



The V Word

Good Practice in Volunteering

Vale Volunteer Bureau Outreach

My name is Nicola and I am the Outreach Worker.

My role involves the recruitment, placing and support of volunteers, through the outreach service.

Fortnightly Outreach surgeries take place at Penarth, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Libraries.

Here, I meet with potential volunteers and provide information, guidance and advice on all aspects of volunteering.

In addition to this, I also pursue new voluntary organisations and opportunities, provide talks and presentations to appropriate groups and organise and develop displays throughout the Vale of Glamorgan.

I am currently in the process of arranging Joint Outreach events.

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Are you an organisation that would like to join me at my usual Outreach surgeries in the Libraries?

You can also link in to any events that I will be attending over the coming year, e.g. The Scout and Guide Fete, The Vale Agricultural Show, Learners Sign up events and Information days.

To see a list of outreach dates, log onto:

<http://www.vwb.org.uk/outreach.html>

Community Safety Volunteer of the Year Award 2008

South Wales Police Authority is pleased to announce the launch of the fourth annual "Community Safety Volunteer of the Year" awards.

They are committed to highlighting the excellent and admirable work undertaken by all volunteers who help to keep

their communities safe.

The award will be given to those who show a commitment to voluntarily working for and with the community and show great determination in ensuring the communities in which we all live are safe.

This year the scheme has been extended to include 2 new awards. The 3 categories open for 2008 are:

- Community Safety Volunteer of the Year
- Young Community Safety Volunteer of the Year (Under 21)
- Community Safety Volunteer Team of the Year

Nominations can be made online at the Police Authority website
www.south-wales.police.uk/authority

The closing date for nominations is Friday 25th July 2008.

For further information or nomination forms please contact the Police Authority office on:
01656 869366

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Independent Safeguarding Authority ISA

The Independent Safeguarding Authority – ISA will go live from 12 October 2009.

Voluntary organisations will need to change their recruitment procedures, as those wanting to work with vulnerable groups, volunteers or paid staff will need to register with the ISA scheme.

Registration with the ISA scheme is equivalent to an enhanced Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check but you may need or want to carry out the disclosure check as well. The Criminal Records Unit will be able to handle both ISA and/or CRB check.

Once an individual is ISA registered, then a quick free online check will confirm if the person is ISA registered and the volunteer or paid staff can then be employed by the organisation. If any new information becomes available about an individual then the ISA will review their status to see if they can continue to work with vulnerable groups.

If you want to know more about the ISA, you can attend one of WCVA's Policy Events with the focus on disclosures and the ISA registration scheme.

8th July Cwmbran
9th July Carmarthen
16th July Llandrindod Wells
17th July Rhyl

You can also gain up to date information by logging onto www.isa-gov.org.uk
www.wcva-cru.org.uk
or you can email: cru@wcva.org.uk

Understanding Disability Awards 2008

The Understanding Disability Awards celebrate active engagement and commitment in promoting positive attitudes towards people with learning disabilities.

Do You Know Of

- an Employer, School or Individual
- a Local group or Organisation
- a Child or a Group of Children

Who Deserve Recognition?

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You can nominate them for the Understanding Disability Awards 2008.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 15th August 2008.

To request a nomination form or further information please telephone Cardiff & the Vale Parents Federation
02920 227800
or email hasina@parentsfed.org

Network Wales Awards

The Network Wales Awards have been established to promote and recognise the work of voluntary organisations across Wales.

Each nominated organisation will receive a certificate of commendation and the winners will be presented with a Network Wales Award at WCVA's annual conference dinner on Thursday 27th November 2008.

There are two categories in which you can nominate your own organisation and a third to nominate another organisation.

Category 1 – Class Award for Best Communications

Does your organisation have an

effective or innovative way of communicating its message? Or in communicating internally, or with your members, service users or volunteers:?

Category 2 – Green Award

Has your organisation got an innovative policy on reducing its carbon footprint? Have you taken steps to become more sustainable or taken part in a carbon footprint reducing activity?

Category 3 – Most Admired Organisation

On the whole, which voluntary organisation or group do you admire most for the causes it represents and the work it does? Nominate an organisation and tell us why.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 19th September 2008.

For further information please contact WCVA 0800 2888 329 Or you can download the forms from www.wcva.org.uk

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Did You Know...

People in the Voluntary Sector.

Nearly 7 out of 10 employees in the voluntary sector are female, compared with 45% of the Welsh workforce. Men are more likely to work full time than women, who are twice as likely to have a temporary contract. Voluntary sector employees are older and work longer hours, on average, than the general workforce.

The most popular causes that people support are health and social care, education and children, similar to the findings in the giving survey.

The profile of volunteers seem to match the general population with respect to age and gender. 60% of people who work part time volunteer compared to 49% of those who work full time and 39% of people who look after the home or children