Public Health Wales is reminding the public of the risk of infection associated with farm animals and the measures they can take to reduce these risks. During the spring and summer, there are many events where people, especially children, can view, touch and feed animals. These events may be held in a variety of settings, such as open farms, rescue centres, agricultural shows and farm parks.

Infectious diseases such as *E. Coli* O157, Cryptosporidiosis, Q fever, Listeriosis and Toxoplasmosis can be passed from sheep, cows, goats and other livestock to humans through contact with infected faeces and other body fluids and tissues. These infections may have no symptoms at all in animals but may cause illness in humans, the most common being gastro-enteritis. Some people may develop more serious consequences, especially younger children, pregnant women and immuno-compromised people (people who have difficulty fighting infections). These consequences include kidney failure, lung and heart disease, and long-term debility.

Dr Robert Smith, Clinical Scientist for Public Health Wales and expert on infections passed from animals to humans, said: "Animal petting and lambing events are becoming increasingly popular and they are a great way to see more of the countryside and experience working life on a farm. However, we are encouraging everyone to follow good hygiene advice to limit the transmission and spread of infectious diseases.



10 Years Old 2001-2011

Children's Commissioner for Wales is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. For more information visit the website www.childcom.org.uk



Caerphilly residents get 'Back on Track'

After the huge success of last year's Back on Track scheme Gwent Police has teamed up with the Caerphilly County Borough's Children and Young People's Partnership and Halfords, to offer free bicycles as part of an scheme to reduce the number of off-road bikes being illegally ridden around the area.

Caerphilly residents are being given the opportunity to have a free mountain bike and accessories, in return for giving up their off-road motorbikes, trikes or quad bikes. The illegal use of off-road bikes is an issue that residents often raise at the local PACT (Partnerships and Communities Together) meetings. It is currently a PACT priority for the Penyrheol ward.

The scheme is being made possible thanks to funding received from The Children and Young Peoples Partnership and Halfords is also supplying the equipment at a reduced price. It's simple to take part.

Everyone who surrenders their mechanically propelled vehicle (such as an off-road motorbike), will be given a voucher, entitling them to a mountain bike, helmet, cable and lock, bicycle lights, puncture repair kit, riding mitts, high visibility arm and leg bands, as well as a three year bike care plan – all for free! Vouchers will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.

Residents from Aber Valley, Morgan Jones, Penyrheol or St Martins will be able to take part in the amnesty over of four week period in June. They will need to surrender their vehicle and pick up their vouchers during one of the designated slots. Terms and conditions will apply – for example, residents must be able to provide proof of address for Aber Valley, Morgan Jones, Penyrheol or St Martins wards in Caerphilly and the vehicle must be in working order. Anyone wanting to take part in the amnesty must be over the age of 18, or be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please pop into Caerphilly Police station for a full list of the terms and conditions.