



Yn cefnogi grwpiau gwirfoddol a chymunedol
Supporting voluntary and community groups

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2008



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELL BEING

Welcome to the Health, Social Care and Well-Being Spring Newsletter for the voluntary sector.
The purpose of this Newsletter is to share information on health, social care and well-being issues.

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NEWS:

Designed to Add Value - a third dimension: A Strategic Direction for the Voluntary and Community Sector in supporting Health and Social Care

Designed to Add Value - a third dimension has been produced by the Welsh Assembly Government to inform future directions and support the evidence base of the voluntary sector's contribution to health and social care and to inform planners and commissioners.

The voluntary sector has a key role to play in supporting health, social care and well being, particularly in preventing ill health; shifting the balance of provision closer to where people live; involving local people and delivering the type of responsive services and support people want.

This document identifies strategic guidance for the voluntary sector in supporting health and social care in the future while recognising the added value of the sector.

This consultation document is available on the Welsh Assembly Government website:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/currentconsultation/healandsoccarecurrcons/DesignedAddValue/?lang=cy>

or contact Sioned at Mantell Gwynedd. The deadline for responses is **May 5th 2008**.

Gwynedd Adult Service Improvement Groups

The Health, Social Care & Well being Board has recently reviewed the commissioning procedures as an attempt to strengthen joint working between social services, the health sector and the third sector. The Board has established a Planning & Commissioning group with the aim of developing joint commissioning and develop integrated health & social care service provision within each area of Gwynedd. This group will support and monitor the work of Health Challenge Gwynedd (previously known at the Health Alliance).

These Service Improvements groups will report to the Planning & Commissioning Group; the groups are – Learning Disability, Mental Health and Adult Services (to include older people, dementia and physical impairment). The main aim of these groups will be to develop action plans and strategies to improve services for service users.

For more information contact Dafydd Owen, Joint Planning and Commissioning Manager on **01286 679725** or Sioned Larsen at Mantell Gwynedd on **01286 672626**.

Dwyfor Diabetes Group

The Dwyfor Diabetes Group meets on the **third Thursday of every month** (except in August); the meetings start at **7.30 at Capel y Drindod Pwllheli**. A guest speaker is present every month and the meeting finishes with a *paned* and an opportunity for people to catch up with each other. For more information contact Verlie Thomas on **01758 713779**.

Gwynedd Social Care Workforce Development Partnership New Training Website

From April 2008 information on training and courses held by this Partnership will be advertised on their website.

www.gwynedd.gov.uk/workforcedevelopment

You may also contact the Care Directorate Workforce Development Unit on **01286 679026**.

WWW: USEFUL WEBSITES:

Care Council Wales - www.ccwales.org.uk

www.gwyneddhealth.org - Gwynedd Local Health Board

www.healthcarealliances.co.uk - Training and Consultancy for the NHS, Social Care and the Voluntary Sector.

For information on grants, volunteering, training, voluntary organisations, community groups, health, social care and well-being issues etc. log on to www.mantellgwynedd.com

Possible Funding Opportunities:

The Tudor Trust

The Trust supports work across a wide range of need, including young and older people, community needs, housing, substance abuse, mental health, criminal justice and combating poverty. For more information go on to www.tudortrust.org.uk/HowToApply/Yourfirst-stageproposal.html

The Yapp Charitable Trust

The Yapp Charitable Trust makes grants to small registered charities in England and Wales, whose annual expenditure is less than £60,000. Grants are for work with: elderly people; children and young people aged 5 to 25; people with disabilities or mental health problems including substance misuse etc. Grants are also made to support charities' work in education and learning, (including lifelong learning). Applications are accepted all year with the following further closing dates in 2008: **26 May & 30 September 2008**
Full information is on: www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

'Go For It' Pilot Fund

Mantell Gwynedd, having formed a new partnership with the Sports Council for Wales, has established a pilot grant fund to support non-sporting voluntary organisations across Gwynedd.

For further details or an application pack, contact

Delyth Vaughan on **01286 672626**

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For more information see flyer enclosed with this

Newsletter or log on to: www.mantellgwynedd.com

Consultation Paper: Proposals to change the structure of the NHS in Wales

For a copy of this document log on to
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/?/lang=en>

or contact Sioned at Mantell Gwynedd.

Closing Date for comments: **25 June 2008**

EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mantell Gwynedd Funding Fair – July 1 at the Electric Mountain, Llanberis – Stalls include the Big Lottery, Sports Council for Wales, WCVA and many more!

'Dementia' Conference – June 12th 2008 - Galeri, Caernarfon.

For more information contact the Alzheimer's Society on **01248 671125**

Equal Spaces – Live! Disability Arts Cymru Advice and Guidance Seminars 2008

Galeri, Caernarfon Thursday 15th May

Riverfront Newport Tuesday 20th May

An opportunity to obtain advice and guidance around best practice regarding the inclusion of disabled, Deaf and disadvantaged people. Cost £25 per head including lunch. For more information and to book your place contact Disability Arts Cymru on post@dacymru.com or **029 2055 1040**

Big Lottery Fund Mental Health Conference - 27th June 2008 - Aberystwyth.

Following the launch of the Big Lottery Fund's £15 million **Mental Health Matters** programme in February 2007 the Fund also embarked on a campaign with the aim of raising awareness in general of mental health issues.

The results of the research, conducted by Mind Cymru, will be published and disseminated at the above Conference. The Conference will also feature case studies and workshops highlighting innovative work in the field of mental health.

For more information contact

mental.healthmatters@biglotteryfund.org.uk or **01686 611702**