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## Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas opening 'Cylch yr Efail' Centre in Blaenau Ffestiniog



From left: Councillor Henry Jones, Criccieth, Seren Managing Director Linda Ann Wyn Jones, Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM and Architect Maredudd ab Iestyn RIBA.

A brand new craft and recycling interpretation centre in Blaenau Ffestiniog has officially been opened by Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM. The project was developed by SEREN, a community enterprise based in the town which was established in 1997 with the aim of offering people with learning difficulties the opportunity to live, work and socialise naturally within their community. The centre was funded with the support of the Snowdonia National Park CAE grant scheme, the Aggregate Levy Fund, the National Assembly's Environmental Improvements grant and the EU's Objective One programme as well as Seren itself.

The company is very much involved in recycling and reusing goods. They also have a Furniture Recycling and Reuse centre at the Llwyngell Industrial Estate in Blaenau Ffestiniog. Seren employs 58 people, 43 on a full time basis and 15 part time and offers care support for 30 people. It is a major employer in Blaenau Ffestiniog and South Gwynedd.

Managing Director, Linda Ann Wyn Jones, said that the craft workshop was established 6 years ago in a property opposite the public park in the town. It produces hand made crafts from recycled paper and other materials which it sells through its retail outlet

based in the town's Church Street. "We also owned a yard next to the workshops which was in reality a bit of an eyesore and we felt it would be a good idea to develop a new centre on this site, which would ensure better facilities for the staff to develop the business. The proposed project caught the imagination of the four funders as well as the Seren board and work started on the building early last year. We are grateful for the financial support we have received from our funders as well as those involved in designing and planning the new centre and the contractors, Henry Jones and Sons of Criccieth."

The project has already created 6 new jobs. Project Manager Terry Williams said that they were now working on developing new products at the centre. There will also be a programme of presentations, seminars and courses organised over the winter months. "These will concentrate on raising the awareness of children, adults, voluntary organisations and businesses of the need to recycle and reuse more goods. It will offer information in a practical manner such as contact points for further details on recycling, basic information on legislation, where recycling centres and points are sited, who can deal with unwanted goods and so on".

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**GWYNEDD FORUM**

**You are invited to a meeting of the Gwynedd Forum to be held at Ysgol Eifion Wyn, Porthmadog, Wednesday 26th September 2007 between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.**

Come to see what has been achieved during the past year as well as finding out about the new arrangements.

Your input into future plans to improve the quality of life in Gwynedd would be much appreciated, therefore we kindly ask that you please fill in the form which is included with this issue of Mantell and return it to Sian Davies, Gwynedd Together Coordinator, by **19th September.**

**A note from the Chief Officer...**

It's incredible to believe that it's September already! This year has just flown past and so much going on between each issue of Mantell (including the rain and some very odd weather!).

Despite all this, I would like to draw your attention to a number of things that have happened over the last few weeks.

The 'Volunteers Tea' was held at Plas Glyn y Weddw, Llanbedrog this year with volunteers and supporters celebrating the achievement of individuals in the field of volunteering. It's events like these - celebrating and recognising laudable work, which makes us realise how important volunteering is to the economy in Gwynedd and to the health and well-being of individuals in general. This was backed-up by our guest speaker, Councillor Dafydd Iwan who himself is a supporter and advocate of the voluntary sector in Gwynedd. The glorious setting and warm welcome of Plas Glyn y Weddw contributed to the success of the event.

At the beginning of July, the Third Sector Conference was held at Porthmadog. It was an excellent opportunity to share valuable information with the sector in Gwynedd on a number of important issues. We were very fortunate to get a number of key speakers to deliver sessions - officers from the National Assembly discussed the Wales Spatial Plan and its long term implications for the sector. Also, present from the Wales Assembly Government, was the project director of the Local Service Board. In addition, an opportunity was provided to learn more about the Convergence Programme (i.e. new European funding streams) and the implications for the sector. This year, for the first time, a Funders' Fair was held alongside the conference, and I know that many of you benefited from your discussions with the funders.

To those of you who have access to the internet, one major development that has taken place over the last few weeks is that of Mantell Gwynedd's new website - [www.mantellgwynedd.com](http://www.mantellgwynedd.com). This is a new interactive and dynamic website where we endeavour to include all documents of importance on the site for information and consultation purposes. There will be more to this website though, including job advertisements, sharing information on important matters to the sector, Mantell's newsletters etc. Visit the website, and please use its facilities to give any feedback you may have, or to share any relevant information.

