

Mantell

NEWSLETTER FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN GWYNEDD

No 60 • February 2013

Contents

From Mantell	2
News	3
Ffrindia'	4
Volunteering Centre	5
Children and Young People	6
Enterprising Communities	7
Health, Social Care and Well-being	8
Teulu Ni/B2C	9
Making the Connections	10
Funding Opportunities	11
Events and Training	12

Gwynedd CAB secures £465,000 Big Lottery Funding to make it easier for residents living in rural areas of Gwynedd to access debt, benefit and employment advice

Working in partnership with Mantell Gwynedd, CAB have secured £465,000 of Big Lottery Funding which will enable the purchase and installation of satellite equipment. This new equipment will provide a link with specialist advisors in the main CAB centres who will be able to provide instant specialist advice. This will mean that individuals living in more rural areas in Gwynedd will no longer need to travel long distances to seek advice but will be able to hop on board the Mobile Unit for advice. It will also reduce waiting times for advice.

It is expected the service will be available from April 2013 onwards.

If you feel your community would benefit from a visit by the mobile unit then please contact CAB Caernarfon on **01286 682302**.





Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ewrop & Chymru: Buddsoddi yn eich dyfodol
Cronfa Gymdeithasol Ewrop

Europe & Wales: Investing in your future
European Social Fund




Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ewrop & Chymru: Buddsoddi yn eich dyfodol
Cronfa Datblygu Rhanbarthol Ewrop

Europe & Wales: Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



**ARIENNIR GAN Y LOTERI
LOTTERY FUNDED**

MANTELL GWYNEDD

Registered Office:
23-25 Y Bont Bridd, Caernarfon,
Gwynedd, LL55 1AB.
Tel: 01286 672626 • Fax: 01286 678430

E-mail: enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com

Registered Office:
The Old Police Station, Lombard Street,
Dolgellau, Gwynedd, LL40 1SB.
Tel: 01341 422575 • Fax: 01341 422147

Website: www.mantellgwynedd.com

MANTELL GWYNEDD STAFF

Chief Officer:

Bethan Russell Williams

DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES TEAM

Senior Development & Services Officer:

Delyth Vaughan

Social Enterprise Development Officer:

Bet Huws

Making the Connections Officer:

Carol Evans

Children & Young People Facilitator:

Carwyn Humphreys

TEULU NI PROJECT

Teulu Ni Project Officer:

Mair Richards

BUSINESS SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Business Supporting Communities Officer:

Emily Williamson

Business Supporting Communities Administration Officer:

Rosie Seymour

HEALTH TEAM

Health & Social Care Facilitator:

Sioned Llwyd Larsen

Ffrindia' Project Manager:

Carys Williams

Arfon Volunteer Co-ordinator:

Nia Haf Jones

Dwyfor Volunteer Co-ordinator:

Dawn Thomas

Meirionnydd Volunteer Co-ordinator:

Gwenlli Haf Evans

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Deputy Chief Officer & Head of Finance & Operations Team:

Ceren Williams

Administration Officer:

Bronwen Rowlands

Finance Assistant:

Tracy Williams

Administration Assistant:

Tracy Lynne Rotheram

Administration Assistant:

Ellen ap Dafydd

Receptionist:

Tayera Khan

VOLUNTEER CENTRE TEAM

Volunteer Co-ordinator:

Rhianon Jones

Volunteer Officer:

Ann Angharad Fleming

Volunteer Officer:

Iola Till

Youth Volunteering Officer & Big Lottery Project Officer:

Mirain Roberts

A note from the Chief Officer

I'm not sure when we're too far into the year to say "happy new year" but as this is the first newsletter of 2012, despite the fact its February, I'll wish you a Happy New Year anyway!

I guess this year will be a pretty crucial one for the Third Sector in Wales given a recent Written Statement by the Welsh Government on the future of the Third Sector infrastructure in Wales. In a Ministerial Statement last month by Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities, he announced the start of a process to look afresh at the relationship between the Welsh Government and the Third Sector. He stated "My aim is to make this crucial relationship as strong and effective as possible". In particular he stated that it must be ensured that the support provided by the Welsh Government to Third Sector infrastructure organisations including Wales Council for Voluntary Action, County Voluntary Councils and Volunteer Centres is appropriate for present circumstances and delivers the best possible value for money.

