



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

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June Update



Dear Network

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent network meeting on 7th June it was great to see so many people there and some new faces. The morning started with a round of introductions and to get everyone talking, a short quiz. This was followed by the Open Mic session which gave organisations the opportunity to let everyone know about their work and current projects. Presentations were given by Tri County Play, Gingerbread, Crime Reduction Initiative and feedback from the recent tendering process that Flying Start had commissioned.

The second half of the morning was filled with presentations by the Family Information Service and Peer Mentoring Project. The meeting was also an ideal opportunity to elect a deputy representative to sit on the CYP Partnership to cover for Lynne Meghji while she is away. I would like to welcome Jill Lubienski from Action for Children to the role. She has already attended her first Partnership meeting. It is crucial to keep our representation at full capacity during this transition period.

We used the remainder of the morning for an open discussion as it was felt that people needed an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns about the transition to Families First Fund.

The morning finished with lunch and time to network. The feedback from the morning was really positive some of the comments were "First time ever at a Volume meeting very informative" and "very good morning—buzz in the room proved networking and engagement".

The next network meeting is planned for **13th September 2011** venue to be arranged.

And finally from the 18th July I will be reducing my hours in Caerphilly as I am taking up the role of Voluntary Sector Involvement Officer in Blaenau Gwent. I will be staying on to support the network 1 day a week until October and the outcome from the tendering process. Please be assured that with the help of the reps, members of the network and staff at GAVO, VOLUME will continue to provide you with support and information.

Kind Regards Kim

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Core Aim Group Updates

The Core Aim Groups all gave reports at the CYPP Board meeting held on 18th May they update on achievements of the individual groups and highlight any outstanding work that needs consideration in the new plan.

Core Aim 1—Rep Melanie Snowden

Majority of actions had been achieved, with some outstanding which are dependant on other external factors.

Core Aim 2—Rep Dave Brunton

Keeping in Touch Co-ordinator has now been appointed through the Prevent Project. Community Focused Schools Board has now been established.

Core Aim 3—Rep Leah Salter

All key tasks have been met there was an updated on the TAC pilot project with the interim evaluation currently being finalised.

Core Aim 4—Rep Nicci Gill

Peter Gomer Chair of Core Aim 4 has now retired and Dave Phenis was now temporary Chair. He highlighted the success of the Play Strategy with the establishment of two additional play teams in 4 targeted areas in Caerphilly. The Arts Strategy has been developed in draft and is awaiting consultation.

Core Aim 5—Rep Sian Northey

Highlighted the achievements including the launch of the Participation Toolkit and collated a response to Welsh Government on the national advocacy guidance. Complaints and Compliments Guidance has been developed in draft format.

Core Aim 6—Rep Lynne Meghji

The Family Support Strategy Action Plan was on the agenda for the June meeting. The Board have subsequently endorsed the draft strategy and agreed the action plan to be developed and sent for wider consultation.

CYPP Board

The latest CYPP Board meeting was held on 15th June and attended by Dave Brunton and Jill Lubienski. The agenda contained a report on the Family Support Strategy Action Plan and update on advocacy, the final version of the CYPP Plan and a verbal update on the commissioning process for Families First.

VOLUME Steering Group

The next Steering Group Meeting will be on 14th July 11.00am—1.00pm

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee—Reps Melanie Snowden / Lynne Meghji

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.

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

People's Postcode Trust

The People's Postcode Trust, a trust set up by the "People's Postcode Lottery" in April 2009 offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 (£2,000 if not a registered charity and £5,000 in Wales) 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.

Applications for grants of under £2,000 are considered on a quarterly basis in England and Wales. <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

BBC Performing Arts Fund: Community Dance

The new community dance scheme is one of two funding opportunities, the other focuses on supporting individuals. It is looking to support dance related activities across the UK, covering any age group and any dance genre. The Fund is particularly keen to see groups challenge themselves and raise standards by collaborating with professional dancers or other local organisations. Grants will range from £500 to £5,000. Applicants must have been in existence since at least 1 April 2009. Projects can begin from 1 September 2011 and must be complete by the end of August 2012. The Fund is to enable groups to increase their skills, raise their aspirations and help them gain new audiences, new members and a higher profile in their community. Details of the Community Dance programme within the BBC Performing Arts Fund are available at www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/communitydance. There is an online [application form](#), which must be completed by **12 July 2012**.

O2 'Think Big' Project

Youth Cymru has up to £30,000 to give away to young people in Wales who want to put something back into their communities. They are a national partner with O2 and Youth Cymru is able to provide easier access for young people to funding for their projects. Youth Cymru will approve £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. There are 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 are available from Keith Thomas via email keith@youthcymru.org.uk or visit www.O2.co.uk/thinkbig

Young Rayne Fellowships 2011

Applications are now open for the Young Rayne Fellowships 2011. Fellowships enable individuals of a refugee background to be supported with a resource fund of £15,000 to grow their 'big idea'. This could be in sport, culture, social enterprise or anything that supports development in your community. Young Rayne Fellows will be aged between 18 and 25 with a passion for building bridges between communities. The deadline for applications is 29 July 2011. [Visit the website for more information](#).

