



The V Word

Good Practice in Volunteering

Wales Volunteer of the Year Award 2009

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Do you know someone special who inspires you by what they do as a volunteer?

Do you know of a group or organisation which is a shining example of how volunteers can make a positive difference?

Why not nominate them for the Wales Volunteer of the Year Award 2009?

There are 5 categories for nominations:

- adult (over 25 years)
- young person (under 25 years)
- 'green' volunteer (any age, volunteering with an environmental project or organisation)
- trustee
- groups (2 or more individuals, whether as an informal group or a formally constituted organisation)

The judging panel will select up to 3 winners in each category.

Winners will be invited to attend an award ceremony, to be held in Cardiff in June 2009.

In addition, all eligible nominees will receive a certificate of commendation.

You must get the permission of the individual or group you want to nominate.

Forms are available in word format from www.wcva.org.uk/voy Alternatively, the Vale Volunteer Bureau has a supply.

Nomination forms must be returned by Friday 3 April 2009 to:

Wales Volunteer of the Year Award, WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FH

For further information:
www.wcva.org.uk

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Incentives to Volunteer 'could be dangerous'

was a danger that people would begin to expect incentives.

According to Director of the Association of Volunteer Managers, Sean Cobley, charities could be breeding a generation that volunteers only in return for incentives, he said 'I don't think there is necessarily anything wrong with attracting people through incentives but we need to look carefully at how using them affects the integrity of volunteering.

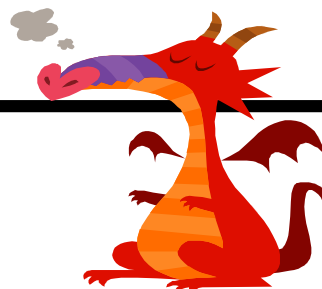
If people volunteer only for incentives, it has gone too far. You can't say you are offering your time for free if you get a concert ticket for just four hours of volunteering'. Mr Cobley was referring to an initiative by Orange RockCorps, which uses the offer of concert tickets to inspire young people to volunteer. Stephen Greene, Chief Executive of RockCorps,

But a bigger worry would be if community needs were ignored. 'By far the biggest danger is not being able to present community needs in a way that young people can engage with, our challenge should be to make opportunities that young people want to get involved in, not to argue about why they are doing it.'

John Bateman, Chief Executive of youth work charity UK Youth, said people were motivated to volunteer by their own interests and passions and there was nothing wrong with offering other forms of incentive. The difficulty was in encouraging long-term participation, he added.

(Source: Third Sector Online)

Listen out for the Vale Volunteer Bureau's campaign throughout January 2009 on Red Dragon (103.2 and 97.4 FM) to promote and encourage volunteering by 14-25 year olds



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