The Minister went on to say that some of the key documents which underpin the relationship have not been updated for several years. This includes the Voluntary Sector Scheme as well as the Code of Practice for Funding the Third Sector. He added "We need to ensure that our working and funding arrangements to support the Third Sector take account of the Programme for Government. I am keen that the support we give to the sector supports activity that helps to tackle poverty and focusses on outcomes". He added "I believe there is scope to improve the ways that the Welsh Government and

the Third Sector work together. This includes on being clear on what we can achieve, the role that the Sector plays in Welsh Society, how we engage with each other, and the structure that supports the sector".

There is a clear commitment for this to be a collaborative and open process with the Minister stating "I expect to be drawing on the knowledge and experience of a wide variety of Third Sector organisations and individuals, as well as others with relevant knowledge and interest in this process".

The timeline has now been set. There will be a set of informal workshops commencing this month, a Reference Group of Third Sector representatives is being set up which will include key stakeholders and officials, followed by a formal consultation process later in the year. The outcomes from this consultation will help shape the future of the working and funding relationship between Welsh Government and the Third Sector in Wales.

To those of you who benefit from the work of Mantell Gwynedd I would urge you to respond to this consultation. There is an opportunity for you to provide your input into the evidence which will be collected. In this climate of financial cuts and savings we need to be absolutely certain that this is not a means of cutting funding and withdrawing support from the sector through the back door. Without the support of Welsh Government we cannot fulfill our current work.

We have challenging times ahead ...

Until the next time!

Bethan



INFO & ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF MANTELL

The deadline for information or articles to be included in the next edition of Mantell is

12th of April 2013

Send or e-mail any information to **Ellen ap Dafydd** at Mantell Gwynedd, Dolgellau.

ellenapdafydd@mantellgwynedd.com

Tel: **01341 422 575**

NEW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



Bet was appointed as Social Enterprise Development Officer in January 2013.

Born in Rhos Isaf, she grew up in Penmachno, and now lives in Llanberis with her horses. She was a primary school teacher and former Welsh for Adults tutor before realising a childhood desire to become a costume designer. She followed a career in costume design for theatre, film and television for over twenty years before her appointment as a Language Broker in Peblig, Caernarfon. This pilot scheme has been supporting the residents of the ward to maximize their Welsh language skills to apply for jobs locally, as well as encouraging entrepreneurship.

In her current role, Bet promotes the development of social enterprises across the county and works with community groups to identify business opportunities and trade. The hope is to ensure the future sustainability of organisations by identifying their business potential. The Enterprising Communities project which supports this work is being funded by the European Convergence funds.



Community Translation

Are you a community or charitable group?
Do Welsh speakers and non-Welsh speakers
attend your meetings?

Would you like to give everyone the opportunity to speak in their
language of choice? ?

Mentrau Iaith across North Wales have a new project which is part of the Welsh Government Rural Development Fund and the European Union.

The intention is to offer a professional translating service, both written and simultaneous for a price within reach of community groups and third sector organisations. The scheme will run until December 2013.

If interested in the service and for more details contact:
Glyn Jones or Eryllt Tudur on 01492 642357
www.cyfieithucymunedol.org



National Conference: The Future of Welsh Speaking Communities



The recent publication of the 2011 Census results has shone the spotlight on the Welsh language, and its future as a community language.

Hunaniaith will host a national conference to discuss the future of Welsh-speaking communities: their characteristics, opportunities and challenges they face.

Date **22-03-13** • Time: **09:00 – 16.30**

Location: **Galeri, Doc Fictoria, Caernarfon, LL55 1SQ**

Cost: **£20.00**

The speakers will include:

Leighton Andrews AM Welsh Government Minister for Education and Skills,

Gwenith Price Director of Strategy Welsh Language Commissioner,

Adam Price,

Glyn Price Chief Statistician Welsh Government,

Meirion Prys Jones,

Professor Colin Williams,

Iwan Evans Head of Policy Snowdonia National Park Authority

and

Marc Jones Chairman 'Saith Seren' Wrexham Welsh Centre

To attend the conference, please contact
hunaniaith@gwynedd.gov.uk
or phone **01286 679 452**

Ffrindia'

Ffrindia' is a befriending scheme funded by the Big Lottery AdvantAGE programme for Gwynedd residents.