No doubt, as members, you will have received recent correspondence with regards the sector's Liaison Group as well as the 'Third Sector's Scrutiny Group'. A number of nominations were received for the Liaison Group and elections are being held. Your election papers will have reached you by now, so please remember to vote! All nominated persons will become members of the Third Sector's Scrutiny Group in Gwynedd - this is an important step in Gwynedd to ensure that the sector has an input in the scrutinising level of the Council. This is innovative work in Gwynedd, and we will ensure that we keep you in the picture with developments during the next few months.

Finally, Mantell Gwynedd is still continuing to make important observations on the development of the Spatial Plan in the North West. The economic development strategy is a cause of substantial concern to us in the sector because of apprehensions on how the rural areas will develop in the wake of the large investment in the 'hubs' that have been identified. We continue to work hard on the responses and consultation on this work. You can see our more recent comments on the economic development strategy in the news section on our website [www.mantellgwynedd.com](http://www.mantellgwynedd.com).

That is all for now. Enjoy the newsletter and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Until Next Time,

**Bethan**



## Abersoch Jazz Festival June 2007



By either 'good planning' or 'good luck' the 6th Festival was held on the only sunny summerlike weekend of June this year.

It attracted many visitors and musicians from abroad and the UK and promoted youth. The village and shop windows were decorated in a jazzy theme and music resounded around the area giving a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere.

Children from the 4 local primary schools enjoyed workshops at the start of the week facilitated by Mr John Glyn Jones and young

members of the Seindorf yr Oakeley brass band. They then designed 160 posters on the theme of the festival to be exhibited in the Village Hall. There were plenty of other activities for the children to take part in and a good time was had by all.

The Saturday afternoon concert/workshop, facilitated by Huw Warren, supported by Marie Clare, Anna Georgina and Kathryn Howard was well supported and ensured the future of music is in good hands! The young talent from all over Gwynedd were amazing.

Top class bands and soloists performed 45 sessions in 10 venues over the weekend to packed audiences. There was a wide range of music and representations from Holland, Norway, Denmark, America, Canada and Australia.

The village was very busy with all accommodation full. Visitors and local people had opportunities to hear top class performers and enjoy many additional activities.

Health Challenge Wales, Edge of Wales

Walks and Walking North Wales helped promote walks as part of the event and the importance of keeping fit.

The local voluntary committee wish to thank the local community, competition judges, 180 volunteers, funders and sponsors for all their help and support, without them there would not be a festival!

The 7th Abersoch Jazz Festival 12th to 15th June 2008 is already being considered. Anyone interested in volunteering to help would be appreciated. Contact Abersoch Tourist Information Office 01758712929



## Why not become an adult volunteer, and help make Scouting a reality for local young people?

Are you responsible, trustworthy, and keen to contribute to the development of young people in Wales?

The Welsh Scout Council (WSC) are currently hoping to recruit a number of adult volunteers into a wide range of voluntary positions (including leaders, to work directly with young people; people to help with accounts, etc), which form the

backbone of the Scouting Movement.

You might already be aware that the Scouting Association is now open to all young people (aged 6-25 years) and offers a vast array of inspiring opportunities, ranging from IT to various extreme sports. So if you have the ability to lead by example, and are willing to spare some time to volunteer in this exciting organisation, then you are

just the person the WSC are looking for!

If the above appeals, and you are passionate about introducing young people to the adventure of Scouting, then why hesitate? Please contact the WSC on 01446 795277, or e-mail Shirley.myall@scoutswales.org.uk, to find out more about what volunteering opportunities currently exist in your area.

Scottish Power and Trinity Mirror North Wales need your help to seek out...

# your champions

They are searching for those extra special members of your community worthy of the annual Scottish Power/Trinity Mirror North Wales Champion Award 2007.

The categories for 2007 are:

- Champion environment team
- Champion school

- Champion young person
- Sporting champion
- Community champion

Deadline for Nominations:

**Friday 21st September 2007**

For further details or to receive a nomination form, contact Roy Jones, Scottish Power on: **0151 633 2929**

8 Dec 2007 - 6 Jan 2008 : 10am - 9pm

## COLWYN BAY'S

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

**REAL ice festive fun for everyone!**

Enjoy the magic of Christmas at Colwyn Bay's real ice rink for up to 60 skaters!

