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OUR WEEK



'Our Week' – Gwynedd children and young people's week took place between the 19th & 26th October. The theme this year was 'Celebrating Families' and an array of events and activities took place across the county. The North West Wales 'Families First' conference took place in Bangor to open the week and successful family fun days were organised across the County.

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A note from the **Chief Officer**



The excellent news arrived over the summer that Mantell Gwynedd have been successful with yet another Lottery Bid. The bid is worth £900k over

three years and is part of the "Improving Futures" UK Lottery funding. We were one of twelve successful applications out of almost 300 UK wide applicants, and one of only three successful throughout Wales. The success came from our role in creating and facilitating a consortia of third sector providers and playing our role as lead body in submitting the bid. It is an excellent example of consortia operation at its best. This is, undoubtedly, the way ahead for the third sector in the future, collaboration, cutting out any duplication and bringing the strengths of many organisations together. The result is a far more robust bid and new opportunities for all organisations involved. We expect the project to get underway in the new year and more information will appear in our newsletter over the coming months.

Lottery funding has also supported a number of recently advertised posts in Mantell Gwynedd. The Wales Lottery "Advantage" funding offered opportunities for organisations to submit projects around advocacy and befriending services for individuals over 50 yrs old. Again, we set up a consortia arrangement, acting as the lead body, and succeeded with a bid of just under £1m to the Lottery. Staff have now been appointed and the project will be underway early in the new year.

All of this is excellent news of course. But there are a number of important messages from these two examples.

Both examples show the need for close collaboration between organisations, the need to avoid duplication, recognise strengths and weaknesses, and work closely in order to succeed. Secondly the examples demonstrate the many new funding opportunities now available and many of which are ring fenced for third sector organisations. Thirdly there is a need to think outside the traditional "box". Traditionally the work of Mantell Gwynedd has always been to support and promote the third sector. This will always be the cornerstone of our work but the landscape has changed and we need to be far more creative and sometimes to respond differently to opportunities. Traditionally we always offered training on grant applications but as they have diminished we have responded by offering training on tendering. Likewise, as the need for collaboration has become more important we need to create and work with consortia. It is a rapidly changing landscape and we need to be able to respond effectively if the sector is to maximise the potential of these opportunities.

To those of you who managed to attend our AGM this year at the Electric Mountain in Llanberis the theme was Social Enterprises. A number of local social enterprises attended with stalls – a stage for them to promote their businesses and for others to consider, for the first time perhaps, the potential to trade. It was another example of Mantell Gwynedd holding the traditional AGM but also taking the opportunity to do something a bit different with the event.

I hope you all have happy and peaceful Christmas and a successful New Year.

Until next time,

Bethan

INFO AND ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF MANTELL

The deadline for information or articles to be included in the next edition of Mantell is

3rd February 2012

Send or e-mail any information to

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MANTELL NEWSLETTER ON TAPE

The Newsletter is available on tape from North Wales Society for the Blind: 01248 353 604 and Dolgellau Talking Newspaper 01341 422 697.



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Children's Hospice

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OBSERVATION ON AN ORGANISATION

In this issue, we are responding to an appeal from Shirley McCann who works for Hope House Children's Hospice. Ty Gobaith, the children's hospice in Conwy, North Wales, opened in the summer of 2004. It now provides regular periods of respite care to more than 70 terminally ill children and their families living in the North Wales area. The organisation relies on donations and money raised in their charity shops. The shops are desperate for stock, and also for volunteers especially those with retail experience.

Hope House

Hope House Shops...

are a great way to raise funds, and at the same time you can recycle unwanted goods and find a bargain!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Were you aware that the last Saturday in October is known as 'Make a Difference Day'? It began way back in 1995, and has since gone from strength to strength. The aim is to highlight the amazing impact volunteers can make just by giving the simple gifts of time, skills or muscle power!

To mark the event this year, the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre rented a shop in the Deiniol Shopping Centre in Bangor over the half-term week (24th – 28th October). Organisations were invited to join us, bring promotional material to the shop and recruit new volunteers. The shop was busy throughout the week, and a good number of volunteering enquiries were received.

Thank you to all who contributed to the week's success.



Ernie Wright volunteering to recruit more helping hands for SSAFA in front of the Volunteering Shop in Bangor.

RECENT TRAINING



Volunteers practising the skills learnt during a First Aid course delivered by Jenny Evans (from the Red Cross) in Tremadog.

SUGGESTIONS

You are welcome to contact the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre if you have any suggested topics for future training by telephoning
01286 672 626 or 01341 422 575

An Apology

On page 4 of Mantell's July 2011 newsletter (issue 54), a photograph of Mr John Wyn Jones receiving a certificate on behalf of the 'People of Bangor Community Group' was included, and he was referred to as the Chair of the Group. We would like to point out that Mr. Jones is the Chair of Bangor Pride and that Mr Nigel Pickavance chairs the above Group - sincere apologies for any unintentional misrepresentation.

TRADING FAIR



On November 16th, 2011 Mantell Gwynedd organised its first Trading Fair held at the Electric Mountain Centre in Llanberis. It was an opportunity to bring social enterprises across Gwynedd to promote and sell their goods and to share experiences. It was also a great opportunity for people to come and do some Christmas shopping and support their local enterprises.

Gerallt Llewelyn, Chief Executive Menter Môn/Annog Cyf was our guest speaker and it proved to be a very successful event. As part of the event a series of workshops were held on community fundraising, online trading and gift aid. Thanks to all of the enterprises who came to exhibit and sell their goods and to all of the public who came to support the event.

WCVA launches a guide to third sector trading

WCVA has recently published a guide for third sector groups hoping to increase their funds through trading. Titled 'It's an idea, but is it a business?' the guide is aimed at groups who are planning to start trading or already do, and plan to use any profits to achieve sustainability or for another charitable purpose. It covers subjects such as getting started, business planning, the role of directors, financial monitoring and much more besides, and is rammed with invaluable advice and guidance. The guide is available to download for free: http://www.wcva.org.uk/images_client/publication/WCVA%20'A%20guide%20to%20third%20sector%20trading'_e9.pdf

Directors for Harlech's New Swimming Pool Wanted



Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure Ltd is a social enterprise aiming to maintain and enhance a continuing leisure facility centered around Harlech swimming pool. We are seeking a number of new directors to take an active role in the management and administration of this community based company in order to widen the knowledge and experience base available. Expressions of interest are welcomed from persons with backgrounds in small business operation/directorships and are prepared to work voluntarily a few hours per month. For more information or an informal chat please contact the following:

Trevor Gennard
Chairman
01341 247 386

Anwen Barry
Secretary
01766 771 623

Richard Holland
Director
01766 771 162

Millennium Volunteers - Achievements

Well done to all the young volunteers who have gained recognition for volunteering through the Millennium Volunteers Scheme. Some young volunteers were lucky enough to celebrate the achievement at an Awards Prom that was held at the Celtic Royal, on 3rd of November as part of Wythnos Ni celebrations.

Certificate for 50 hours of volunteering.

Sion Wyn Hughes, David Aaron Evans, Rebecca Craddock, Grug Muse

Certificate for 100 hours of volunteering.

Mererid Williams, Kimberley Roberts, Lois Meleri Williams, Adam Jones

Award of Excellence for 200 hours of volunteering.

Philip Barker a Thomas Davies



Thomas Davies with his certificates.



Kimberley, Lois and Adam enjoying the award ceremony

Youth Led Grant



Gwirvol Youth Led Grant 2011-12. 6 successful applicants so far.

The main aim of the grant is to support small projects that are organised and lead by young people (16-25) in Gwynedd, and applications are invited for the remaining round:-

- 4th round – 31st of January 2011

For an application pack or for more information regarding the fund contact Mirain Roberts at Mantell Gwynedd on 01286 672626 or mirain@mantellgwynedd.com

Children in Need Grant



Gwynedd is a target area for our Small grant programme, aimed at those small community groups who wish to kick-start a scheme for children and young people in the local community.

The scheme is for grants of anything from £50 to £10,000 a year for a maximum of 3 years. The next application closing date is 15 January 2012.

Use the link below for further information.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

View and download news and information for Wales:
Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) visit the **News** section on Mantell Gwynedd's website
www.mantellgwynedd.com

A SUCCESSFUL GOOD HEALTH THIS WINTER EVENT AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Again this year the above event held at Glan Wnion Leisure & the Fire Station in Dolgellau on October the 18th was a great success with a fantastic turnout on the day. It is estimated that more than 350 individuals benefited in some way or another from the event. The event was facilitated by Mantell Gwynedd in collaboration with other partners. There were more than 40 organisations and agencies on hand to give advice and information on health and wellbeing related issues. Students from Merion Dwyfor College also came along and provided therapeutic hand massage sessions for people and it was well received! We would like to thank everybody involved for ensuring the success of this event once again.



The event was opened by Professor Merfyn Jones, Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Mr Llewelyn Evans, Chair of South Gwynedd Long Term Conditions Alliance & Mr Delwyn Evans, Chair of the South Gwynedd Older People's Information Group

GWYNEDD AGE WELL – NEW CENTRE IN NEFYN



'An innovative scheme aiming to enable older people to live fuller lives.'

A new Age Well Centre has recently opened in Nefyn every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will be offering activities for people over 50 such as Tai Chi, cooking, local history, computer training, walking and much more.

For more information contact **07709065410** or stephen@acgm.co.uk

RNIB's new Welfare Right Service

RNIB Cymru's new Welfare Right Service is now up and running in Gwynedd & Anglesey and is available to anyone with sight loss regardless of whether they are registered blind or partially sighted. This service will help people find out exactly what they are able to claim for, help them fill out forms, challenge benefit awards or decisions etc.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service please contact the North Wales Society for the Blind on 01248 353604 for further information

'HEAR TO HELP' IN NORTH WALES

Hearing aid users across North Wales can access vital support to transform their everyday hearing at Action on Hearing Loss Cymru's monthly 'Hear to Help' drop-in sessions.

A team of specially trained volunteers will be on hand at the sessions, to give tips on how to maintain and adjust to hearing aids, including cleaning and re-tubing them, and changing their batteries, with the aim of helping people to hear more clearly and improve their communication with others.

For more information, dates and times of the drop-in sessions contact Paul Williamson on 01248 614437 or 07423 433657



The James Tudor Foundation

The James Tudor Foundation shares grants of approximately £1 million per year to charities within the UK. The areas which the Foundation wants to support are palliative care; medical research; health education, awards and scholarships; the direct relief of sickness; and the UK independent healthcare sector. The grants are usually available to cover project costs (core costs will be considered) and are usually available for one to three years. Applications can be made at any time for more information visit <http://www.jamestudor.org.uk/>

GWYNEDD COMMUNITY CHEST

Gwynedd Community Chest supports new or extra sports and physical activity development plans in the community. The maximum grant has increased this year to £1500.00. For more information or for an application pack please contact the Sports Development Unit on **01758 704 010** or e-mail DavidLloydWilliams@gwynedd.gov.uk

Supporting Sustainable Living Grants – Environment Wales



The Supporting Sustainable Living grants scheme, is a newly commissioned grant scheme funded by the Welsh Government. This innovative new scheme will be delivered by Environment Wales in collaboration with Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales.

The scheme will support projects that will help reduce Wales' greenhouse gas emissions – or build resilience to the impacts of climate change - through tackling specific behaviours or lifestyle choices.

The value of the scheme is £250,000 and will be made available to all sectors within Wales. It is expected that the majority of grant applications will range between £5,000 and £15,000.

For more information call Environment Wales on **02920 431 727** or visit info@environment-wales.org.

Galluogi Gwynedd

There's money still available in the Galluogi Gwynedd Fund administered by Mantell Gwynedd. Voluntary groups across Gwynedd can submit an application for capital funding up to a maximum of £5,000.00 towards creating, renovating or refurbishing community buildings/facilities/assets or towards purchasing equipment for training purposes.

The next and last closing date will be 31st, December, 2011. All applications must arrive by hand or post before 5.00 pm.

To discuss any project ideas or for more information or for an application pack please contact **Delyth Vaughan** at Mantell Gwynedd on **01286 672 626** or e-mail delyth@mantellgwynedd.com

Engagement Gateway

Are you unemployed or economically inactive or do you know of anyone in that situation? Are you an organisation that provides support to individuals who have lost their confidence or need new skills? Under The Engagement Gateway project there are over twenty organisations in Gwynedd able to offer opportunities to individuals who need support or a boost to start them on the journey back to work/ further education or volunteering. If you would like more information about these opportunities please do not hesitate to contact Carys Williams at Mantell Gwynedd office in Caernarfon or alternatively go to Mantell Gwynedd web site www.mantellgwynedd.com and look at The Engagement Gateway page where you can view the latest newsletter which gives a summary of the opportunities available.

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Eisteddfod yr Urdd Eryri 2012. June 4th-9th



Mantell Gwynedd will book an exhibition space for voluntary organisations in Gwynedd during the Urdd Eisteddfod next June which is held at Glynllifon near Caernarfon. So, if you would like to share a stall with Mantell Gwynedd then send us your declaration of interest!

Please forward us your details:

Name/ Organisation/Address/E-mail/Telephone

Remember, first come first serve.

Send your details to:

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Date	Course Title	Location
25-01-2012	Level 2 in Food Safety	Llanrug
28-02-2012	Emergency First Aid	To be confirmed
15-03-2012	Level 2 in Food Safety	Tremadog
22-03-2012	Making Assets Work	Caernarfon

To register or get further information go to our website
www.mantellgwynedd.com

If you would like to discuss the training needs of your organisation contact **Delyth Vaughan,**

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Ellen ap Dafydd: 01341 422575,

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GWYNEDD BUSINESS BOOTCAMP

Have you ever thought of developing your ideas and starting a business? Now's your chance! Join the Enable Bootcamps being held across Gwynedd and take the first steps to becoming your own boss.

Two hours of inspiration to explore your ideas, meet successful Gwynedd business owners and learn more about running your own enterprise. There will be a Bootcamp held every month, located across Gwynedd.

Sessions are free of charge but limited to ten people.

To register please contact **Zoe Pritchard** on

01766 514 057 - zoe@annog.com

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WCVA Training

Date	Location	Tutor
Getting publicity for your EU funded project NEW		
22 December 2011	Morfa Hall, Rhyl	Angela Tilcock / Emma Jones
Working with outcomes		
07 December 2011	Morfa Hall, Rhyl	Cyllid Cynaliadwy Cymru
Advanced Facilitation		
08 December 2011	Morfa Hall, Rhyl	Peter Lahtbury
Introduction to payroll giving NEW		
19 January 2012	Science Park, Aberystwyth	Eileen Kinsman
Project management in the voluntary sector through the medium of Welsh NEW		
01 February 2012	Science Park, Aberystwyth	Cefin Campbell, Spectrwm
Engaging with seldom heard individuals and communities		
01 February 2012	Science Park, Aberystwyth	Alain Thomas
Introduction to payroll giving NEW		
02 February 2012	Morfa Hall, Rhyl	Eileen Kinsman
An introduction to legacy fundraising		
23 February 2012	Science Park, Aberystwyth	Eileen Kinsman

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