For more details, contact:

Nia Haf Jones – Arfon

01286 672626 • 07786511208 nia@mantellgwynedd.com

Dawn Thomos – Dwyfor

01286 672626 • 07786397890 dawn@mantellgwynedd.com

Gwenlli Haf Evans – Meirionnydd

01341 422575 • 07786513038 gwenlli@mantellgwynedd.com



Last year Ffion Mared Jones came to the Volunteering Centre to discuss volunteering opportunities during the evenings. Nia Haf, Arfon's Co-ordinator explained how Ffrindia' would support her and how valuable just an hour of her time would be.

"Every week I look forward just as much as Mrs Chalk, putting the world to rights over a cuppa – the time flies by in her company, and when I arrive home I really feel that I have made a difference."

Left: Ffion Mared with Mrs Olive Chalk

The befriending between Joan Owen from Abersoch and Elaine Evans is a success as they share the same interest. Elaine Evans is a dedicated volunteer with Ffrindia' and she befriends once a week. They enjoy being in the garden, and visiting garden centres.

"It's been a very enjoyable experience," says Joan "we've found that we have a common interest in gardening. People my age find their families live away so to have somebody come and talk to you is a help."

"It's a pleasure being in Elaine's company and I eagerly look forward to seeing Elaine every week. I can't think of anything I would change to do with Ffrindia', it's wonderful!"

Right: Joan Owen and Elaine Evans



Welcome to new volunteers from Dwyfor

Congratulations to Bet Roberts and Dorothy Hughes (right) for completing their induction training. Both are eager to volunteer with Ffrindia' and are looking forward to being befrienders.

They will be joining an enthusiastic team of volunteers in Dwyfor.



Volunteering Wales website – do you need to promote volunteering opportunities within your organisation?



Gwirfoddoli Cymru
Volunteering Wales

Click on to the Volunteering Wales website – www.gwirfoddolicymru.net – and you will find a comprehensive list of volunteering opportunities across Wales. The website is administered by the WCVA, and it was re-launched in January 2013. Organisations are now able to input data about their available volunteering opportunities directly onto the website, and once the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre approves the opportunity – it will appear live on the website. This is an excellent opportunity to advertise your volunteer vacancies **for FREE!**

Contact the Volunteer Centre for more information.

Volunteers' Week

Dates to remember **1st – 7th of June 2013.**

Volunteers' Week is a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place during the first week of June each year since 1984. The main aims of the Week are to recognise, reward and recruit volunteers.

Why not make the most of the week by organising an event to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution given by your loyal volunteers?

The Gwynedd Volunteer Centre will be organising activities to celebrate the Week – full details in the next issue.

WALES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2013

Call to reward Wales' outstanding volunteers!

Is there an inspirational individual in your community? Or a group that selflessly and tirelessly gives up their time to help improve the lives of others?

This is your chance to nominate them for the **'Wales Volunteer of the Year Award 2013'**

There are five different categories:

Young person under 25 • Adult (age 25 and over)

'Green' volunteer • Trustee

Groups (consisting of two or more)

Last year, throughout Wales, 140 nominations were received with seven of them from Gwynedd. Every year, all nominees from Gwynedd are invited to a 'Celebration Tea' held during 'Volunteers' Week'.

The WCVA also organises an event in Cardiff to congratulate the three most outstanding nominations in each category, and last year Mr Wil Huntley from Barmouth was among the national winners.

So ... put your thinking caps on but don't forget that nominations have to be received by WCVA, Cardiff before 12th April 2013.

For further details and a nomination form, please contact the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre.

A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO WIN A HAMPER FOR YOUR ORGANISATION!!!

