

Children & Young People

Gwynedd Third Sector Bulletin



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GWYNEDD YOUNG CARERS CHARTER LAUNCH



As part of Carers Week celebrations 2011, Gwynedd Young Carers' Charter was launched on Monday 13th June by the Gwynedd Young Carers Project-Action for Children at Gwynedd Council headquarters.

Carers Week raises awareness of all carers who live across the U.K. The Charter, which will be available to young carers across Gwynedd, is an information service for young carers to help them to obtain information regarding their rights.

The Charter is part of Gwynedd Carers Partnership work program which highlights the rights of young carers and also provide support and advice for these young people. It is anticipated that the Charter will make a significant difference to their lives as carers.

The young carers who are part of the project have been busy drawing what Carers True Faces means to them.

There has been an exhibition of the young people's artwork at the headquarters of Gwynedd Council to celebrate the launch event and help the public understand what their needs are. The artwork will also be exhibiting at the Free Library in Dolgellau.

Glenys Campbell, Manager of the Gwynedd Young Carers Project- Action for Children, said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Gwynedd Council to provide a service that truly changes the lives of young carers. The Charter is a great addition to the service being provided by us and is key to enable young carers to cope with the emotional and physical pressures of caring for a parent or sibling. "



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Free technology hire service!

Mantell Gwynedd 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.



So remember, this is your opportunity for this unique service, it is offered for free for organisations working in the field of children and young people!

On loan are: laptops, wi-fi printers (multi purpose) , one PC projector, video cameras and digital cameras.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru is pleased to announce that it is one of two national partner in Wales who will be supplying O2 Think Big project for youth between 12-25 in Wales.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru will have almost £ 80,000 to be distributed directly to young people to realize small community projects. Grants of £300 each but some can benefit from the O2 Think Bigger plan which is worth £2,500 each.

Over the next two years Urdd Gobaith Cymru and O2 Think Big will be aiming to work on 150 community projects.

Dyfrig Morgan, Director of Urdd Gobaith Cymru Youth, said:

"Young people have good ideas. They're full of energy and enthusiasm but need support to turn ideas into reality. Through O2 Think Big scheme we are able to offer training, support and money. The scheme believes that young people can make a difference within their communities and for assisting young people to maximize their potential



and to inspire others. The Urdd is delighted to be part of this scheme which provides support and confidence for young people to work directly for the benefit of their communities. "

Young people will be able to apply for grants through collaboration with the Urdd youth staff network throughout Wales, the Youth Pathways Officers and Urdd Gobaith Cymru Development Officers. When

projects are authorized groups will receive a grant of up to £300, a mobile phone with £30 of credit, access to O2's online training and support and an opportunity to apply for O2 Think Bigger funds worth £2,500 and an opportunity to move their ideas forward to a higher level.

For more information about the scheme, visit o2.co.uk/thinkbig or contact:

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Mantell Gwynedd Mobile Unit!

Mantell Gwynedd have been successful in their bid to obtain funding through the Rural Health Innovation Fund to purchase a mobile information unit. The mobile unit will be collaboration between Mantell Gwynedd and BCUHB. Organisations will be able to hire the unit, as sole or jointly with other organisations. Information about hiring/use will be posted on Mantell's website. If you're interested in hiring the vehicle, or require further information please contact Medwyn 01286 672 626 (Caernarfon Office) or enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com



Resources and Use of the Unit.

Notebook, Wi-Fi colour printer, mobile broadband, 32" television with built in DVD player, exhibition space, small kitchen, toilet, small room suitable for one to one consultations or for medical use e.g. blood tests, diabetic screenings etc.

Ideal for sharing information and promoting services within rural communities.

LIKE DRIVING AND MEETING PEOPLE? INTERESTED IN

VOLUNTEERING?

Mantell Gwynedd would like to recruit volunteers to drive the Mobile Unit and assist with sharing information. If you are interested please contact Rhiannon or Medwyn 01286 672 626 (Caernarfon Office)

TWF has been on a visit to Bangor Carnival with their touring trailer with brand new magazine to share with parents of small babies.



TWF will encourage and offer support to parents to speak Welsh at home with their babies from the start. A new magazine called "TWF And You" has been published in order to answer parents' questions on how to introduce Welsh at home. It is full of colorful pictures and advice from parents, midwives, together with global experts on bilingualism, Professor Colin Baker of the University of Bangor, and has generated a good response from parents.

Parents who received a copy of the magazine were Anne and Gerallt Jones, parents of Frances, age 5, and Thomas is 15 months old. The stories in the magazine are very relevant to their situation as a family as they made the decision to introduce Welsh to the children at a young age.

"Gerallt speaks Welsh with the children all the time and I speak mainly English" said

Ann. "Grandparents speak Welsh with them too, and I'm learning a few words.

