



The V Word

Good Practice in Volunteering

Help available to organisations in the Vale

Vale Volunteer Bureau are pleased to announce that they are now able to offer help, support and guidance to organisations within the Vale who wish to tender for the Engagement Gateway contracts.

1) What is the Engagement Gateway?

It is a scheme supported by European funding that aims to reduce economic inactivity in Wales and improve the employability of disadvantaged people furthest from the market.

2) Is our organisation eligible?

Your organisation is eligible if you work with groups that are out of touch with mainstream services, or at high risk of long term benefit dependency including groups facing specific disadvantage such as:

- Women who want to return to work
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic people

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- People with work limiting health condition or disability
- Mental health service users
- People over 50 years
- Lone parents
- Young people not in education or training
- People in receipt of incapacity benefit
- Economically inactive people throughout Wales

3) What is the value of the contracts?

There will be over 500 contracts awarded in Wales before 2012, each contract will be from up to £25,000 to £150,000 over a maximum of two years. For contracts up to £25,000 no match funding is required.

4) Where do we go from here?

The Engagement Gateway scheme is not a grant. Organisations will need to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire, and if successful will then be placed on an approved suppliers list, where

you will remain for the duration of the scheme. When a suitable contract becomes available in your area you will then be invited to tender.

Training will be offered to organisations within the Vale of Glamorgan prior to the next round of pre-qualifying questionnaires.

In the meantime if you have any questions, or require any further information please contact Natalie Sargent on (01446) 421782 or e-mail natalie@vwb.org.uk



Vale Volunteer Bureau Membership

The Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) would like to thank organisations for their continued support.

May we take this opportunity to remind those organisations that

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haven't already become members that 2009/10 membership is now due.

As I'm sure you're aware, the work that the VVB does is free of charge and membership is on a voluntary basis and at £5 for the year, I'm sure you'll agree that it's a minimal cost.

If you would like to become a member of the VVB, please visit www.vwb.org.uk on the Registration Forms page you will be able to download an Annual Membership Form, please complete this and return it to us with £5 payment. All cheques should be made payable to Vale Volunteer Bureau.

Christmas Shutdown

The Vale Volunteer Bureau will be closing for Christmas on Tuesday 22nd December. We shall re-open for business on Monday 4th January 2010.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