The Gwynedd Volunteer Centre invites individuals and/or organisations to send a photo which portrays **VOLUNTEERING in Gwynedd.**

We are looking for photographs of people, of any age, doing any volunteering activity.

Photographs may be submitted by any age group but ...

- The photographer must have the permission of the people photographed before sending the photo to our office;

- Each photo must be accompanied by a 'Competition form' (available from our office);

- Closing date is 20th May 2013.

Full guidelines available from the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre.

Gwynedd Volunteer Centre

01286 672626

volunteering@mantellgwynedd.com

New home for Meic

Meic, the advocacy and advice service for children and young people, has relocated to new offices in Cardiff Bay as it marks the second anniversary of its 24 hours a day, 7 days a week helpline.

It's not only about complaints and advice. While advocacy may sometimes include both, it is more about listening and ensuring the wishes and feelings of children and young people are heard by others regardless of whether the advocate agrees or not. By listening to children and young people they can be safeguarded better.



The Deputy Minister Gwenda Thomas said:

“I am aware of the huge difference Meic makes to the lives of children and young people. Children and young people should expect to be protected from harm, to have education and things to do outside school, to be listened to when they are not happy, to have an opinion and be involved.”

Millennium Volunteers

Elain Siân Roberts and Llion Hughes, year 13 at Ysgol Brynrefail, receiving their Millennium Volunteers certificates.

Elain was recognised for volunteering 50 hours with the Urdd. Due to her volunteering being linked to sports she receives a 50 hours Sports certificate.

Llion received a 50 hours certificate for volunteering at Menter Fachwen and W.R.V.S. at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

Other achievement by Millennium Volunteers ...

Gwenan Mair Williams: 50 hours of volunteering – Ysgol Bro Lleu and Capel y Groes;

Georgina Fletcher: 50 and 100 hours of volunteering – CIP;

Mari Fflur Rowlinson: 50 hours of volunteering – Red Cross and Siop Tŷ Gobaith;

Elliw Haf Griffith: 50 hours of volunteering – Ysgol Brynrefail and Eisteddfod Llanrug;

Rachel Williams: 50 hours of volunteering – CIP and Pwllheli Rotary Club.



Cymunedau Mentrus



Meithrin Menter Gymdeithasol Leol

Growing Local Social Enterprise

An Enterprise Centre for Llŷn

The Communities First Programme has now ended on the Llŷn Peninsula, but the work continues through Cymydaen cyf, the company founded from the Communities First Partnership. One of the projects that resulted from the work of Communities First was the Congl Meinciau Enterprise Centre in Botwnnog. The building is owned by Cywaith, a subsidiary of Tai Eryri and is a part of the Tai, Iaith, Gwaith project aimed at securing a sustainable future for the Welsh speaking community of Llŷn.

Gwenan Griffith has been appointed as the Digital Inclusion Officer and Meinir Jones as the Project Manager for Cymydaen Cyf.

As part of the Communities 2.0 project Gwenan is able to help people become accustomed to using computers. Drop in to get advice for free. Cynnyrch Llŷn is another project which helps anyone who is interested in developing local food or other products.

For more information contact us on **01758 770001** or post@conglmeinciau.com



Environmental Management Systems Workshops

The Green Dragon Environmental Standard® provides a framework for companies and organisations to develop a recognised Environmental management system which ...

- reduces energy consumption and saves costs,
- improves efficiency performance,
- complies with environmental legislation,
- enables one to stand out among competitors.

A series of workshops were held in Caernarfon and Penrhyndeudraeth with Emlyn Williams from Groundwork North Wales to explain the process.

The Green Dragon is a stepped system, which includes five levels of achievement. An organisation can apply at the level that suits their size, structure and activities.

They can then apply at a higher level if they want to further improve their environmental performance. Each level is recognised by certification and inclusion on the Green Dragon® website Register, which verifies the company's commitment to environmental management.

For an electronic copy of the workshop content, contact bethuws@mantellgwynedd.com



Next Health, Social Care and Well-being event

The next event is to be held on Tuesday March 19th at the Ganolfan, (near the Cob) in, Porthmadog at 10am. It will be an excellent opportunity for you to receive and share information on related issues. A representative from the WCVA will give a presentation on the "Wales Wellbeing Bond" and there will be an opportunity for a further discussion to explore its' potential for your organisation. The event will also focus on commissioning services within health and social care.

