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Foreword

Pembrokeshire's Centre for Voluntary Action

Lord Gordon Parry, Pembrokeshire's greatest supporter and ambassador of voluntary action, has kindly agreed to preside over the opening of Pembrokeshire's Centre for Voluntary Action on 2nd June. A warm invitation is enclosed in this edition to our members and all voluntary groups in the county - please come along and join us.

August 2004 is the second anniversary of PAVS having moved to premises in High Street, Haverfordwest. Many groups have made use of the resources in the Centre that we are developing for the sector - over 80 have held meetings; 16 groups have used the ICT facilities in the training suite, and many more have browsed through materials, taken equipment on loan, or used the internet connection. We want that number to grow to make maximum use of the facilities offered.

Throughout this time we have been planning and developing further resources - including interview space for the Volunteer Bureau and improved hosting facilities, and we are trying to secure funds to expand the 'hot desking' service and to develop the whole site to provide a fully accessible, well-resourced Centre for Voluntary Action in Pembrokeshire.

We look forward to seeing you in Volunteers Week - or at any time that you may wish to look around.

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Working with voluntary organisations and partners, we continue to make progress against planned work, and to achieve targets within the range of PAVS' projects. The scope of activity undertaken by the staff team responds to the needs of groups and to the opportunities resulting from statutory developments. It has been particularly exciting to recruit three dynamic project workers to re-establish the Voluntary Sector training

programme. We now look forward to bringing members of the Training Advisory Group together again, and to working with organisations to take forward some of the more creative elements of the project, as well as developing the range of courses requested.

A new innovation for PAVS is the GENNEX 25-7 project (the newly branded Youth Assembly for Pembrokeshire). This important project, established with excellent support from Prince's Trust - Cymru, will move forward through strong partnership work. The recent annual conference of the GENNEX demonstrated how far young people have come in acquiring skills and working together to contribute to decision-making processes, and to developing their own networks that inform the Youth Assembly.

The subsequent 'Join it up!' seminar of the Young People's Partnership consolidated the range of work undertaken in the last year that has resulted in a strong action plan for future development of young people's services.

Highlights of both events will be included in the Voluntary Sector Children and Young People's Newsletter currently being produced by Lee Hind.

### **Consultation and Planning**

April 28<sup>th</sup> was the revised date for the first of two important annual consultation events arranged by PAVS to involve voluntary and community organisations in the work of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Group. PAVS' officers and Trustees and County Council Officers and Cabinet Members will work with groups to consider the achievements and future action plans of the Voluntary Liaison Group, and to review PAVS' strategic plan.

# Foreword

## Independent Commission to Review the National Assembly for Wales' Voluntary Sector Scheme

The Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration received the final report of the Independent Commission's Review on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004. The Minister has now decided on a 12-week consultation period.

Over 50 recommendations are included in the report. These underpin the overall findings that –

- The Scheme was a groundbreaking innovation which remains highly valued by the voluntary sector and the Assembly Government
- The Scheme is still fit for purpose and should not be remade
- The implementation of the Scheme is very much work in progress and there is more work to do

The Association of County Voluntary Councils will meet during May to consider the report and ways in which their work can be strengthened and information channels improved to ensure that local voluntary groups gain maximum benefit from the future work of the Scheme.

Hard copies of the final report of the Independent Commission's review of the Assembly's Voluntary Sector Scheme can be obtained from  
Neal Kinnersley  
Voluntary Sector and Inclusion Division  
Welsh Assembly Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff CF10 3NQ

or on the Assembly's website at  
[http://www.wales.gov.uk/themes/voluntary\\_sector/index.htm](http://www.wales.gov.uk/themes/voluntary_sector/index.htm).

### Did you know .....

A **Good Practice Exchange Network** has developed to give projects accessing – or hoping to access – European funds through **Objective 1** the opportunity to visit and learn from similar projects in other regions.

Representatives of three regions - **Merseyside, Yorkshire and Wales** - have come together to **form the Network** which, on behalf of potential project sponsors will source information on an appropriate project in one of the other regions, and enable contact between both organisations.

Arrangements can then be made to discuss what both sides hope to gain from a visit, as well as agreeing dates, times, etc.

Some **evidence and feedback** of the exchange visit is all that is required for the project records – this will usually be a report, expenses form and photographs.

The exchange groups make all the practical arrangements – but the Good Practice Network can **make financial contributions** towards travel, accommodation, and carer costs, as well as possibly covering some costs incurred by the host project.

For more details, **contact Mandy Parsons** at Wales Council for Voluntary Action – Tel: 029 20431763, [aparsons@wcva.org.uk](mailto:aparsons@wcva.org.uk),

### Have your say...

The next meeting of the **South West Wales Regional Committee** will take place in Pembroke Town Hall on **21<sup>st</sup> May 2004**. The subject for the meeting will be the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee's review of policy on substance misuse. Places in the public gallery are limited – so booking is advisable, through the booking line on 029 2089 8477

# News



On the 1<sup>st</sup> April responsibility for **GENNEX 25 – 7, the Children and Young People’s Assembly for Pembrokeshire** moved from Princes Trust-Cymru to PAVS. Since moving to PAVS a new Project Management Group has been established comprising both adults and young people and recruitment of a Youth Development Officer to lead the project has begun.

A network of Youth Forums is actively involving children and young people in local decision-making and a variety of projects in their local communities.

Projects include:

- Maps of their local areas
- A play about Bullying
- Environmental projects

The Youth Assembly meets regularly to debate wider issues and has an effective link with Funky Dragon, the Young People’s Assembly for Wales.