**real ice, real trees, pine cones, carols & wooden chalet Christmas stalls!**

**GROUP & EXCLUSIVE HIRE BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN**

**GENERAL BOOKINGS OPENS NOVEMBER 1st**

Adults from £4, children from £3 (45 mins session includes skate hire)

**Tel: 01492 872000**

**www.colwynchristmas.com**

The deadline for information or articles to be included in the next edition of Mantell is **9th November, 2007**. Please send or email any information to Beryl Norgrove in Dolgellau:

**beryl@mantellgwynedd.com ● Tel: 01341 422575**

# Communities Next

In the One Wales document the Welsh Assembly Government committed to developing Communities First into its Communities Next phase, drawing on the experience of the wider community development movement in Wales and the findings of the interim evaluation of the programme.

Communities Next will focus on outcomes and activities rather than capacity-building. These are likely to be programmes which successfully engage in practical ways with the challenge of community regeneration and social justice objectives such as child poverty.

Working with other partners such as local authorities and Local

Health Boards to adjust or 'bend' programmes will be an important element of Communities Next.

In developing Communities Next, WAG will be seeking to draw on the lessons of the interim evaluation and of best practice in Communities First groups throughout Wales as well as consulting widely on the plans and to take the appropriate time to deliver the new programme.

The transition to Communities Next is unlikely to happen in the next financial year, 2008-9.

Following the consultation later this year, the new three-year funding round on the basis of Communities Next is likely to commence in the 2009-10 financial year.

## Community Facilities & Activities Programme (CFAP) 2007-11

Changes have been announced to the Welsh Assembly Government's popular Community Facilities & Activities Programme of grants (CFAP).

The key changes are:

- Community Facilities & Activities Programme will now be capital-only funding programme
- The focus is now on funding smaller bids from grass roots organisations
- Provision of pre-application support to applicants.

There will only be two annual rounds from now on, the next closing dates being:

**19 October 2007 & 11 April 2008**

A new application pack is now available on the Welsh Assembly Government website at the following addresses:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/cfap/?lang=en>

You can otherwise contact Richard Fowler who will be responsible for applications from Gwynedd on **01685 729317** or Roger Plater who will be responsible for Welsh language applications on **01685 729321**.

## The Communities First Connection

**Poverty, participation and public engagement**  
The Communities First Support Network Conference (CFSN).

**11-12 October 2007 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea**

This conference, Communities First Support Network's fifth annual event, will look at the unique opportunity offered by the CfIst programme to reducing poverty and improving services in some of Wales' most disadvantaged communities.

The conference is open to anyone involved in the CfIst programme at the local level and places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

To make a booking fill in the booking form by going to <http://www.communitiesfirst.info/NewsAndEvents/events.aspx?id=1304> and return it to Mel Knights, WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10 5FH, by fax to **029 2043 1701**, or via email to [mknights@wcva.org.uk](mailto:mknights@wcva.org.uk)

Closing date for bookings: **1st October 2007.**

## End of GWRAIDD

Remember that the final closing date for the **GWRAIDD fund** which is open to small groups within Communities First areas is the **30th of September**. GWRAIDD aims to fund projects that build the confidence and capacity of groups. You can apply for funding of up to **£5000**.

For an application form, contact the Communities First Helpline on **0800 5878898** or email [enquiries@communitiesfirst.info](mailto:enquiries@communitiesfirst.info)

## What's in a name?

Yes... the name has changed. In June, the Gwynedd Volunteer Bureau followed a trend set by many bureaux in Wales, and adopted the new name - 'Gwynedd Volunteer Centre', but the service and welcome remains the same!!

## Volunteers' Week 2007 - the three 'Rs' through the eye of a camera ...

### RECRUITING



Dolgellau - 1st June



Bangor - 5th June



Pwllheli - 6th June

### RECOGNISING & REWARDING...

Dafydd Iwan, the guest speaker, presenting...



Manon Evans - Blaenau Ffestiniog



Lawrence Charles Mort - Arthog



Griff Roberts - Llanrug



Harold Toone - Llanaber



Xanthe Larcombe - Bangor Uni.



Gwenfor Roberts - Caernarfon



Judith Easter on behalf of CYSWLLT



Eleri Ann Jones - Groeslon



Enjoying the 'Celebration Tea'

For full details of Volunteers' Week, visit [www.mantellgwynedd.com](http://www.mantellgwynedd.com)

## VOLUNTEERING FAIR

A date to remember - **Friday, 28th September 2007**. A **VOLUNTEERING FAIR** is to be held at the Ganolfan, Porthmadog between **10.00am and 3.30pm**. The Fair will be officially opened by Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas at 10.00am.

