



# The V Word

## Good Practice in Volunteering

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### The Engagement Gateway

We are currently recruiting for a Volunteering Officer who will deliver and promote the Engagement Gateway Regional Competitiveness and Employment Project for the Vale of Glamorgan (RCE).

This project is supported by funding from the European Union. It aims to reduce economic inactivity by investing in organisations that work with those outside of mainstream employment and furthest from the labour market.

These groups will include people facing specific disadvantage such as women who want to return to work, Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, those with a work limiting health condition or disability, mental health service users and people 50+; other target groups could include people in receipt of incapacity benefit, lone parents and NEETS.

For further information please contact:

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Organisations can tender for contracts (of up to 2 years) if they can demonstrate that they can help people make progress towards employment.

For further information about the Engagement Gateway please contact.

WCVA 0800 2888329

### 'Dish Out Dosh' Splash the Cash Again! 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The Vale Volunteer Bureau's Youth Led Grant's Panel, 'Dish Out Dosh' have recently awarded 6 more grants to youth led volunteering projects across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Following on from the success of last years project, The Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) received funding from the Vale of Glamorgan 14-19 network, and youth initiative Gwirvol, in order to re-run the project. 5 volunteers, aged between 14

and 19 were trained to sit on a grants panel and assess applications from youth led volunteering projects, and had the decision as to which projects would get a share of the £9000 in grants.

The panel met recently and decided which applications they would support, spanning an array of youth volunteering activities.

The main criteria for applications were that the projects were youth led and involved volunteering by 14-25 year olds, and had a community benefit in the Vale.

The successful projects included:

- 'Rural Rock' a Cowbridge based project, to allow volunteers to put on music nights for other young people in more isolated area of the Vale, supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service.
- A group of young people from Llantwit Major School also secured funding to create arts projects in a school garden that has been developed by volunteers.

- Young People from youth clubs across the Vale of Glamorgan put together a 'Peer Volunteer' project, which received a grant to run a volunteers' forum and a variety of inventive fundraising projects for local charities.
- The Vale Dyspraxia group received a grant to allow group members to provide social group activities for younger support group members.
- Young people from the Penarth Youth Project applied to Dish Out Dosh to run a project called 'Positive Youth' which would run a helping hand service for older people in the Vale. The group successfully received full funding for this and hope to break down barriers across the generations as well as offer a useful service.

It is hoped that as a result of these projects, over 70 young people in the Vale of Glamorgan will engage in innovative volunteering activities to benefit their local communities.

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## Appointed Outreach Officer

possible 700 opportunities that we advertise.

Hello, my name is Joseph Newbury and I am the newly appointed Outreach Officer at the Vale Volunteer Bureau.

The aim of my role is to extend the service of the Vale Volunteer Bureau to the further reaches of the Vale of Glamorgan – to inform and recruit volunteers in addition to developing new, exciting opportunities around the county.

Since my appointment in July, I have been attending planned outreach sessions across the Vale to look at new ways that the service can reach out to volunteers.

I have appeared at a number of local events including the Vale Agricultural Show, as well as the Sully Car Boot Sale in September.

I have now been hosting new outreach sessions for September and October in Penarth Library, Llantwit Major Library and Cowbridge Leisure Centre for local people to get involved with one of the

I am also appealing to organisations across the Vale who would be interested in hosting joint outreach sessions over the next few months.

For further information about this or any other aspect of the outreach project please contact me on 01446 421782 or [joe@vwb.org.uk](mailto:joe@vwb.org.uk).

You can view the full list of the new outreach dates for November–December on our website [www.vwb.org.uk](http://www.vwb.org.uk)

### New Opportunities

Do you have any opportunities that you would like us to advertise on your behalf?

We will be more than happy to process your opportunities and advertise them both in the bureau and with our outreach worker who covers the wider parts of the Vale of Glamorgan.

For further information email: [jrichardson@vwb.org.uk](mailto:jrichardson@vwb.org.uk)

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