Over the next 12 months we will be enabling young people to take more responsibility for the project by developing the skills needed. We aim to increase the numbers of young people involved in the Forums and Assembly and widen participation by young people in meetings and decision-making about issues that are important to them, such as

- Children’s Partnership
- Communities First Partnerships
- Overview and scrutiny committees of PCC

Young people now sit on the Young People’s Partnership and some of the task and finish groups.

- GENNEX 25 – 7** helps young people:
- Learn and develop new skills
- To have a chance to make changes in their lives
- To meet important adults
- To meet other young people
- To have a voice

For further information about GENNEX contact Nadine Farmer Youth Development Worker on 07766408441 or Fiona Walder, Partnership Support Officer at PAVS.



**123 to ICT service** – advice and information for getting connected.....

Does your group want to investigate how to use email and how to get onto the web? Do you have time to spare to get your group noticed?

If yes, please give Elaine Winfield or Catherine Palmer a call at PAVS and we can send you an information pack explaining what you need to do to make good use of our service.

If you, or someone in your group, has access to the internet already please go to the PAVS website [www.pavs.org.uk/support/ict](http://www.pavs.org.uk/support/ict) for a list of group websites we have assisted with or look at the following as examples :-

<http://www.llangwm-villages.org.uk/>

<http://www.highsupportneeds.org.uk/>

<http://www.pembrokeshire-tri.org.uk/>

# News

## Access to Events and Activities in Pembrokeshire for people with disabilities

Living in rural Pembrokeshire can be limiting, especially for people with disabilities. Pembrokeshire is a beautiful county with such a variety of activities and events and Pembrokeshire Coalition - Opportunities for Disabled People would like to help support people with disabilities to be able to access these events.

How can Pembrokeshire Coalition help?

As part of our service we are arranging transport initially for the 3 events below. However we would like to hear from people with disabilities about events they would like to attend if accessible transport can be arranged.

Please contact Rachel Gibby on 01437 769422

**Are you interested in attending any of the events below?  
Are you disabled?**

**Tickets are not provided.  
You must purchase tickets**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Picton Castle  
National Garden Scheme  
10:30—5:00pm  
Admission £2

Saturday 5 June 2004  
Saundersfoot Proms in the Park  
Cardiff Philharmonic  
01834 813496(tickets)  
Start 5pm bring a picnic

Wednesday 30th June 2004 -FREE  
Pembrokeshire Fish Week  
Fishing Treffgarne Bridge  
10.30 -3.00pm



## News from WDA Broadband Subsidy May 13th 2004

### *Explaining the benefits of broadband and a newly available subsidy*

We would like to invite you to a broadband session which will explain about the benefits that broadband technology can bring to your organisation, and a brand new subsidy scheme which could allow you up to 50% of the costs (as much as £3,000) of installation and first year's subscription.

The whole session should take around 2 hours, including food and refreshments, designed to cause minimum disruption to your working day.

To register either call 08457 77 55 77 or visit [www.wda.co.uk/broadband](http://www.wda.co.uk/broadband)

13<sup>th</sup> May Wolfcastle Country Hotel  
Wolfscastle, Haverfordwest  
7.30-10.00 am

13<sup>th</sup> May Ivy Bush Royal Hotel  
Carmarthen  
11.30-13.30

Breakfast Session - 07:30 - 10:00  
Registration will be from 07:30 and  
breakfast will be served promptly at 08:00.

Lunchtime Session  
Registration will be at from 11:30 and the  
session will begin promptly at midday.  
Lunch will be served at the end of the  
session around 13:30.

**For further information or to register  
online either contact 08457 775577 or  
visit [www.wda.co.uk/broadband](http://www.wda.co.uk/broadband)**



# News

## *The Royal British Legion in Pembrokeshire – What's it All About?*



To many people, the Royal British Legion means one thing – Legion Clubs. In Pembrokeshire we have only two Clubs, one in Milford Haven and the other in Tenby. Both Clubs have a lot to offer and are very active in Legion matters, especially at Poppy Appeal time. However, not many people are aware that there are **sixteen** Legion Branches throughout Pembrokeshire! Not only that, there are **seven** Women's Section Branches! Members usually attend monthly meetings at a Branch in their area, but there is also a Holding Branch that doesn't require attending meetings at all.

Members are quite busy all year round with one thing and another, but without a doubt the busiest time of the year is during November when we remember not only those who have served their country in times of war and conflict, but also those who are currently serving at home and abroad. We also remember the *families* who have to cope without a parent, son or daughter. Although a large percentage of our membership in Pembrokeshire is over 50, by no means is the Legion just for "old people"! Indeed, you will find that our older members are extremely young at heart and are enormously eager for younger people to get involved. Especially those budding chairmen, secretaries and treasurers who would like to add that something extra to their CV as well as filling their spare time with a meaningful experience.

Why become a member of the Legion, what does it do? Well, the aims and objects of the Legion may be summarised as follows: To promote the welfare of those who have served in HM Forces, those serving, and their spouses and dependents. Our motto is "Service, not Self". I am sure you are all aware of the Poppy Appeal which coincides with Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year, but do you know where the money

that is collected goes? The following may give you some idea:

Welfare grants to those serving or ex-serving persons and their dependents who are in need, for items such as cookers, washing machines, refrigerators, furniture, as well as wheelchairs (electric and mechanical), stair lifts, and bath lifts

Help to fund our **seven** residential homes and **three** welfare breaks homes

Provide a small gift for someone who is housebound or in hospital

Provide intensive exercise and treatment for the disabled at the Churchill Centre

Careers advice, resettlement training and small business advice & loans

Practical assistance for widows and families to visit a relative's war grave

Information, advice and support in claiming a war pension (claimants do not need to have served in an armed conflict to be eligible).

