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BAVO VOLUNTEERING E-BULLETIN

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Our Volunteer Team helps local organisations be the best they can be through giving best practice guidance on volunteer recruitment and management, supervision, training, engagement and retention.



Take a look at our latest volunteering news and opportunities below ...

Urgent message! Safety and compliance for volunteering

Are you aware of your liability as a committee member/trustee of a Covid-19 Response Group to protect your volunteers, staff and beneficiaries?

Are you complying with the law regarding protecting data and contact details of beneficiaries (especially those who may be vulnerable) and volunteers?

Are you protecting your volunteers, beneficiaries and staff from catching or spreading Covid-19?

Does your current insurance cover your current work?

Should your volunteers have DBS checks?

As we all continue to work to meet the needs of the community in these challenging times, it is vitally important that we ensure we are all working within the current guidance and legislation.

[You can find out further details here.](#)

New free tool to help ensure volunteers have best possible experience

Investing in Volunteers (iV) Essentials, is a free online tool designed especially for volunteer-involving groups and organisations to do a basic health check on volunteer practice. [You can find out further details here.](#)

Is your organisation involved in the planning, management or recruitment of volunteering to support health and social care delivery in Wales?

A project is underway to develop a framework to support better Wales wide understanding and planning for volunteering in health and social care. WCVA would appreciate your time in responding to their survey by 28 February 2021.

The survey includes information about how to book onto focus groups including: **26 February 10am – Cwm Taf – Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf**
[Find out more details, book on to their focus group and download their survey here.](#)

Tempo Time Credits info session Wednesday 3 March 2021 from 10 - 11.30am

This online information session will show you the benefits of Tempo Time Credits, how to use them and introduce you to their new digital tool. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Volunteering Wales grants scheme reopens Deadline 12 April 2021

The scheme is administered by WCVA and is designed to deliver the Welsh Government's commitment to identifying opportunities for more people to volunteer, through grants up to £20,000.

This year's Volunteer Wales grant scheme will focus on 10-month interventions, that tackle barriers to volunteering, giving a positive experience for the volunteer and a long-lasting impact on the community. WCVA hope to do this by aligning the aims of the funding with the goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015).

[Find out more details and how to apply here.](#)

Are you aged 13-25 and have something to say about Volunteering Wales?

[Volunteering Wales](#) is launching a survey to find out young people's experiences of the Volunteering Wales website whether they have used it before it or not, so that we can develop the site further and ensure young people are getting what they want out of it.

Each young person who completes it can then be entered into a prize draw for one of five £20 One4All vouchers. [You can take part in the survey here.](#) Closing date: 28 February.

Take a look at some of our volunteer opportunities...

[Bridgend Carers need volunteers to assist with Wellbeing Garden project](#)

[Become a volunteer Community Companions telephone befriender...it's good to talk!](#)

[Theo's charity shop will need volunteers when allowed to reopen](#)

[Leonard Cheshire Cymru have a range of volunteering opportunities \(currently online\)](#)

[RNID looking for volunteers for their Live Well with Hearing Loss Befriender role](#)

[Volunteers needed to join local charities as Board/Committee members to help them manage their finance](#)

Don't forget, you can also register all your trustee vacancies free of charge by visiting Bridgend.volunteering-wales.net

For organisations working with volunteers, this system will help you to recruit and manage volunteers, log volunteer hours, plan rotas and events, record training and experience and produce reports.

Knowledge Hub gives easy access to a range of online information, networking and learning

Third Sector Support Wales partners have launched a new bank of online information and learning resources for the voluntary sector in Wales. Knowledge Hub is an easy to use tool to help voluntary organisations upskill, learn and access high quality information on key areas such as running your organisation, volunteering, funding and influencing.

Register at www.thirdsectorsupport.wales

You can find all the latest volunteering opportunities by visiting Bridgend.volunteering-wales.net

For further information about volunteering:
contact BAVO, T: 01656 810400, E: volunteering@bavo.org.uk

visit our volunteering pages at www.bavo.org.uk

or read our latest volunteering news at www.bavo.org.uk/news-events/latest-news



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