For more information or to book your place please contact Sioned on **01286 672626** or sioned@mantellgwynedd.com



Some of the participants at the last Network meeting held on the 4th of December at the Leisure Centre, Porthmadog

Taith Project: A Support Service for Young Adult Carers and their Families

The aim of the project is to ensure that young adult carers, aged 16 to 25 have the support they need. This includes support with further education, training or employment, in order that they can fulfil their ambitions and maximise their potential.

Here are a few examples of what the project can offer:

- Developing life skills /improving self-confidence and self esteem,
- Advice on money matters and housing issues,
- Sign posting to other agencies that can assist the individual and their family,
- Advocacy,
- Individual support with issues facing the young person,
- Opportunities to meet other young adult carers and information regarding carers rights.

For more information please contact Action for Children on 01248 353 095 or gwyneddyoungcarers@actionforchildren.org.uk

The Big Health Debate

The Welsh Government is asking whether new laws should be introduced to tackle some of the challenges facing us with our health and want to know whether the NHS, local authorities and other bodies should be required to do more to improve the public's health.

You can do this by responding to the consultation about whether we should have a Public Health Bill in Wales at <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/publichealth/?lang=en>

Wanted – Trustees!

Bangor Women's Aid supports families who are suffering domestic abuse and empowers and enables them to make informed choices. They can provide emergency refuge accommodation and support women and their children to remain in their own homes. The organisation is currently looking for enthusiastic women who are passionate about ending violence towards women and children to join their trustee board.

For more information please contact enquiries@bangorwomensaid.org or **01248 679077**.

Next South Gwynedd Long Term Health Condition Alliance

You are welcome to join us at the next meeting which will take place on Monday the 4th of March at the Glan Wnion Leisure Centre, Dolgellau at 10:00 am. For more information please contact Sioned on **01286 672626** or sioned@mantellgwynedd.com

Teulu Ni



During the past few months the Family Buddies have been concentrating on visiting other agencies to inform them of the project's work.

The demand for the project's services has increased and nine families in the three areas of Gwynedd are now receiving a service. The Service is tailored to the needs of each individual family, such as:

- Supporting parents to attend appointments,
- Supporting fathers to attend sessions with their children at local Leisure Centres,
- Supporting families to ensure that improvements are carried out in their homes,
- Cooking sessions with families,
- Supporting parents to venture out of the house,
- Arranging swimming sessions for children.

During the next few weeks we will be arranging an activity for all the families receiving support from the project and visiting two Big Lottery Fund Improving Futures programme in South Wales: the Eleri project in Cardiff and the Family Connections project in Bridgend.

For more information about opportunities for families please contact:

Mair Richards,
Project Officer on **01286 672 626**
or by e-mail:
teuluni@mantellgwynedd.com

Have you considered the support of a Mentor?



Busnesau yn Cefnogi Cymunedau
Business Supporting Communities

Business Supporting Communities can help to carefully match mentors with community groups who would like that little bit of extra support.

Mentors can come from a wide range of backgrounds and professions, but essentially will have excelled within a particular subject area, e.g. Communications, Human Resources, Marketing, IT, Finance or Business Management. In this respect the role of the B2C Mentor will be shaped by their personal credentials.

Mentoring is all about one person helping another, so that they are able to achieve identified goals. The Mentor and community group or individual will be carefully matched with support from the Business Supporting Communities (B2C) team. Every community group or individual provides a project brief with support from their local Project Officer.

B2C Mentors will:

- Act as a 'sounding-board' for community groups or individuals;
- Offer non-directive advice based on specific personal experiences, knowledge and skills;
- Be reliable, patient, non-judgemental and maintain client confidentiality at all times;
- Act as an independent source of help, Mentors will not be used to replace existing support services.

Please have a look at our website to see what other ways in which the B2C Team in Mantell Gwynedd have to offer your community, or follow me on Facebook, Linked in or Twitter for upto date information and news about what's happening in your area.