There are also five Women's Section Schemes which are funded solely by the Women's Section and not the Poppy Appeal:

Widows & Ex-Servicewomen's Allowance Scheme

Welfare Grants

Rest & Convalescence

President's Award Scheme

Children's Fund

In addition to the above, our trained welfare caseworkers are there to offer support in whatever way is needed, from a shoulder to cry on to filling in forms. To date, Pembrokeshire has **fifteen** fully trained caseworkers and the figures show that need is increasing.

Volunteers are warmly welcomed, from Poppy Appeal Collectors and Welfare Caseworkers where Legion membership is not a requirement, to Branch Members and Officers of both the Legion and the Women's Section.

For more information, help or advice, please phone Mr. Pete Harrison, Pembrokeshire County Secretary on 01437-766647, or Legionline on 0845-725725.

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# Health & Social Care

## Health Social Care and Well Being Partnerships

Pembrokeshire Local Health Board enters its second year. PAVS along with other groups in the county has continued in its attempt to strengthen information exchange and development of links across the health and social care sector. This will ensure active involvement and representation in the continually expanding web of local and national health social care and well being partnerships.

We are at an opportune time to take stock of how this work is developing; a preliminary review meeting has been held with the Voluntary Sector and Carer Members of the Local Health Board in Pembrokeshire which focussed on strengthening links with this work and the Joint Voluntary Sector Forums' and representation on other planning groups (e.g. Joint Implementation Groups). Additionally, promotion of the voluntary sector and recognition of the value of these local services needs to be taken forward through a co-ordinated, whole sector approach so raising the profile of the sectors' work in Pembrokeshire.

### Getting Involved.

The Health, Social Care and Well Being Strategy as reached the end of its first period of consultation which looked at the Needs Assessment in January, the findings of which will inform the final Strategy. The draft Strategy was presented to the Welsh Assembly Government on the 31st March, 2004. The next stage will be the consultation on the Draft Strategy for which events (dates to be confirmed) will be organised to ensure that the voluntary sector can get its voice heard, so please come along and be involved in forming the final Health, Social and Well-Being Strategy.

### Notice of postponement of meeting:

Unfortunately The Health Social Care and Well Being Strategy Consultation Event

Friday 11th June 2004 in Withybush Conference Centre has been postpone, the new date and venue will be rearranged and advance notice given in the next issue of the Health and Social Care Update. Additionally fliers for the event will be mailed to all Forum members

### Contact

If you would more information on the Health, Social and Well Being Strategy, please contact:  
Keith Simcox  
Health & Social Care Planning

### Health and Social Care Update and Carers Supplement

These will be published and distributed May-June 2004; further information about the development of the Pembrokeshire Health Social Care and Well Being Strategy will feature along

### Carers Day June 17<sup>th</sup> 2004

This year Carers Week will be held in the week June 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. Carers Week is a national event which is celebrating its tenth anniversary.

Health is the theme in 2004 and the main aims of the week are to:-

- raise awareness of the extra role that carers take on, and the resultant health issues they face
- encourage practices which improve carers' health and well-being
- support carers to take action which positively enhances their own health

In Pembrokeshire a Carers Day is being held on Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Plas Hyfred Hotel in Narberth. In the morning there will be a Carers Forum, an opportunity for carers to have some input into the planning process, and in the afternoon there will be a range of therapy taster sessions for carers to enjoy.

If you would like to come along, please contact Sally Davies, Carers Development Worker at PAVS on 01437 771196.

# Training

## Learning in the Voluntary Sector

It's here at last! The PAVS training project officially started on 1 April and the new training team has been appointed:

- Sue Leonard - *Senior Training Officer*
- Roger Smith - *Training Officer*
- Louise Walters - *Project Assistant*

The project is funded from the Objective 1 European Social Fund, with match funding being provided by ELWa and one of our partner organisations, Global Connections.

There are several elements to the project:

- **training courses** - designed to meet the needs of the voluntary sector. Some courses will be accredited, meaning that participants have the option to gain qualifications
- **training needs analysis** - up to 12 local voluntary groups will be able to benefit from an in-depth look at their organisation, identifying learning needs and evaluating training
- **learning champions** - a supported network of people who will actively promote the benefits of learning and identify training needs for the sector
- **learning toolkits** - resource material designed for and piloted by local groups, before being rolled out across the sector
- **Skills and Knowledge Exchange** - an on-line skills "swap shop" so that groups can really start to help each other with training and development.

The project will also seek to develop two new partnerships, one looking at Welsh language issues in training and the other at engaging disadvantaged groups in the learning process.

### TALK TO US PLEASE!

- ✓ Does your group have a specific training need?
- ✓ Would you like to join our network of learning champions?
- ✓ Would your organisation benefit from an in-depth training needs analysis?

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, then we'd like to hear from you.

Give us a ring on 01437 769422 or send an e-mail to [training@pavs.org.uk](mailto:training@pavs.org.uk)

**We look forward to working with you!**



### TRAINING ADVISORY GROUP

The Training Advisory Group (TAG) is an informal partnership of voluntary groups, working together with those who have an interest in training within the voluntary sector.

