

OPPORTUNITY FOR 'VOL. ORGS.' TO HIRE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT



Mantell Gwynedd has secured a sum of money via the youth service capital funding grant following a successful bid in 2008 which was co-ordinated by the Statutory Youth Service in Gwynedd. These grants are offered in order to improve access to services and to purchase new mobile provision which will enhance youth service delivery and contact with young people across all sectors. We submitted a bid in order to purchase mobile computer and digital equipment that will be loaned out to voluntary organisations for use with young people during events and activities organised e.g. photography workshops, training sessions, focus groups, competitions etc

On loan will be: laptops, wi-fi printers (multi purpose) one PC projector, video cameras and digital cameras. Adobe Photoshop Elements and Microsoft Publisher are amongst the software installed on the laptops.



We aim to start this loan service beginning of April 2009. If you are interested and would like further information, please get in touch with me. You can find my contact details at the end of this bulletin.



BBC CYMRU WALES CHARITIES ADVISORY FORUM: IN NEED OF - CHAIR & FORUM MEMBERS.

BBC Cymru Wales

The BBC Cymru Wales Charities Advisory Forum is made up of independent experts from outside the BBC with wide experience of the voluntary sector in Wales who advise and support BBC Cymru Wales Management.

Do you have a background in community activity or charity work? Can you offer advice on general issues connected with media broadcasting opportunities? Or perhaps you have expertise in issues affecting children and young people and can help determine the distribution of BBC Children in Need grants in Wales?

Membership of the Forum requires a commitment of about 18 days a year – slightly more for the Chair. Membership is on a voluntary basis, but your expenses will be covered. We are seeking applications for a number of Forum Members and also for a committed individual to chair the Forum. Applications should be received by 16 April 2009.

For an application form and person specification, please send a large SAE to: BBC Cymru Wales Charities Office, Room M1010, Broadcasting House, Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 2YQ. Textphone 029 2032 2094.

e-mail walescharities@bbc.co.uk or visit www.bbc.co.uk/walescharities

CYNNYDD ANNUAL CONFERENCE - APRIL 2009

Cynnydd, the Wales Youth Justice Practitioners Forum is holding its annual conference on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April 2009 at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

Amongst confirmed speakers are: John Drew, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Board; Archbishop of Wales, Dr. Barry Morgan; Keith Towler, Children's Commissioner for Wales and Barbara Wilding, Chief Constable, South Wales Police.

Delegates will also be able to attend a variety of workshops relating to ADHD; Equality; Solvent Abuse and Safeguarding Children against sexual exploitation.

The Conference is aimed mainly at professionals from the youth offending field.

Cost: £290 to include conference dinner and overnight accommodation on the 1st, delegate pack and refreshments. Please enquire about cancellation policy!

Although closing date for the Conference was on 16th March, there might still be a chance to book your place if there is availability. Contact Caroline Gittins, Swansea Youth Offending Service, Llwyncelyn Children's Centre, Llwyncelyn, Cockett Road, Cockett, Swansea SA2 0FJ ASAP!

Tel: 01792 522800 Fax: 01792 522805

CHILDREN IN WALES EVENTS



WORKING WITH FATHERS

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March 2009, 9.30am - 4.00pm - Holt Lodge Hotel, Wrexham

This two day course is offered as a start in the process of finding solutions and ways of working with fathers. The course was drawn up by fathers and workers from the health care profession. It encourages debate and will focus attention on ways of engaging fathers that will be of direct benefit to their children, their partners and to society as a whole.

Cost: Members: £190; Non-members: £230

WHY RUN A GROUP?

Tuesday, 31st March 2009, 9.30am - 4.30pm - Children in Wales, Windsor Place, Cardiff

This one day course considers the fundamental issues which need to be addressed when offering Group Work to clients. It will also help participants to identify strengths and weaknesses in their current practice and to consider future avenues for training. The course is suitable for people working with any kind of group.

Cost: Members: £115; Non-members: £140

EARLY SUPPORT: MAKING IT HAPPEN IN WALES

Friday 12 June, 2009 - Holt Lodge Hotel, Wrexham

Early Support is to be implemented over the next three years and the purpose of these introductory events is to raise awareness amongst practitioners, parents and carers to: improve outcomes for young disabled children; support delivery of the National Service Framework and wider Rights to Action issues for young disabled children; assist parents and professionals to work in a more family-centered way, monitoring children's progress and working in partnership.

