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MANTELL GWYNEDD

BULLETIN



Gwynedd Green Energy Fund – £350,000 available for local groups



Mantell Gwynedd is pleased to announce that **£350,000** is available to support voluntary and community groups across Gwynedd through the **Gwynedd Green Energy Fund**.

The fund is designed to help organisations improve the energy efficiency of their community buildings, including through the installation of low-carbon equipment. Capital grants of between **£2,000** and **£40,000** are available to eligible organisations.

The **fund is now open**, offering a valuable opportunity for groups looking to reduce energy use, improve their buildings and invest in more sustainable solutions.

 Closing date: 30 September 2026

For further information or to discuss an application:

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Funded through the UK Government's Local Growth Fund.

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New DBS check changes



New rules regarding regulated activity with children have come into force in England and Wales since the **1st of September**.

The current exemption for people who work with children under supervision is now removed. This means that some volunteers who were not previously considered to be in regulated activity may now fall within the definition.

Organisations should regularly review volunteering roles that involve teaching, training, instructing, caring for or supervising children, particularly where supervision has been used to determine whether a DBS check was required.

In some cases, volunteers may now be eligible for an Enhanced DBS check, including the Children's Barred List.

Organisations should consider each volunteering role individually and carefully check the DBS eligibility criteria.

Contact Mantell Gwynedd for any further information or guidance:
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Join us for our events this September and October:

**RHWYDWAITH
TRYDYDD SECTOR
GWYNEDD
THIRD SECTOR
NETWORK**

Diweddariad ar Ddiogelu
Safeguarding Update

 10.30am-1pm
23/9/2026

 Y Galeri, Caernarfon
LL55 1SQ



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**RHWYDWAITH
TRYDYDD SECTOR
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Gwirfoddoli a'r gyfraith
Volunteering and the law

 10.00am-12pm
21/10/2026

 Ar-lein / Online



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Did you know?



32%

of people aged 16+ in Wales
reported volunteering in 2024/25

Up from
30%
in 2022/23



10,407

volunteers
registered on
Volunteering Wales



1,480

organisations
registered on
Volunteering Wales



2,681

new volunteering
opportunities
advertised

Advertise your opportunities
and recruit via the
Volunteering Wales website



Gwirfoddoli Cymru
Volunteering Wales

Source: Volunteering Wales (as of February 2026)



Over 500 Hours of Making a Difference

Volunteering has played an important role in Ann Williams' journey, helping her to build confidence, develop new skills and make a positive difference to others.

Ann already had experience of volunteering at the Sense charity shop in Bangor before coming to contact with Mantell Gwynedd, where she became a valued member of the team. When the shop closed, she was keen to find a new opportunity so that she could continue building on her experience, develop her confidence and improve her prospects for the future.

With the support of Mantell Gwynedd's Helping Hand to Volunteer project, Ann found a new opportunity with the British Red Cross shop in Caernarfon, where she began volunteering one morning a week.

Ann's commitment to volunteering has also led to a very special achievement. She has now completed over 500 hours of volunteering and has received a certificate from the Gwynedd Volunteering Scheme in recognition of this milestone.

This achievement reflects not only the amount of time Ann has dedicated to volunteering, but also her commitment and the valuable contribution she has made over an extended period.



Having begun her journey keen to build her confidence and gain experience, Ann is now an experienced volunteer who also uses her skills and confidence to support others.

Reflecting on what volunteering has meant to her, Ann said: "Volunteering has been an invaluable experience and an opportunity to make new friends."

"I've been supported by the Helping Hand to Volunteer project every step of the way. It really is a supportive and helpful service. I used to be too nervous to do things or pursue opportunities, but I'm not anymore."

Looking back on her experience with the Helping Hand to Volunteer project, Ann emphasised the value of having someone to listen to her, provide her with options and support her in finding the right opportunity.

Ann's journey is a wonderful example of how the right volunteering opportunity, combined with support tailored to the individual, can help someone develop their confidence and skills, build new connections and make a valuable contribution to their community.

For more information about volunteering and how you can make a difference, get in touch with us:

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