New members of the group are most welcome at any time. Our next meeting is on Friday 14 May 2004 in the Balcony Room at the Queens Hall in Narberth at 11.00 am - with coffee and biscuits available from 10.45 am onwards.

# Objective 1

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Wales programme for Objective 1 is already past the half-way stage. An additional £57.5m has been released from reserves but in general funds are being committed or are running out. Following the Mid-term review, it has been agreed that

- Regional and strategic partnerships will be replaced with Thematic advisory Groups [TAGs]
- the Pembrokeshire Secretariat has introduced a new, simplified Project proposal form, which can be downloaded from [www.objective1-pembrokeshire.org.uk](http://www.objective1-pembrokeshire.org.uk)
- PPMB and Assets Sub Groups will continue as now, but integration with Community Planning structures is to be explored and the future of Assets Sub Groups is to be reviewed ?
- WEFO has indicated that it will not approve projects with an end date after 30 June 2008

Because of the pressure on certain funds, time-limited bidding rounds have been introduced. Full applications must be submitted by the appropriate date. Currently this applies to

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Priority 1 Measure 1 | Financial Support for SMEs                             | 28 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| Priority 1 Measure 5 | Sites and Premises for SMEs                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> June  |
| Priority 4 Measure 2 | Social Inclusion                                       | 28 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| Priority 5 Measure 2 | Training: Services to help farming adapt and diversify | 28 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| Priority 5 Measure   | Forestry                                               | 30 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Priority 6 Measure 3 | Strategic Employment Sites - Town Centre Regeneration  | 30 <sup>th</sup> June  |

Making a full application is daunting for many voluntary sector groups and often not

worthwhile if the proposed project is not large-scale. In some instances it may be possible to successfully bid for European funds but through a more indirect route.

WCVA has been successful in winning funding for another round of Social Risk Fund. Projects costing under £10k are being sought- Contact Ingela Mann on 01686 611053 or Fiona /Lorna at PAVS.

WCVA hopes to hear shortly that finance will also be available for a Capital Risk Fund for voluntary sector organisations requiring up to £50k.

The Forestry Commission is also looking for small-scale woodland projects for Cydcoed Phase 2. Projects should either

- aim to create community woodland on non-agricultural land or
- be small-scale projects involving one or more woods

PAVS is also currently working with PLANED and Pembrokeshire County Council on a Village Halls 'Key Fund'. We hope to report in July that £300,000 will be made available. **Watch this space!**

Any Voluntary Sector group which has a project under development or an idea for a project which it would like to bring forward in the next 2 years needs to declare the project NOW and seek help from one or more sources.

I would welcome information or ideas from any organisation. Equally you can contact WCVA – Angela Howells, European Officer Tel.01267 229322, or Pembrokeshire Secretariat – Gwyn Evans and Team Tel.01437 776174

For Personal reasons Margaret Povey has resigned as the Voluntary Sector representative on PPMB. Our grateful thanks go to Margaret for her support over the last 2 years. The other Voluntary Sector representatives remain as follows

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Di Horley             | Children and Youth |
| Jake Hollyfield       | Environment        |
| David Hedley-Williams | Arts and Culture   |
| Joan Asby             | Community          |

In the coming weeks I will be contacting all voluntary sector representatives on PPMB and the Assets Sub Groups to review progress and identify any additional support needs.

# Objective 1

Voluntary/statutory would be especially welcome. Keep watching the PAVS website [www.pavs.org.uk](http://www.pavs.org.uk) for the latest news.

Fiona Walder, Partnership Support Officer  
01437 769422 – [Fiona.walder@pavs.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.walder@pavs.org.uk)

## Partnership Working

In February and earlier in April, 2 successful meetings took place of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Group. The group's action plan for 2003/4, which was primarily concerned with the re-structuring of the group and the re-writing of the Compact, has been completed. A draft action plan for 2004/5 has been developed and will be subject to voluntary sector comment at the Open Consultation Event at the Stackpole Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The action plan will enable the local partnership between the Voluntary Sector and Pembrokeshire County Council to meet the principles outlined in *A Future Together*, guidance produced jointly in 2003 by Welsh Assembly Government, Welsh Local Government Association and Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

Priorities for 2004/5 include

- Consolidation of the Compact
- Improved working of the Voluntary Sector Liaison Group
- Enhanced involvement of the Voluntary Sector in the implementation, monitoring and review of the Community Plan
- Voluntary Sector contributions to service reviews undertaken by Pembrokeshire CC as part of the Wales Programme for Improvement [ a continuous improvement process which has replaced Best Value]  
Involvement of the Voluntary Sector in the work of Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Involvement of the voluntary sector in Policy Agreements i.e. priority targets agreed between PCC and WAG
- Development and publication of a Funding Code of Practice shared

between PCC and the voluntary sector

- A review of Strategic Partnerships and an evaluation of their effectiveness

In order to achieve many of these aims PAVS will

- Develop constituencies of interest - some exist already e.g. Health and Social Care Forums, Village Halls Forum – others will need to be created e.g. Sports and recreation, Advice and advocacy etc. This work will be greatly aided by the development of a PAVS new database
- Further develop mechanisms for consultation with the voluntary sector
- Identify and support voluntary sector representatives on strategic partnerships
- Assist PCC with the production of a directory of partnerships

I hope to meet many of you at Stackpole. If you are unable to attend you can still make your views known at any time. In July Anne Moazzen and I will be meeting with the Chairs and lead Directors for the 4 Overview and Scrutiny Committees. We would especially like to hear from those of you who wish to raise issues relating to:

Economy

Environment

Children and Families

Elderly and Infirm

Please let me have your comments.