This will be an excellent opportunity for organisations to promote their work, as well as to recruit new volunteers.

**Entertainment by Frizbee as well as free raffle with QUALITY prizes!**

Also an opportunity to help to create a HUGE stir by joining in Macmillan - Cancer Support's **WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**.

We aim to have a day to remember - a warm welcome to ALL!  
For more information, contact the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre on

**01286 672626 or 01341 422575**



## Mantell forthcoming Events:

### SEPTEMBER 2007

#### **Responsibilities Workshop for Small Voluntary Groups Officials (Secretary, Chairman, Treasurer)** *September 27th*

7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Dragon's Theatre, Barmouth

**Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.**

The aim of the workshop is to present and outline the responsibilities of officials in voluntary groups.

### OCTOBER 2007

#### **Creating a Website - making the most of your website**

*Caernarfon - October 5th*

*Dolgellau - October 19th*

10.00am - 3.00pm

**Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.**

Session to understand what the web's good for and what it's not so good for, identify target audience and tailor the website accordingly. Understand the structure of a website, understand ways of making your website more user friendly and understand the need to comply with the law.

#### **Appointed Person Emergency First Aid**

*October 9th*

10.00y.b. - 4.00y.p.  
Medi-Tec, Intec, Parc Menai, Bangor

**Cost: - £40 for all.**



#### **Business Strategic Planning**

*October 10th*

Ystafell Madog, Glaslyn Leisure Centre, Porthmadog

**Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.**

This is a Welsh medium training only - the English medium training will be in 2008.

### NOVEMBER 2007

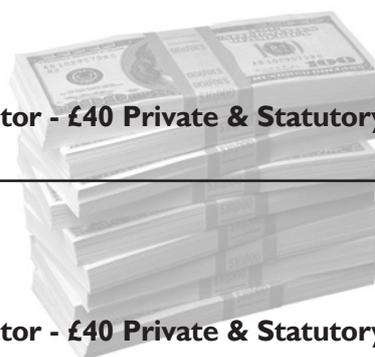
#### **Preparing a Sustainable Fundraising Strategy**

*November 7th*

Ystafell Madog, Glaslyn Leisure Centre, Porthmadog

**Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.**

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#### **Earning**

*November 21st*

Royal Victoria, Llanberis

**Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.**

This is a Welsh medium training only - the English medium training will be in 2008

### DECEMBER 2007

#### **Giving and Public Fundraising**

*December 10th*

Celtic Royal, Caernarfon

**Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.**

This is a Welsh medium training only - the English medium training will be in 2008

For more information on the above contact Lindsey Ellis, Training Officer, Mantell Gwynedd, Yr Hen Orsaf Heddlu, Y Lawnt, Dolgellau. Tel: 01341 422575 or [lindsey@mantellgwynedd.com](mailto:lindsey@mantellgwynedd.com)

## Event

Health, Social Care & Well-being Network

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Y Ganolfan Porthmadog - 10:15am - 12:30pm

The next Health, Social Care & Well-being Network event will be held at y Ganolfan (close to the Cob) in Porthmadog. The event will include the following:

- **Community Services' Plan** - presentation by Clare Jones, Gwynedd Local Health Board
- **General Update** - Sioned Llwyd Larsen, Mantell Gwynedd
- **Discussion Groups - 'Designed to Add Value'** - a strategic direction for the voluntary & community sector in supporting Health & Social Care

For more information please contact Sioned Larsen on: 01286 672626 or [sioned@mantellgwynedd.com](mailto:sioned@mantellgwynedd.com)

## Lets Walk Cymru

'Lets Walk Cymru' aims to get more people walking regularly. At the beginning of October 2007, there will be an opportunity to apply for grant funding of up to £10,000 to extend existing walking opportunities or develop new ones and up to £30,000 available for multi-faceted projects. The closing date for applications is beginning of November 2007.

For further information contact Shana Thomas on:

0845 0450906 or [shana.thomas@scw.co.uk](mailto:shana.thomas@scw.co.uk)

## Age Concern Conference

Age Concern Cymru is holding its AGM and Conference on **Wednesday, 17 October, 2007 at the Rhayader Leisure Centre in Powys**. The Conference will feature a number of presentations around the theme of 'How should hospital services meet the needs of older people in Wales'.

