

# The V Word

## Good Practice in Volunteering

# A Date for Your Diary

## Appreci8 Volunteering Event

### FREE Interactive Fun for All

**Football Skills, Face painting, V-Pod Bus, Caricatures,  
Art & Craft , Choirs, Sumo Wrestlers, Vibe Street Dancers,  
Information Stalls, First Aid and much, much more..**

**King Square, Holton Road, Barry**

**4th June 11am–3pm**

**For more information give us a call on 01446 421782**

**Or visit our website [www.vvb.org.uk](http://www.vvb.org.uk)**

### Does Your Organisation Require Volunteers?

The Vale Volunteer Bureau provides information, advice and guidance on all aspects of volunteering for both volunteers and recruiting organisations.

We aim to link the skills, experiences, time and enthusiasm of local people looking to volunteer with organisations seeking to develop their services.

We can assist with Recruitment, Good Practice and Policies.

The registration process is simple and an informal discussion will be required. Your opportunities will be advertised within the bureau offices, on the All Wales Volunteering and VVB websites and with our Outreach Worker who covers the wider parts of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Please contact Janine or Holly on:  
01446 421782

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## Volunteers Week

Volunteers' Week is an annual UK festival of volunteering, recognising, rewarding and recruiting volunteers.

It takes place from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> of June each year and plays a huge part in raising the profile of volunteers while encouraging others to get involved

Volunteers' Week began in 1984

Each year more and more organisations get involved in the celebrations and participants take part in various events throughout Wales. These range from award presentations to setting-up information booths or sponsored walks and team challenge events. Everyone is invited to join this national celebration of volunteering.

All kinds of groups and organisations get involved in planning local events, ranging from the high profile open days and volunteer award ceremonies to private social occasions for volunteers.

Certificates are available for your volunteers:

100 certificates - free of charge

101-150 certificates - p+p £5.00

151-200 certificates - p+p £8.00

200+ certificates - please request PDF

Note - the PDF will enable you to print as many certificates as you need.

If you require certificates for your volunteers please contact:

[nnicholls@wcva.org.uk](mailto:nnicholls@wcva.org.uk)

## Voluntary Sector Cuts

We are aware that some organisations have been informed that their funding will be reduced, and as such this will have an impact on how you work with volunteers. It is important that any of these changes are recorded so that we are able to monitor the impact this has on volunteering.

For example, these changes could be reducing or cutting the hours of a Volunteer Co-ordinator post, being unable to pay volunteers out-of-pocket expenses etc.

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In order for this to be properly monitored we are encouraging all organisations that are experiencing cuts to post their experiences on the website below. WCVA is joining with partner organisations across the UK to promote [The Voluntary Sector Cuts website](#) where organisations can report cuts in their funding from public bodies.

This is a project lead by NCVO and hence the website is only in English, but I would encourage all staff to suggest that organisations experiencing cuts post their experience on the website.

WCVA Research will be monitoring the site and reporting any Welsh cuts which are included.

## Understanding Disability Awards 2011

This year is the Understanding Disability Awards' Eighteenth Birthday. This is your chance to nominate/recognise someone today.

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

If you know of

- An Employer, School/College, Professional or Individual
- A Local Group or Organisation
- A Child or a Group of Children

Who deserve recognition then why not nominate them for the Understanding Disability Awards 2011?

Nomination forms can be downloaded by visiting [www.parentsfed.org](http://www.parentsfed.org) or you can email: [hasina@parentsfed.org](mailto:hasina@parentsfed.org)

Nominations must be received by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

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