Contact your team in Mantell Gwynedd today ...

Emily Williamson emily@b2cwailes.co.uk
or Rosie Seymour Rosie@b2cwailes.co.uk

www.b2cwailes.co.uk

'Making the Connections' Project

"Making the Connections" is an initiative funded by the European Social Fund and Welsh Government running in Convergence areas of West Wales and the Valleys.

The main aim of the project is to ensure more effective input by the third sector to the Local Service Board's main priority areas and to promote their role in the provision of public services..

In Gwynedd and Anglesey the key partners are represented on the Local Service Board (which includes leaders from Snowdonia National Park, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Bangor University, the Welsh Government, Mantell Gwynedd, Medrwn Môn, North Wales Police, Coleg Menai and the two Local Authorities).

The Board are committed to improve the quality of life for our citizens and are developing a Single Integrated Plan through integrating four key strategies (*the Community Strategy, the Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Strategy, the Children and Young People Plan, and Community Safety Plan*). This new, simpler way of working will identify the results that the Board wish to achieve, whilst having a positive influence on the lives of the people in our communities.

The Board will now be looking at the main priority areas in the Gwynedd Single Integrated Plan (Improving Gwynedd Together www.gwyneddarycyd.org.uk) and the Anglesey Single Integrated Plan (Our Island – Our Future www.anglesey.gov.uk) and will then go on to develop one plan for Gwynedd and Anglesey.

To avoid duplication and to develop more effective services for our citizens, there will be a need for real collaborative working and real sharing of resources. Without a doubt, third sector involvement plays a crucial role in this development.

In time, the Local Authorities will develop commissioning plans; will be looking at current service level agreements, taking into account who in the third sector have a good history of achieving, and have robust business plans.

This is an excellent opportunity for third sector organisations to prove their worth, to show that their input is essential for the development of public services in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

What can you do??

It is worth taking a step back, taking time out to have a closer look at your policies and procedures ...

- Do you have an up to date Business Plan?
- Do you have your latest audited accounts?
- Do you have a Health and Safety Policy?
- Do you have an Equality and Diversity Policy?
- Do you have an Environmental Policy?
- Do you have a Data Protection Policy?
- Do you have any Quality Assurance Systems?

To apply for any type of service level agreement it is recommended that you at least have the above policies in place. This is your opportunity to 'get your house in order'.

Your 'Making the Connections' Project Development Officer can assist you with this.

Phone: **01286 672626**

or e-mail:

carol@mantellgwynedd.com

to make an appointment.



Community Investment Fund

The Community Investment Fund aims to strengthen and develop groups and enterprises within the third sector. The purpose is to enable the third sector to play a full role in the Gwynedd communities. Groups or enterprises can apply for a capital and/or revenue grant up to a maximum of £10,000.

Groups or enterprises can submit applications to the next round (subject to funds available) by 5.00 pm on the 28th of March, 2013.

The closing dates for 2013-14 are as follows :

28th June, 2013

30th September, 2013

3rd January, 2014 (subject to available funds)

For more information or to discuss a project idea please contact Mantell Gwynedd on 01286 672 626 or delyth@mantellgwynedd.com or visit www.mantellgwynedd.com



You can also apply for up to £1,000 directly to Elin Morris, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd. For more information please contact Elin on elin.morris@ccgwynedd.org.uk or 0300 123 8084.

**Further news,
articles and
information
can be found on our
website!**

Mantell is published by Mantell Gwynedd. The opinions expressed in Mantell are not necessarily those of Mantell Gwynedd.

We reserve the right to edit before publication.

Welsh Church's Fund in Gwynedd

The Welsh Church Fund derives from the Welsh Church Act 1914. Gwynedd Council administrates the fund and allocates the interest from the fund in grant form annually to registered charities in Gwynedd.

The purpose is to enable the third sector to play a full role within Gwynedd communities by reflecting one or more of the following objectives:

- (i) Promote information and appreciation of Welsh arts and literature;
- (ii) Provide or support the provision of facilities for entertainment or other leisure time activity;
- (iii) Promote architectural, historical or scientific interest involving Wales;

Applications of up to £1,000 are welcomed at any time.