Ffion comes home from school and patters in Welsh and she explains to me what the words mean. We also chose to send them to a Welsh medium nursery as they have a good foundation before starting school." The TWF trailer will be touring many carnivals and shows throughout Wales, offering a comfortable place to feed and change the baby, and where the parents relax, and of course offer advice on speaking Welsh to babies.

For more information about TWF and activities in the local area, www.visittwfcymru.com or call Elizabeth Woodcock, Arfon TWF Officer - 07966 936 203



This year's Gwynedd Children and Young People's Week, Wythnos Ni, will be held between **19 and 26 October 2011**. The main theme of the week will be **Celebrating Gwynedd Families**.



The week will be organised once again this year by a multi-agency Steering Group. If you would like to be a member of the Steering Group and contribute to the work of planning and organising the week, then please contact Iwan Morris, Strategic Assistant on (01286) 679653 or IwanGwynMorris@gwynedd.gov.uk.



Mantell Gwynedd will book an exhibition space for voluntary organisations in Gwynedd during the Urdd Eisteddfod next June which is held at Glynllifon near Caernarfon. So, if you would like to share a stall with Mantell Gwynedd then send us your declaration of interest to us! Please forward us your details:

Name/ Organisation/ Address/ E-mail/ Telephone

Remember, first come first serve..

Send your details to:



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GRANTS/ FUNDING

GwirVol



The aim of the 'Youth Led Grant'- GwirVol scheme is to support a range of small volunteering projects and activities, led and carried out by young people. You will be able to apply for a maximum grant of £500* to support volunteering or set up a volunteering activity for young people.

Successful applications are selected and recommended by a panel of young people aged 16-25.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th September.

For an application pack or more information regarding the fund, please contact:

Mirain Roberts at Mantell Gwynedd

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Small Grant Scheme for Play

Would you as an organization or community group like to organize an event for children and / or young people? The Small Grant Scheme for Play can help towards funding a fun day or event in your community to promote play and support the importance of play. You can apply for a grant of up to a maximum of £100 towards your event.

For information and application form, please contact:

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Grants

Apply for a grant
Our next deadline is 15 July



Children in Need Grant

Gwynedd is a target area for our Small grant programme, aimed at those small community groups who wish to kick-start a scheme for children and young people in the local community.

The scheme is for grants of anything from £50 to £10,000 a year for a maximum of 3 years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

Use the above link to the grants section of our website

Hyfforddiant *Training*

One of the Children and Young People's Facilitator's duties is to meet and respond to training needs of the children and young people field within the Third Sector in Gwynedd.

Below is a list of training sessions intended to be arranged during the year:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Child Protection Course
- RBA (Results Based Accountability) & monitoring

If you are interested in attending any of the above sessions or have any training needs, please contact:

Carwyn Humphreys at Mantell Gwynedd.



COFIS BACH

The Cofis Bach / Cofis Mawr project is a popular arts project for children and young people aged 5-18 who live in the Peblig Ward in Caernarfon

The group which comes under the umbrella of the Noddfa Church organisation gives children and young people the opportunity to show their acting, singing and musical talents and have already put forward a number of worthwhile performances at the Galeri in Caernarfon, and the Church, including "Hel Bent a'r Helen" and in April the Cofi Circus show 'Troï a Throi' in Maesincla backed by Circus Circus (pictures).



Mr Hywel Williams MP was there among parents and children of the area in a packed circus tent to support and congratulate the children and young people who took part in the show.



For more information regarding Cofis Bach, please contact:

Judith Humphreys or Sioned Huws





The next Children and Young People's Network meeting is planned to meet in September. No date has been set as yet but hopefully we will be organizing a special meeting in along with the Health, Care and Wellbeing Network.

Invitations for the meeting will be sent out in July.

Remember, if you have any suggestion or idea for a guest speaker or topic you would like to discuss at the meeting, please contact Carwyn.

To reduce our carbon footprint, we would like to send you a copy of this bulletin electronically in the future.

If you have access to e-mail let us know here at Mantell Gwynedd and we will send you any future information direct to your computer.



Your Bulletin Needs You!

One of the Facilitator's duties is to notify the sector on new enterprises, feedback on matters from organisations to those who make decisions and to infer the voice of the sector in relation to new policies, guidelines or documents. There will also be opportunities to arrange consultation events on strategic issues. The sector is being represented through the role on relevant partnerships and committees in the field of children and

young people ensuring that the sector has a strong voice.

There are opportunities to elect representatives through the Network to attend sub-groups for these committees. The role also engages in promoting the high standard of work and the range of projects within the county.

Would you like to share your work and/or successes with the sector? Whatever you wish to share, this column is here for you!



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