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VOLUNTEERING E-BULLETIN



Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations



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**Find out about volunteering opportunities
to suit you during Volunteers' Week!**



**WYTHNOS GWIRFODDOLWYR
VOLUNTEERS' WEEK**

Do you enjoy meeting people? Looking for a change of direction? Want to boost your CV? In celebration of national Volunteers' Week 1 – 7 June, BAVO will be at various local locations giving out volunteering information.

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration to recruit, reward and recognise volunteers. Accompanied by local community groups and voluntary organisations, find out how volunteering can benefit you by visiting:

John Street Bandstand in Porthcawl on Friday 1 June from 10am – 3pm
Bridgend Bus Station Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 June from 9am – 1pm
Princess of Wales Hospital on Friday 8 June from 11am – 3pm



You can also drop in to BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre at 2 Queen Street, Bridgend town centre. BAVO will be raising awareness of different volunteering opportunities such as retail, youth work, peer support, health groups through to Board Directors.

[Read more here >>>](#)

For further details call BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 660372 or E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Volunteering Wales websiteprepare 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 existing website address www.volunteering-wales.net will remain the same after the switchover in June 2018. The information needed on the new site is sufficiently different and in a different format from that required on the old site, that it makes migration of the data from one to the other impossible.



[Wales Council for Voluntary Action \(WCVA\)](#) recognises that for a while there will be a reduced number of opportunities on the new site, but they will be up to date and with information that is complete and of good quality! The new site is easy for volunteers to use. Volunteers can create their own profile, to search for and apply to join opportunities, to leave feedback and to log volunteering hours. Mobile apps are available for Apple (and will be shortly for Android systems too) and information and activity can be shared on social media.

WCVA is encouraging organisations to post as many opportunities as possible before the site 'goes live', so that there is plenty of content to attract volunteers who are looking to volunteer.

[Read more here >>>](#)

If you have any queries at this stage, get in touch with Sharon or Geraint at BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 660372 or E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Join us at the Bridgend County Show!

BAVO will have a marquee at the [Bridgend County Show](#) on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July 2018. This will give voluntary and community organisations in Bridgend County Borough an opportunity to raise awareness of their individual projects, highlighting volunteer opportunities and the support that is available to individuals.

The Bridgend County Show will be located just 5 Mins from Junction 35 of the M4, Bridgend College, Pencoed Campus.

If you would like to book a space for your organisation in the marquee, please contact Sharon or Geraint by Thursday 24 May at our Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 660372 or E: sharonheadon@bavo.org.uk or gerainthannaford@bavo.org.uk



Bridgend Volunteer Achievement Awards 2018 to be launched during Volunteers' Week 1 – 7 June ...

We will be holding our annual BAVO Bridgend Volunteer Achievement Awards in November 2018 and we want your nominations!

This year, we will be opening our nominations process during Volunteers' Week so that you will have plenty of time to nominate your fantastic volunteers.

Last year, we had a good response and many volunteers were nominated from a wide range of projects throughout Bridgend County Borough.

There will be eight categories including Outstanding Volunteer Contribution Award and Volunteer Project of the Year Award.

The deadline for nominating volunteers is Friday 24 August 2018.

Information, guidance and nomination forms will be available soon on our volunteering pages at <http://www.bavo.org.uk/volunteering> and circulated via email.

For further details, contact Sharon or Geraint at our Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 660372 or E: bavo@bavo.org.uk



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.

Out of pocket travel expenses are covered and full training will be given.

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

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

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



Link Up Project: 'Strengthening 3rd sector skills'

BAVO is working in partnership with **Swansea CVS** and **Neath/Port Talbot CVS** to strengthen third sector governance and skills development through a range of interventions, such as recruiting and matching skilled mentors from public, private and independent sectors with third sector organisations.

Volunteering is integral to achieving our Big Lottery funded project by...

- recruiting volunteer trustees and provide support for trustees to learn about the third sector and the role and responsibilities of a trustee;
- promoting the benefits of being a trustee to young people (under 25) and enabling them to get involved as volunteer trustees where appropriate;
- recruiting and matching volunteer mentors from private, public and academia employers with experience and knowledge to support trustee skill development.

Skilled volunteer trustees play a vital role in enabling local voluntary sector organisations to function successfully and achieve the desired outcome for their local community and beneficiaries.

[Read more here >>>](#)

For further information contact Angela Davies, Link Up Project Development Officer, at BAVO
T: 01656 810400 / 07710067718 or E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

The graphic features logos for SWCS, Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations, and CVS. The main title is 'Link Up Project' in a green box, followed by 'Strengthening 3rd sector skills' in a red box. Below this, it states 'Volunteering is integral to achieving our aims' and lists four objectives in colored arrows: 'Enhance existing skills of Trustees and committee members', 'Assist Trustee Boards/Committees to identify areas of development', 'Recruit experienced mentors from public, private and academia sectors', and 'Increase recruitment of young Trustees under 25'.

Want to find out more?
If you are a Trustee or committee member
Contact Angela at BAVO
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Latest volunteering opportunities

[Action on Hearing Loss looking to recruit volunteers >>>](#)

[Volunteer with Barnardo's Practical Home Management Team >>>](#)

[Halo Leisure looking for volunteers to support their weekly dementia friendly sessions >>>](#)

[KPC Youth & Community looking for voluntary Trustee Director >>>](#)

[Invitation to join the UNA Exchange Board of Trustees >>>](#)

[Tŷ Hafan looking for volunteers for their shops throughout Bridgend >>>](#)



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

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

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 retail, 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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