Alternatively you may approach the other voluntary sector representatives on the Voluntary Sector Liaison Group

Di Horley, Alan Jowett, Beryl Thomas-Cleaver and Anne Moazzen.

PCC representatives comprise Cabinet Members Bill Roberts, Peter Stock, Bill Hitchings and Roy Folland, the Director of Finance and Leisure Mark Lewis, PCC Corporate Planning Manager Dan Shaw.

Fiona Walder, Partnership Support Officer  
Tel 01437 769422 email [Fiona.walder@pavs.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.walder@pavs.org.uk)

# Volunteer Bureau

## THE WILDLIFE TRUST

- ⇒ Volunteer Species Recorder
- ⇒ Volunteer Wildlife Watch Leader and
- ⇒ Information Technology Volunteer
- ⇒ Volunteer Speaker
- ⇒ Volunteer Handy Person
- ⇒ Volunteer Administrator
- ⇒ Volunteer Walk Event Leader
- ⇒ Education Volunteer

## PAUL SARTORI FOUNDATION

- ⇒ Volunteer Website / IT Development Officer
- ⇒ Volunteer Co-ordinator
- ⇒ Volunteer Fundraising Officer
- ⇒ Volunteer Recycling Officer
- ⇒ Volunteer Merchandise Officer
- ⇒ Volunteer Fundraising Team Leader
- ⇒ Volunteer Marketing Officer

## PIPPA

- ⇒ Volunteer Office Assistant

## TY HAFAN THE CHILDRENS HOSPICE IN WALES

- ⇒ Volunteer Fundraiser
- ⇒ Task Force Volunteer
- ⇒ Collection Box Volunteer

## NATIONAL TRUST

- ⇒ Volunteer Garden Guide
- ⇒ Environmental Education Volunteer
- ⇒ Volunteer Events Co-ordinator
- ⇒ Volunteer Handyman

## TOC H—HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERVICE

- ⇒ Volunteer Area Organiser

## ARTHRITIS CARE

- ⇒ Information Volunteer

## AGE CONCERN PEMBROKESHIRE

- ⇒ Receptionist / Office Volunteer

**Volunteers Week  
1st—7th June**



## PVON Skills Exchange Events

Pembrokeshire Volunteer Organisers Network has successfully acquired funding from the Sustainable



Pembrokeshire Small Grants Scheme to roll out four events for the coming year. The events will focus on the skills exchange of PVON members and volunteer managers. The first event will take place at PAVS on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include workshops looking at stress and time management, assertiveness and complementary therapy. PVON is a membership network for volunteer organisers which aims to provide support, advice and guidance on good working practices and an opportunity to share experiences and ideas. If you would like to find out more about PVON or would like to become a member then please contact Caroline on 01437 771193.

# Volunteer Bureau

## PAVS – Volunteer Bureau Mentoring Project

The aims of the Mentoring Pilot Project were to support people with mental ill health regain or develop skills and self confidence through voluntary action. The project vision was to provide sustainable benefits to the community and voluntary sector by supporting disaffected people with mental health experiences, who may have been excluded from volunteering opportunities access and succeed in volunteering placements.

Sustainable benefits were achieved by providing advanced mentoring and communications skills training to a team of volunteer mentors who were carefully matched with a volunteer (mentee). The relationships provided an opportunity for the mentees to:

- develop increased self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-awareness
- improve inter-personal and communications skills
- improve their goal-setting and problem solving skills
- develop a sense of achievement and future progression

The volunteer mentors were able to develop more communication and inter-personal skills together with increasing their understanding of people which has helped them reflect on their own personal development. The majority of mentors felt that they have contributed to making a tangible and positive difference to someone's life and that they have given back something to the community.

Additional sustainable benefits were also realised by the voluntary organisations. They have supported marginalised people with a mental ill health history who have shown an interest in volunteering thus exercising their equal opportunity policies.

## National Occupational Standards for the Management of Volunteers

The Qualifications Standards Authority has approved the National Occupational Standards for the management of volunteers.

The project, which involved an assessment strategy and qualifications for the management of volunteers, is expected to be published shortly.

The approval paves the way for a great suite of standards to support the volunteer-involving sector and the profession of volunteer management.

Volunteering groups, training providers and awarding bodies will now be expected to work with and develop qualifications based on the standards.

WCVA has been working with the Voluntary Sector National Training Organisation (VSNTO) over the last year to produce the standards. This has involved the input of volunteer managers from all over the UK, including Wales.

## PAVS launch 'VIP'

PAVS is re-launching its volunteering service in Volunteers Week (June 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>). The Volunteer Bureau will be renamed 'Volunteering In Pembrokeshire' and will be marked by an open day event to be held at the PAVS office on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 11am – 2pm. The new service aims to be more inclusive providing a broader range of options for accessing information and support for the diverse needs of individuals, volunteers and organisations in Pembrokeshire.

PAVS open day will also celebrate the opening of the **Pembrokeshire's Centre for Voluntary Action**. For more information contact Caroline on 01437 771193.

# Funding News

## The Sustainable Pembrokeshire Small Grants Scheme



Over the past three years PAVS has administered the Sustainable Pembrokeshire Small Grants scheme. With funding from the Welsh Assembly Government through the Local Regeneration Fund this scheme has supported many different voluntary and community group projects contributing to sustainability in the county.

By the end of the scheme in March 2004, 199 groups had received funding to a total of £207,774.74. This included 26 grants to a total value of £22,753.96 under the Innovation strand of the scheme. This strand of the scheme was funded through the Sustainable Development Fund, a local scheme which is managed by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority .

Applications were submitted under the following themes -

- The **people** we live with
- The **place** where we live
- The way we **communicate**
- The courage to **innovate** \*

\*For individual or business applicants.

### ALL FUNDING DISTRIBUTED...NOW READ THE REPORT!

A report has been written on the scheme, looking at impacts for Pembrokeshire, benefits of the project and lessons learnt. This is available to read on the PAVS website under the Sustainable Pembrokeshire Small grants scheme section - [www.pavs.org.uk](http://www.pavs.org.uk)

## What next?

The Sustainable Pembrokeshire Small grants scheme came to an end with the final deadline for applications on the 18th February 2004. This last round of applications was very well subscribed with over 40 applicants. Unfortunately we were unable to support all of those applying to the scheme.

So what next? PAVS is committed to having a follow-on scheme at some point in the near future which offers similar small grants to small projects in Pembrokeshire.

At present we have not secured further funding for the continuation of the scheme, however we are working hard to do so.

[Thank you for all of the letters of support for the scheme](#)

If you would like to receive information as soon as we have news of a follow on scheme then please e-mail [lorna.unwin@pavs.org.uk](mailto:lorna.unwin@pavs.org.uk)

## Have you got a project which is in need of some funding?

If you would like to run a search on potential funders PAVS has access to Funderfinder and Grantfinder, computer programmes which hold information on over 4000 potential funders.

We also have information and application packs from the large funding organisations and hold a number of brochures, resources and books on funding.

# Funding News

## Funding successes!!

Applying for funding takes time and effort and so this is the part where we acknowledge all the hard work that goes into putting together a successful funding bid. It is also encouraging to see that other local organisations have been successful in their applications for funding.

Here are some of the recent funding successes for the voluntary sector in Pembrokeshire:-

Prioryville play and recreation area  
£15,367

Enfys - Green Spaces + Sustainable  
Communities

Priory Project Ltd  
Lloyds TSB Foundation £7,700

RSVP - Cars for Carers Pembrokeshire  
Co-op Dividend Fund £320

Llys Y Fran Young Farmers club  
Pembrokeshire Keyfund £10,000

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## **Awards for All**

Guidance had been produced for specific types of groups and projects looking for lottery funding. Available to date are: festivals/events, women's institutes pensioner groups, veterans, schools/PTAs.

These contain useful tips on what can and can't be funded.

These are available through the web-site [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or contact PAVS for a paper copy

## **\*Funding Successes?\***

If your group has recently been successful with a grant application then please let us know so that we can spread the good news!

## **WCVA - NEW INFORMATION SHEETS**

The WCVA has produced a new set of information sheets which are available from their web-site

[www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk).

Titles include -

Insurance cover for voluntary groups (A1), Language Initiatives currently operating in Wales (A8), Funding sources for environmental projects (B7) Planning fees for community buildings (E3), An introduction to equal opportunities policies

Copies are also available from WCVA's helpdesk on 0870 607 1666, or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk).

## Charity Commission Warning

There has been a recent warning from the Charity Commission to charities across the country who risk having their bank accounts emptied by a new fraud.

Charities have been cheated when they receive a generous - **but bogus** cheque, but are subsequently asked to repay half the sum because of a claimed administrative error by the unscrupulous 'donor'. If unsuspecting charities repay this money, they find that the original cheque bounces, leaving them robbed of thousands of pounds. Simon Gillespie, director of operations at the Charity Commission, said that this is a very sinister operation because it is so plausible.

Charities should never return any donation **before** the cheque has cleared. If you have any suspicions you should contact the local police or call the Commission's help line on **0870 333 0123**.

# Funders

## Tubney Charitable Trust

The Tubney Charitable Trust is currently undertaking a strategic review, including relocating to new premises and putting together an improved grant-making team.

As from 1st January 2004, funding activities have been on hold whilst new policies and procedures are established.

Grant-making activities are expected to resume by the end of Summer 2004.

The Tubney Charitable Trust have decided to concentrate future grant investments in two programme areas: Natural Environment and Conservation/ Animal Welfare

A decision has also been made to end the palliative care and education Programmes previously supported by the scheme.

Any grant commitments which have already been made in these areas will be met.

For more information over the coming months please visit the web-site at [www.tubney.org.uk](http://www.tubney.org.uk)

New contact details will be available on the web-site once the trust has moved into the new offices.



**Funding deadlines -**  
Bt Community Connections -  
27th May 2004

AOL in the Community -  
11th June 2004



Transforming Lives - Camelot Foundation

Are you working with -

- Young parents or those at risk of becoming young parents
- Young asylum seekers
- Young people with mental health problems
- Young disabled people

The Transforming Lives programme aims to fund small to medium sized organisations across the UK working with these priority groups

The guidelines give details information about how to apply to the Transforming Lives programme. If you want to apply for a grant, please read these guidelines carefully before you begin.

Deadlines for applications in 2004 are July 12th, October 11th

For more information please visit the web-site -  
<http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/Home/Index.cfm>  
Or contact on Tel: 020 7828 6085  
Fax: 020 7828 6087, e-mail:  
[info@camelotfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@camelotfoundation.org.uk)

## **Useful web-sites**

The Giving Campaign - publications about tax-efficient giving  
<http://www.givingcampaign.org.uk/>

The Institute of Fundraising - useful information for fundraisers  
[Www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk)

# Funders

## **Social Risk Fund - more funding...**

The WCVA have confirmed that there will be more funding available under the Social Risk Fund, the scheme which helps to make European funding more accessible to groups in Wales.

Funding of up to £10,000 is available for community and voluntary groups to develop innovative programmes which combat social exclusion, contribute to economic regeneration and assist identified groups of people including young and old and people with disabilities.

For more information please contact the WCVA Europe department on (02920) 431 778 or visit the WCVA web-site - [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)

## **EARL AND COUNTESS OF WESSEX CHARITABLE TRUST**

This charitable trust aims to assist other registered charities and charitable causes, in particular, those with which the Earl and Countess of Wessex have personal connections or interests.

Funding is available for registered charities and self-help groups with charitable aims who are involved with projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance young people. Preference is given to pump-priming projects for development and more extensive fundraising initiatives. Specific project funding requests are preferred.

There are no restrictions to the amount requested. Between 20 and 30 grants are awarded each year with the average grant being between £2,500 and £5,000.

Grants are generally paid in one instalment, although there may be as many as five annual instalments in the case of the more substantial grants.

All approaches to the Trust are reviewed and responded to within two weeks of receipt. There are two annual deadlines of 1 May and 1 November.

Mrs Jenny Cannon  
Farrer & Co  
66 Lincoln's Inn Fields  
London  
Tel: (020) 7242 2022  
Fax: (020) 7242 9899

## **BT Community Connections**



BT Community Connections has recently announced two application rounds for 2004. Successful applicants will receive IT equipment worth approximately £1,300 including: an NEC multi-media PC and one year's connection to BT Yahoo! Anytime Microsoft® software

Deadlines for applications are:- 27th May and 2nd December 2004

For more information about this scheme please visit the web-site - [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com)

E-mail:  
[info@btcommunityconnections.com](mailto:info@btcommunityconnections.com)

Or write to the team at -  
BT Community Connections  
PO Box 4500  
London  
W1A 7LF

# Funders

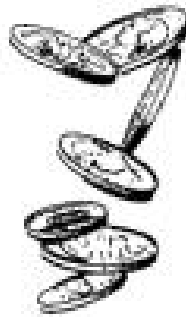
## Community Facilities and Activities Programme (2004 – 07)

The Community Facilities and Activities Programme is a grant scheme operated by the Welsh Assembly Government to help community and voluntary organisations provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities.

The scheme now incorporates the Assembly's Community and Voluntary Sector Local Regeneration Fund, which previously provided grants of a similar nature.

This scheme aims to help groups in the following priority areas:

- Creating or refurbishing facilities available to the community as a whole, or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled.
- Acting to improve the built or natural environment for local people.
- Improving the well-being of the community by encouraging active and healthy life styles.
- Providing facilities or activities which reduce poverty, inequality, discrimination and social disadvantage.
- Encouraging training that targets vulnerable or excluded people.
- Supporting the growth of community businesses and social enterprises.
- Assisting the promotion of job opportunities and increased incomes.
- Involving people of all ages and abilities in the community and addressing the needs of socially excluded groups.
- Strengthening the cultural and linguistic identity of the community.



This fund is intended to fill gaps in finances after other sources have been explored. Applications will be assessed competitively to ensure that the available funds can help the most deserving projects.

Grants may be awarded for a single capital project or to support costs over up to three years.

The next closing dates are 15th July 2004, 15th October 2004 and 15th January 2005.

Further details are available from: The Regeneration Unit, National Assembly of Wales on e-mail [cfaphelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cfaphelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk), or telephone Lisa Clarridge on 029 2080 1041 or David Edwards on 029 2082 6557.

## Abbey National Charitable Trust

The Abbey National Charitable Trust will now only support projects in areas of the UK where the Abbey has a significant presence. Unfortunately Wales is **not** one of the regions which they will be supporting.

However voluntary and community groups in Wales can benefit from - Staff Matched Donation programme - Staff are free to fundraise for any charity and this is matched up to a limit of £500 for an individual and £2,500 for four or more staff.

Staff Volunteering - up to one working week (35 hours) per year for each member of staff

For more information please call 0870 608 0104

Abbey National Charitable Trust, PO Box 911, Milton Keynes MK9 1AD or email:

[communitypartnership@abbey.com](mailto:communitypartnership@abbey.com)

# Funders

## AOL In the Community

### AOL - INNOVATION IN THE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Grants of £2,000 plus subscription to AOL for 12 months are available to cover the costs of broadband access, computers, website design, security improvements, and marketing campaigns for web courses. Support is also available towards the cost of kitchen equipment (to provide refreshments whilst online).

This scheme aims to support community groups that already use the Internet and those that wish to go online for the first time. Awards of £2,000 are available to cover the capital and revenue costs. The award cannot, however, be used to match fund other funding sources.

Registered charities and voluntary groups, Resident associations; regeneration projects; school-related groups such as homework clubs and pre- and after school clubs; disability; elderly; ethnic; environmental; sports; women's; men's and parents groups

Deadline for 2004 awards is 11th June

Application forms are available to be downloaded from the website

#### **AOL UK**

80 Hammersmith Road

London W14 8UD

Tel: (020) 7348 8390

E-mail: [ukinnovation@aol.com](mailto:ukinnovation@aol.com)

Website:

<http://www.aol.co.uk/innovation>

### PARTNERSHIP FUND

This fund has been established by the Department for Work and Pensions to make funding is available to non-profit-making organisations to establish and manage initiatives that increase the take-up of benefits by older people, particularly the vulnerable and those in 'hard-to-reach' groups such as those living in rural or remote areas and severely disabled and housebound older people.