The event is free of charge, including refreshments and lunch. Places are limited so places must be booked in advance.

To enquire about any of the above events or to request a booking form, please contact: Children in Wales on Tel: 029 2034 2434, Fax: 029 2034 3134 or E-mail: bookings@childreninwales.org.uk

GWIRVOL - YOUTH LED GRANT



The Gwirvol Youth Led Grants Scheme is aimed at young people aged 16 - 25, who have an idea or project that will benefit their local community.

This could be a one-off project such as a group of young people organising a Christmas knees-up for local elderly people to an individual organising a clean up day in their local community!

A grant of up to £500 is available for individuals or groups to fund their projects and all projects must comply to the criteria that has been set out, which is:

- They MUST be youth led
- They MUST provide at least 2 volunteering opportunities for young people aged 16 to 25
- They MUST be of benefit to the local community

Youth Led Grants Panel

All the applications are assessed by a Grants Panel which is made up of Young People from Gwynedd. It is up to them to decide who gets the money.

Panel Members receive full training and traveling expenses are covered. Anyone aged 16 to 25 can take part as a panel member.

If you are interested in being a panel member, get in touch with Mirain Roberts at the Gwynedd Volunteering Centre on 01286 672626 or email:

mirainroberts@mantellgwynedd.com

The next grants round will be open in April 2009

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Gwynedd Volunteer Centre has received a grant of £4000 (i.e. the Gwirvol - youth led grant) to distribute to groups to help develop youth volunteering activities. This is a good opportunity to be a part of a new group that will decide on how to share the money. By taking part young people will:

- have a chance to gain training on how to assess grant application, how to score and discuss the application
- get to know other young volunteers
- have their travelling costs paid
- have an opportunity to make decisions about volunteering for young people in Gwynedd
- have something to add to their CV
- have a fun experience

To be a part of the panel we are looking for young people (16-25 old) who will be able to commit from March 2009 – March 2010. (there will be about 4 meetings to be arranged at a convenient time and location)

Are you a young person or know of a young person who might be interested? What next? To put your name forward, please fill in the slip below and return before 31/03/09 to:

Mantell Gwynedd, FREEPOST NWW4062A Caernarfon, Gwynedd. LL55 1ZZ

I am interested in being part of a Young People's Grant Panel

Name:.....

Address:.....

Post Code:..... DOB:

Tel: Mobile No:

E-mail:.....

PILOT PROJECT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY



In February a Pilot Project of Children and Young People's University was launched to pupils of Glan y Môr School, Pwllheli. It is a way of giving formal recognition to children and young people for the activities they take part in outside of normal school hours. The main aim of the project is to encourage children and young people to reach their full potential through taking part in various activities.

If you're interested to know more or be a part of the project, contact us:

childrensuniversity@gwynedd.gov.uk or by phoning: **01286 675570**.

GOOD PRACTICE IN PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP - 31/03/2009

This is an invitation to attend an interesting workshop that will concentrate on how and why to include children and young people in decision-making.

The workshop will focus on:

- How to encourage children and young people to participate through your daily work
- Examples of how children and young people already are involved in decision making
- Hear from children and young people their own experience of taking part
- A presentation of 'Clywed' certificates

Workshop Details:

Tuesday, 31st March 2009 at Talysarn Community Centre between 12pm - 3pm

To confirm your place, please contact Gwawr Davies on: **01286 679648** or **07833 294630** or via e-mail: gwawrdavies@gwynedd.gov.uk by March 26th.



MINISTER ANNOUNCES SCHEME TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND PRE-VENT NEET (NOT ENGAGED IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING)

Pre-VENT has been given the go ahead for almost £4 million from the Convergence European Social Fund to tackle the causes of young people who find it difficult to learn and are at risk of leaving school without qualifications or the skills to find a job.

Targeted at 11-13 year olds, the three year project will provide a package of support and training for over 7,000 young people who will be the first to benefit from an EU funding scheme aimed at this age range.

Through the project, teachers, working alongside youth workers and community youth leaders, will help identify those most at risk of becoming NEET [Not in Education, Employment or Training]. As a result, a tailored package of support will be provided, in school and in outreach settings, to help them overcome any barriers to learning and encourage them to remain in education.

Using a range of innovative approaches such as motivational techniques and emotional intelligence support to boost their confidence, young people will have the chance to learn how vocational training options could provide an alternative to traditional academic learning. They will also be given the opportunity to develop skills to allow them to make informed decisions about their education and careers.