

## WCVA Newsletter

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Hello, and welcome to our newsletter.

Registration is now open for gofod3, which will return 8 March 2018. Last year's event was such a success that we'll be occupying Cardiff City Stadium once again, taking over all four floors with panel debates, workshops and of course our busy marketplace of exhibition stands. Make sure you don't miss out on this unique opportunity to connect with your colleagues from across the third sector in Wales. To learn more and book your free place at the event, please visit [the gofod3 website](#).

With Brexit on the horizon, UK Government has suggested a successor fund to replace the EU Structural Funds that have been invested into Wales to make a difference in our communities. It's important that the third sector has the opportunity to contribute to this discussion. WCVA's [Third Sector European Team \(3-SET\)](#) is holding a series of consultation events across Wales to help you join in the conversation.

Enjoy the newsletter and we'll see you again soon.

### **Volunteering**

#### **[We #lovevolunteering and you #lovevolunteering!](#)**

St Dwynwen Day is celebrated on the 25th of January, and celebrates Dwynwen the Welsh Saint of lovers!

What better way is there to share the love than to tell us what you love about volunteering!

#### **[Volunteering – there is no better feeling than this](#)**

Nerys (not her real name) has volunteered with vulnerable adults in Anglesey, including those who are homeless and suffering mental illness.

#### **[Survey on Volunteering – for event safety stewards](#)**

Darren Crossman, Facilities Manager at Principality Stadium, is doing a Crowd Management degree course and his current module is on 'Recruiting, maintaining and motivating volunteers'. He is focusing on safety stewards at venues and events.

#### **[Event Volunteering: lessons learned](#)**

WCVA coordinated the Volunteering Spirit Wales project 2015 – 17, funded by Spirit of 2012.

## **Funding**

### **[Wren's Community Action Fund opens for 2018 applications](#)**

Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for projects that can demonstrate how they fall into Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund. Object D shows commitment to the protection of the environment, and the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity.

### **[Scott Bader Trust inviting applications for UK and International charitable projects](#)**

Scott Bader, the global chemical company, provides funds for charitable projects in the UK and internationally through three different programmes.

### **[Energy People Trust Grants - Change Provider](#)**

The ScottishPower Energy People Trust has decided to wrap up its grants programme and consolidate its funding through the ScottishPower Foundation.

### **[Garfield Weston Foundation launches new £5m fund](#)**

The Garfield Weston Foundation launches a £5m fund for charities and community organisations across the UK as part of its 60th Anniversary Year.

## **Training and events**

### **[WCVA Learners survey 2018](#)**

Have your say on our new training programme

### **[Working in partnership for better outcomes](#)**

Develop and improve new or existing partnerships

### **[Managing an Active Inclusion Fund project](#)**

This course will help you understand the basics of managing an Active Inclusion Fund (AIF) project

### **[Introduction to storytelling for fundraisers](#)**

Many organisations are seeing the benefit of gathering real-life stories from service users, staff and volunteers to effectively showcase the work they're doing. This 1 day course provides an introduction for fundraisers on how to start thinking about using stories in their organisation.

### **[Workshop: Setting up and refreshing networks](#)**

Using our Network Toolkit to help you set up a new, or refresh an existing network.

## **Trustees and governance**

### **[Charity Commission announces 2018 annual return requirements](#)**

Following an extensive consultation with the sector, the Charity Commission has announced details of the questions that charities will be asked when they complete the 2018 annual return.

### **[MHA Broomfield Alexander – 11 Steps for Trustees Guide](#)**

Charity accountants, MHA Broomfield Alexander, have produced a new guide to support trustees with the governance of their organisations entitled, 11 Key Steps for Trustees: 1 Giant Leap for Your Organisation.

## **Policy and politics**

### **[This week's consultations](#)**

Three more chance to have your say.

### **[Locally owned renewable energy - A call for evidence](#)**

Welsh Government want your views on the benefits and impacts we can expect from increasing the amount of locally owned energy generation.

### **[Ten key recommendations to promote a seamless health and social care service in Wales](#)**

WCVA and many third sector organisations provided evidence to the Parliamentary Review into Health and Social Care, which released its final report.