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Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations



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BAVO need people with big hearts to help out with our waiting list!

**Do you have an hour to spare?
We desperately NEED more volunteer befrienders.**

Imagine going days or weeks without seeing somebody or not being able to get out of the house. Sadly our waiting list has over 100 older people just looking for a bit of support and company now and again.



An hour of your time can make all the difference to someone who just needs a visit, a chat or a little bit of help to get out and about once in a while.

“Community Companions is of tremendous importance to me. It is lovely to have company at home and to share my feelings and worries with my befriender.”

Out of pocket travel expenses are covered and full training given. By becoming a volunteer befriender you can help people meet others, improve their access to local services and improve their overall health and wellbeing.

“Volunteering for Community Companions, I completed many courses. I am so thrilled it has helped greatly to get me where I am today. I have voluntary skills behind me that no one can take away from me.”

For further details pop into our Bridgend Volunteer Centre or call Tracy at BAVO, T: 01656 810400

[Read more about our Community Companions befriending programme here >>>](#)

Our Big Lottery funded project is coordinated by BAVO in partnership with Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service.



Latest volunteering opportunities...

[Are you a Welsh speaker interested in becoming an oral history volunteer? >>>](#)

[Bridgend Community Transport need volunteer drivers for Ogmore and Garw Valley >>>](#)

[Could your skills support our natural environment? >>>](#)

[Dance support volunteers needed to help with adults and children with disabilities >>>](#)

[Elite Supported Employment Agency seeking work alongside and support people with disabilities >>>](#)

[Volunteering opportunities with Help for Heroes >>>](#)

[Mirus need allotment volunteers and craft group volunteers to befriend people with learning disabilities >>>](#)

[Youth Worker Volunteer Assistants needed at Wildmill Youth Club >>>](#)

[Make a real difference to peoples' lives by volunteering with Victim Focus \(Victim Support\) >>>](#)

For lots more volunteering opportunities featured on our website, [click here](#)

You can also look for volunteering roles at www.volunteering-wales.net

Volunteer Enyd Carroll celebrates 101st birthday in April!

Enyd Carroll has been a volunteer at the Llynfi Valley Credit Union for over 20 years and she is going to celebrate her birthday in April - she will be 101!

Enyd started volunteering when she retired over 40 years ago. She was looking for something to do to fill her time and keep her active and busy in retirement, so she started volunteering at Bethania Chapel as the Treasurer and at Maesteg Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Credit Union has been in the Llynfi Valley for over 20 years and Enyd has been involved from the very beginning, always being there to provide help and support when needed.

She continues to volunteer every week and rarely misses, providing support to individuals that are looking to save money on a regular basis or help with a loan.

Enyd still adds up the daily takings on paper and never uses a calculator always wanting to keep her mind active.

Awarded a 'Highly Commended' Certificate at BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Achievement Awards in 2014, Enyd says: "Volunteering has given me the opportunity to meet new people, keeping me busy and in contact with the community I know. I enjoy helping young mums and families to become more financially secure."

Mandy Evans, Manager at Llynfi Credit Union said: "Enyd has a real empathy for people and that is what makes her such a valued member of our volunteer team."



Volunteering Wales website – prepare for changes ahead

Significant changes to the Volunteering Wales website are on the way. If your organisation uses the website to advertise for volunteers - take note!

The new site will be easy for volunteers to use. Volunteers will be able to create their own profile, to search for and apply to join opportunities, to leave feedback and to log volunteering hours. The existing website address www.volunteering-wales.net will remain the same and after the switchover in April 2018, all data on the old site will remain accessible for many months to come. WCVA is encouraging organisations to post as many opportunities as possible before the site 'goes live' in April, so that there is plenty of content to attract volunteers who are looking to volunteer. [Read more here >>>](#)

If you would like to register your organisation visit <https://volunteerwales.teamkinetic.co.uk/> it is still being constructed, but it can be used by organisations to register ready for the launch of the new volunteer website.

If you have any queries at this stage, get in touch with Fiona fiddell@wcva.org.uk
You can also call Sharon or Geraint at Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 660372 or E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Young volunteers complete Millennium Volunteer Programme hours!

Young volunteers from Bridgend County Borough have recently celebrated achieving reaching 50, 100 and 200 [Millennium Volunteer Programme](#) certificates.

The programme is a recognition scheme for young volunteers aged 14 – 25 who are making a commitment to volunteer. Accredited by Welsh Government, this is an innovative scheme, which emphasises the volunteering achievements of young people. Through volunteering, young volunteers can get certificates for completing 50, 100 and 200 hours. The 200 hour certificate is the Award of Excellence and has the print signature of Carwyn Jones, the Welsh First Minister.



- Kyle aged 14 from Bridgend is celebrating completing 200 Millennium Volunteering hours at Tŷ Hafan's shop in Bridgend town centre.

Young volunteers at Llangynwyd Rangers Boys' and Girls' Club of Wales Football Club have also achieved 50,100 and 200 Millennium Volunteer hours:

- Maisy Fahey Pennel recently achieved her 200 hours certificate;
- Ioan Jones has achieved his 200 hours certificate;
- Callum Williams has reached 100 Millennium Volunteering hours;
- Evan Thomas has reached 50 hours Millennium Volunteering hours.

[Read more here >>>](#)

If you are aged 14-25 and looking to volunteer, or indeed, if you are an organisation wishing to recruit younger volunteers, call Geraint at BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 660372 or E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Visit BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre

Our Volunteer Centre at 2 Queen Street in Bridgend town centre, offers a one-stop resource on all aspects of volunteering with over 300 registered voluntary organisations offering a wide range of opportunities to match people's skills and interests.

We have lots of vacancies on our books such as retails, youth work, peer support, health groups through to Board Directors. Pop in and have a chat, tell us what you are interested in and we will find a match!



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FREE BAVO membership for local community, voluntary and not-for-profit groups

Receive FREE expert advice and support by becoming a member of BAVO!
If you are a voluntary group in Bridgend County Borough,
be a member of BAVO [click on link!](#)
Membership is FREE!

For further details on all aspects of volunteering opportunities,
visit www.bavo.org.uk/volunteering
or call our Volunteer Team at Bridgend Volunteer Centre
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