It is expected that applications are based on new projects or services that achieve specific and clear objectives.

You may apply for funding through the Welsh Church Fund by completing the appropriate application form.

For an application pack, please contact:

Cist Gwynedd Senior Officer – 01286 679153.

Plunkett Foundation:

New support launched to revive rural areas through social enterprise

The Plunkett Foundation has teamed up with long-term supporters the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to create a new comprehensive support service for rural communities considering setting up or diversifying community-owned services – like shops and pubs – to help turn the tide on rural decline. The support will provide a much needed boost for communities considering community ownership, and will provide a combination of adviser support, training, feasibility grants of up to £2,000, and opportunities for networking with other rural social enterprises. The support is specifically focused at the early stage of a community's ideas, and will help them progress to the next stage. Eligibility for support will depend on communities aiming to raise at least £10,000 themselves through community shares and support will be given to ensure communities are creating viable and sustainable businesses that engage the whole community.

For more information visit www.plunkett.co.uk or call 01993 810 730.

MANTELL GWYNEDD TRAINING

Title	Date	Location
Health and Safety Seminar	12-03-2013	Mantell Gwynedd Office, Caernarfon
Employment Law Seminar	13-03-2013	Mantell Gwynedd Office, Caernarfon

WCVA TRAINING

Date	Location
07 March 2013 Getting publicity for your EU funded project	Aberystwyth
12 March 2013 Introductory certificate in fundraising	Rhyl
13 March 2013 Engaging with ... older people – NEW!	Science Park, Aberystwyth
19 March 2013 Setting up a network	Plas Pentwyn, Wrexham
20, 21 March and 17 April 2013 Training Skills (accredited by Agored Cymru)	Rhyl
21 March 2013 Engaging with seldom heard citizens and communities	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno
23 April 2013 Project management basics for EU funded projects	Rhyl
02 May 2013 Introduction to legacy fundraising	Rhyl

More information available at www.wcva.org.uk

Or to make a general enquiry contact the WCVA helpdesk on **0800 2888329** or e-mail help@wcva.org.uk

CIL DE GWYNEDD

CIL De Gwynedd are looking for new trustees for their charity – contact Diana to declare an interest by telephoning **01766 514249**.

REMEMBER YOU CAN HIRE THE MANTELL GWYNEDD MOBILE UNIT ...

COST OF HIRING THE UNIT

Mantell Gwynedd Members:

£130 per day (50% for each consecutive day thereafter).

Non Members:

£150 per day (50% for each consecutive day thereafter).

You are welcome to contact us to discuss special rates ... by e-mailing:

enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com

Phone: **01286 672 626**

Or visit our website: www.mantellgwynedd.com

ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES

DATES FOR THE DIARY ...

Gwynedd Community Halls Forum

The next meeting of the Halls Forum will be held at Prenteg Community Centre, 20th March, 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

John Pooley will be in attendance to present a Handbook for hall managers along with guidelines for collecting energy data.

Planning for Sustainability Seminar with Eileen Kinsman (WCVA)

At the Former St. Mary's Church, Tremadog, 27th March, 2013 at 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

If you are interested please contact Bet (01286 672626) or Ellen (01341 422575) to book a place.

COME AND JOIN US ...

at the Meironeth County Agricultural Show on the 28th of August in Bala.

A warm welcome is extended to all third sector organisations to join the Mantell Gwynedd stand at the Meironeth County Agriculture Show. In the past, Mantell's stall has been a hive of activity with a good cross-section of organisations joining in. A small contribution towards the cost will be required, but the rest of the arrangements will be made by Mantell's staff. Therefore don't miss this opportunity! We can assure you of a busy day in the company of other organisations, allowing the chance to share information with the public, and to network.

Pick up the phone – **01341 422575** – to secure your place.

TRAINING

If you would like to discuss the training needs of your organisation contact **Delyth Vaughan** on 01286 672626, delyth@mantellgwynedd.com

Or to find out more about the training offered, contact

Ellen ap Dafydd on 01341 422575 ellen@mantellgwynedd.com