For more information contact Age Concern Cymru - on:

029 2043 1555 or [www.accymru.org.uk](http://www.accymru.org.uk)

## THE MEMORY CAFÉ - SOUTH GWYNEDD

Do you have a loved-one suffering from Memory Loss? Do you feel alone, isolated and need to talk to a friend or are you close to the end of your tether? The Mawddach Rotary Club is starting a pilot scheme called 'The Memory Café'. The Memory Café is there to help carers. You can bring along your loved ones to enjoy a friendly atmosphere and you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with other carers.

For more information please phone Beryl Clark on: 01341 423467

## Emotional wellbeing and social mobility

'The young are suffering from declining emotional well-being'

- These are claims from a research carried out by children's charity NCH. Studies found a 100 per cent increase in the prevalence of emotional problems and conduct disorders among young people since the 1930s and that one in ten children has a mental health disorder classed as 'clinically significant'. A copy of the research can be downloaded from:

<http://www.nch.org.uk/getinvolved/index.php?i=484>

## Consultation

Views invited on draft Arts in Health and Well-being Strategy

The Arts Council of Wales has published for public consultation a draft strategy on Arts in Health and Well-being. The strategy has been developed in partnership with a steering group of representatives from health, education, local government, the arts and Welsh Assembly

Government, and chaired by Prof Stephen Tomlinson CBE. Comments are invited on the direction and content of the strategy. The deadline for responses is **20th September 2007**. A copy of the strategy is available from:

[www.artswales.org/viewnews.asp?id=621](http://www.artswales.org/viewnews.asp?id=621)

# TalkTalk offers grants for Internet Projects

The communications company TalkTalk and the digital inclusion charity Citizens Online have launched the 'Innovation in the Community Awards', offering grants of up to **£2,000** to spend on computers, hardware, software or technical expertise to start up or develop an internet

project. Free TalkTalk broadband is also included with the award. The **deadline for applications**, which can be submitted online only, is **28 September 2007**.

Further details are available from [www.talktalk.co.uk](http://www.talktalk.co.uk).

## DFID Development Awareness Mini-Grants Programme 2008-9

The Department for International Development (DFID) provides support for the activities of organisations working in education for sustainable development and global citizenship through this funding programme, which is managed in Wales by Cyfanfyd, the Development Education Association for Wales.

Projects must, however, have a global perspective or an international development

component. Projects can be of one, two or three year's duration. Grants will be for a minimum of £1,000 and a maximum of £10,000 per year.

**The closing date for applications is 31 October 2007.**

For guidelines or further information contact: Dominic Miles or Annette Boyle, Cyfanfyd, Temple of Peace, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3AP. Tel 029 2066 8999, email [info@cyfanfyd.org.uk](mailto:info@cyfanfyd.org.uk).

## Volunteering in Wales Grant - 2007/08

The fund is intended to help voluntary organisations recruit new volunteers and provide support and training so that they are able to make a positive impact for the benefit of their communities. **Applications for the 2007/08 round will have a closing date of 28 September 2007.**

The fund seeks to: support Welsh projects whose aims are mainly achieved by volunteer effort and support; support not-for-profit organisations whose primary purpose in seeking grant support is to recruit, train and place volunteers; encourage good standards and practice in volunteering; support those people at risk of social exclusion through the medium of volunteering.

Grants of up to £25,000 are available in the first year, and there is the opportunity to apply for second and third year funding. Any constituted voluntary organisation working, or planning to work in Wales, is eligible to apply. Interested organisations are invited to seek an application form and guidelines from WCVA's Helpdesk on **0800 2888 329** or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk).

## Comic Relief Grants

To be eligible for a grant, you must be a voluntary organisation or self-help group with a constitution.

**There are 5 large (over £5,000) grant making programmes:**

1. Young People
2. Older People
3. Mental Health
4. Refugees and Asylum Seekers
5. Domestic Violence

**There are 3 small (less than**

**£5,000) programmes:**

Your yearly turnover must be less than £150,000, priority is given to those groups with a turnover of £50,000 or less.

1. Older People
2. Mental Health
3. Disadvantaged Communities

For further information, guidelines and an application pack, visit:

[www.comicrelief.com/ukgrants](http://www.comicrelief.com/ukgrants)

## Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust has four different funding programmes - The Arts, The Community, Sport and The Environment.

**The deadline for the next round of grant applications is midday Wednesday, 3rd October, 2007.**

For more information on their funding programmes or to download an application form and/or guidelines on how to apply for funding visit their new website :

[www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk](http://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk)