

This week's updates from WCVA

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Hi, and welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week we're having a think about whether the sector in Wales is fit for the future thanks to Menai Owen-Jones, CEO of the Pituitary Foundation. [In this blog](#), she talks about the impact civil society can have on Wales, and whether our voluntary organisations are prepared to carry us into the future.

We think it's important for our voluntary organisations to understand the ins and outs of devolution and the Welsh political system. [This webinar](#) will give an intro to the Welsh Assembly and how you can influence the decision making process.

Thanks for reading, we'll catch you again next week.

Time to hold up the mirror

WCVA held a panel discussion at the National Eisteddfod on the topic 'What next for civil society in Wales?'. Menai Owen-Jones, panel member and CEO of the Pituitary Foundation, shares her thoughts.

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Funding latest

[Music for All - Community Grants](#)

Many projects and initiatives take place throughout the UK that all aim to bring music to the community. Most would benefit from a “helping hand” to fulfil their potential in becoming sustainable music programmes.

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Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Veterans Community Centres

This is a £3 million funding programme to fund renovations and improvements to veterans' community centres.

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British Science Week 2020 - Community Grant Scheme

This scheme offers £500 to £1000 grants for community groups that work directly with audiences who are traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science activity.

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Volunteering

Developing standards and training tools for volunteer induction

Volunteer managers in Wales have contributed by mapping the draft standards against their existing induction practice.

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Investing in Volunteers - my first project visit

Korina Tsioni, new Quality Mark Development Officer with WCVA, talks about her first visit to an Investing in Volunteers achiever, Vision 21 site in Cardiff.

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Voluntary sector leader? Invest in yourself

Isla Horton of [Grow Cardiff](#) was the 2018 recipient of WCVA's [Walter Dickie Leadership Bursary](#). Here, she talks about her definition of entrepreneurial leadership and why you should take your personal leadership development seriously.

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Voluntary sector news

Small charity leadership survey - win a 32GB iPad

Could you spare six minutes to help build a picture of the challenges faced by charity sector leaders?

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Recognise the exceptional people that make Wales great

Help to find the next winners of the St David Awards – the national awards of Wales.

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Training and Events

Webinar: an intro to the National Assembly

Find out more about the work of the Assembly and how you can have your say on the things that matter to you.

15 October 2019, 14:00 - 15:00

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Managing projects

A comprehensive project management training programme, endorsed by ILM.

27 & 28 November 2019, Cardiff

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Safeguarding adults at risk

This course will provide an introduction to safeguarding adults at risk for third sector organisations.

28 November 2019, Cardiff

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Policy and Projects

Campaigning at Elections - guidance for third sector orgs

The Electoral Commission will hold a session for the sector on its new non-party campaigning guidance.

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Draft budget proposals consultation

WCVA has published its response to the consultation on Welsh Government's draft Budget proposals for 2020-21.

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Minister hears sector concerns on housing

The Minister for Housing and Local Government has told the third sector she is keen to look at barriers to implementation of innovative models of community housing.

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