(Source: SEC Newsletter, 19/5/11)

Funding to Help Tackle Knife Crime

The Prince's Trust has announced that the 'Ben Kinsella Fund' is now accepting applications. The fund is aimed at supporting young people aged 14 to 25 in England (excluding the East of England) and Wales, to start up their own project to help promote anti-gun, knife and gang violence messages to their local community.

The projects the fund is seeking to support should:

- promote anti-knife crime messages in schools, colleges or youth clubs
- promote positive stories about young people
- encourage positive engagement between young people and the police
- encourage young people to get involved in their local community
- They are also encouraging projects that target the following groups in the community:
- Girls; Children of 12 years and younger; Parents.

Available grants are of up to £3,000. For more information about The Ben Kinsella Fund at The Prince's Trust or to apply, please call 0800 842842 or text "Call Me" to 07983 385418.

http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/ben_kinsella_fund.aspx

London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay



Give someone you know
their moment to shine

Do you know someone who is truly inspirational? Someone who always strives to do their best? We are looking for 8,000 Torchbearers to carry the Olympic Flame across the UK during the Olympic Torch Relay in 2012.

People whose personal stories will inspire millions: from their local community to those watching around the world.

Nominate someone you know to be a London 2012 Torchbearer and give them their moment to shine.

Olympic Torch Relay
19 May – 27 July 2012

Nominations close
29 June 2011

Find out more:
london2012.com/olympictorchrelay

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Advice line for grandparents

The charity [Grandparents Plus](#) has launched an advice and information service for grandparents and other family members who are caring for children in the absence of their parents.

NSPCC launches text service to report child abuse

The [NSPCC](#) has launched a text service for reporting child abuse to its helpline. The text number - 88858 - is free and available 24 hours a day.

UK childhood wellbeing ranks behind much of Europe

[Save the Children](#) research has found that UK children's wellbeing lags behind many other European countries, including France, Germany, Slovenia and Estonia.

Independent Living in Practice - How to make a real difference

Training sessions to equip practitioners with the knowledge and relationship skills needed to design and deliver services that enable disabled people to live independently. The training will take place on the following dates:

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29 September 2011, Newport YMCA

13 October 2011, WCVA, Rhyl

22 November 2011, Gorseinon, Swansea

For more information email participationcymru@wcva.org.uk

Healthy eating resources in Welsh

[Food a Fact of Life](#) have launched their first Food - a fact of life [Welsh language resources](#) for primary schools. These resources support the teaching of healthy eating, providing a range of lesson ideas, PowerPoint presentations, food cards, recipes and posters.

Car Seat Safety Checks

The Trading Standards Service will once again stage in-car safety events this year where members of the public will be offered free safety checks on their child car seats. The events will take place as follows:

Friday 17 June

Friday 5 August

9.30am – 4.00pm

9.30am – 4.00pm

Car Park of the TESCO Store, Pontymister, Risca

Car Park of the ASDA Store, Caerphilly



The aim of the events is to raise awareness about the lack of protection provided by an unsuitable or badly fitted car seat, and how, with just a little extra knowledge, parents can ensure the future safety of their children while they travel. Similar events last year identified that 68% of the seats checked were incorrectly fitted, or were unsuitable for either the child or the motor vehicle. Free child activity packs that include safety information for parents will be handed out.

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



Blackwood High Street
Saturday 16th July 9am –5pm Sunday 17th July
10am—4pm
Mickey & Minnie Mouse to Host Blackwood's Summer
Street Party!!

Blackwood Town Centre will turn into a street party with a difference on 16th & 17th July. The high street, which has now been host to two successful events organised by the council, is again being transformed into an event site that will have the children feeling like they are living the dream!

Children and the young at heart will be descending on the town centre to meet up with some of TV's most popular characters. From Peppa Pig, Upsy Daisy and Hello Kitty to Fireman Sam, Ben 10 and Bob the Builder, not to mention the traditional favourites Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Thrown into the mix will be some high quality children's funfair rides, music, street entertainment, food and craft stalls as well as Punch and Judy, children's workshops and face painting.

Hi

As you are all aware my husband has had bowel cancer and has been recovering over the past year. My daughter has felt that she hasn't been able to do much for her Dad during this time except support me. So, on 27th July 2011 Geraldine has organised a charity concert.

It is called "**Summer Melodies**" and she has organised a full orchestra to play at **Dyffryn Gardens, 27th July, 6.30 - 9.00 pm with Pimms and Nibbles**. All of the orchestra are past "music friends" who have played together in bands and orchestras and have all gone their separate ways to play for various orchestras across the country. All are giving their time free and some are travelling quite a way to contribute.

The pieces the orchestra will be playing are music from films, musicals or TV programmes. It should be a great night. Geraldine is hoping to raise about £2,000. We have an auction of a "**Cardiff Blues**" shirt signed by **Martin Williams**. A plea now, for raffle prizes - any would be greatly appreciated.

The tickets will be **£15** and if anyone would like one, again, please let me know. All money will be given to **TENOVUS** charity for cancer research.

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