The fund aims to -

- Promote the independence of older people;
- Integrate joint working between partners;
- Improve access to services; and
- Gain better understanding of older people's needs in a specific community, region or country setting

Examples of eligible costs are staff and volunteer costs, training costs and management costs. A substantial proportion of the available funds will be committed to initiatives costing less than £50,000.

Joint applications from two or more organisations working in partnership to deliver a shared initiative are particularly welcomed

The next closing date for applications is the 30th June 2004

Application forms are available electronically or in hard copy

Pension Service

PO Box 44795

London SW1P 2XQ

E-mail:

[ThePartnershipFund@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ThePartnershipFund@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)

Website: <http://>

[www.thepensionerservice.gov.uk](http://www.thepensionerservice.gov.uk)

# Funders & Events

## Environment Agency Action Earth 2004

Formerly known as Whitbread Action Earth, but now sponsored by The Environment Agency, Environment Agency Action Earth is managed by CSV Environment.

This is an annual scheme, providing very small grants of around £50 for local communities throughout the UK to carry out small-scale environmental projects. There is a rolling programme of application closing dates tied to the time you wish to do your project.

The final closing date is May 2004. The kind of activity that might be supported includes: clearing woodland, litter collection, planting trees and bulbs, creating footpaths and building bird boxes.

If you would like more information and application packs then please contact Naseem Akhtar, Action Earth Co-ordinator, CSV Environment, Telephone 0121 328 7455 or e-mail [naseem@csvgreenenvironment.org.uk](mailto:naseem@csvgreenenvironment.org.uk).

## Newby Trust Ltd.

### Special Category Scheme

Registered charities are encouraged to apply to the special category scheme if it is appropriate to their aims.

2004- 2005 - Mobility for the physically disabled which runs starting from the new financial year.

Applications should be no more than 2 sides of A4 to include costings and amount raised to date, annual reports and audited accounts and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Applications should be received by the end of September for consideration at the November meeting. Applicants will be advised approximately three weeks after the meeting.

Grants vary in amount from £100 - £10,000.

Applications should be sent to:  
The Secretary, Newby Trust Ltd, Hill Farm, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 1BQ  
Or e-mail - [info@newby-trust.org.uk](mailto:info@newby-trust.org.uk)

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## Wales Fundraisers Network

The Institute of Fundraising Cymru in consultation with Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire

Associations of Voluntary Services will be holding its latest network session at the Queens Hall, in Narberth on 9 June 2004.

Margaret Underwood of Third Sector Development and Training has agreed by special request, to run her 'Developing a fundraising strategy' workshop for us. "We call it staying alive and any voluntary organisation which needs to secure its future cannot afford to miss it".

It is hoped that the second speaker will be able to give us some news on the implications of the review of the Wales Assembly voluntary sector scheme which is currently out for consultation.

The session will run from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm and will include lunch. The cost is £15 and £10 for Institute of Fundraising Members Contact email: [cymru@institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](mailto:cymru@institute-of-fundraising.org.uk) or phone 02920 521272 for a booking form.

The newsletter can be made available by email, in braille or large print and on cassette tape. PAVS' also welcomes articles and correspondence in Welsh.

Please telephone 01437 769422 to talk through your requirements or get in touch by Email: [enquiries@pavs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@pavs.org.uk)

### *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6th May<br>Haverfordwest                                  | Spring Joint Forum Event at<br>Cricket Club                               |
| 21st May<br>Committee<br>Town Hall                        | South West Wales regional<br>Meeting, Pembroke                            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2004<br>Being Strategy<br>Withybush | Health Social Care and Well<br>Consultation Event in<br>Conference Centre |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2004<br>Narberth                    | Carers Day, Plas Hyfred,                                                  |
| 20th July<br>Committee<br>Centre, Carmarthen              | South West Wales Regional<br>Meeting, Haliwell                            |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2004                                | Summer Joint Forums Event<br>Withybush Conference Centre                  |

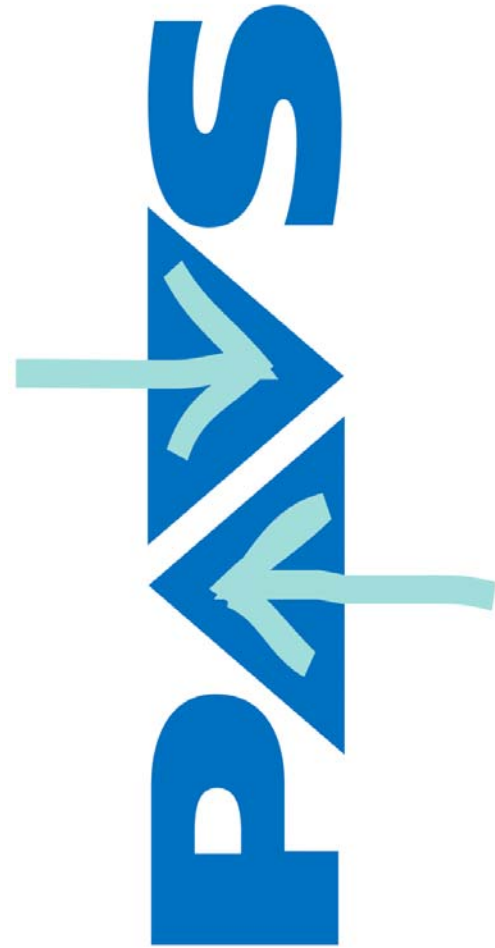
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