

Volunteers' Week 2016 1st - 12th June



Volunteers' Week is a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place during the first week of June each year. The main aims of the week are to **recognise**, **reward** and **recruit volunteers**. Gwynedd Volunteer Centre will be organising activities to celebrate the week.

The main celebration and thank you event will take place at Portmeirion on Tuesday 28th June.

More details coming soon!











Go to www.volunteeringwales.net to look for the latest volunteering opportunities!

Last Summer, Mantell Gwynedd was successful in securing grants from the Night Out scheme and CAE to organise a gig to celebrate youth volunteering in Gwynedd.

Rhian Cadwaladr from the Young Promoters scheme helped the young volunteers to organise the event. Here are the young volunteers who came together to organise the event. Local bands Y Reu, Tamarisco and Y Galw performed at the event. Thank you to everyone who attended and who made the event possible!





Gwenllian Williams, Shannon Marie Owen, Celine Roberts, Elin Owen, and Rhea Griffiths from Ysgol Brynrefail receiving their Millennium Volunteers certificates with Gwenllian Dafydd from Mantell Gwynedd.

Nicola Pengelly receiving her Millennium Volunteers certificate for 200 hours of volunteering.

Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards 2016

A 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'.

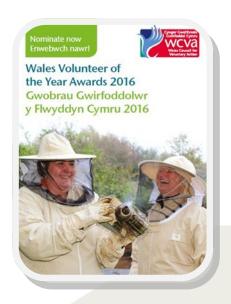
Every year, all nominees from Gwynedd are invited to a 'Celebration and Thank you Event' held during 'Volunteers' Week'. The WCVA also organises an event in Cardiff to congratulate the most outstanding nominations in each category. Last year, James Kelleher from Menter Felin Uchaf won the Green Volunteer of the Year Award. Also, Trawsfynydd luncheon were awarded the group category and Beryl Jones from Dolgellau Hard of Hearing Group received the adult of the year award.

So... put your thinking caps on!

Details and nomination forms are available here:

http://www.wcva.org.uk/what-we-do/celebrating-the-sector/wales-volunteer-of-the-year-awards





New Volunteering Opportunities!

Breast Cancer Care

At Breast Cancer Care we understand the emotions, challenges and decisions people face every day. That's why we provide care, support and information from day one. But we can't do it alone. If you are outgoing with a good knowledge of your local community, you can help us raise our profile and vital funds by placing collection tins.

Gwerin y Coed

Gwerin y Coed are passionate about community engagement and education for social change. We are looking for volunteers to help provide a programme of fun and educational activities with our groups (aged 3-15yrs) at the local NWWT nature reserve Gwaith Powdwr in Penrhyndeudraeth.

NYAS

The volunteer would befriend a young person in Bala. They would assist by supporting the person to access activities in the community once a month, providing support and advice.

NSPCC Schools Service

Volunteers are needed to deliver NSPCC Schools Service to primary school children, with focus on 7 - 11 year olds. Volunteers will be using Assembly Presentations and Classroom Workshops in order to increase children's understanding of keeping safe e.g. abuse (including bullying).

Cylch Meithrin Seiont a Pheblig Treasurer

The main duties will be: Keep neat accounts, payment of invoices under the direction of the leader, provide a link to Flying Start and Gwynedd Council regarding grants, and provide annual accounts for the accountant. Role suitable for volunteers age 18+.

North Wales Pride 2016

Cymru Pride Wales are seeking volunteers to help out during the North Wales Pride 2016 event. The event will be held on the weekend 1st-3rd July 2016 at Hendre Hall on the outskirts of Bangor.

GISDA

Gisda have various volunteering opportunities at present:

Fundraising Volunteer Vol Cleaning Assistant Parenting Group Volunteer Vol Café Support Mentor Volunteer Café Assistant Volunteer Peer Mentor Volunteer Receptionist

Stepping Stones - Community Coordinator

To organise Volunteer and community support within the community. Taking a lead role in developing relationships with business, schools and community groups to raise the awareness and support of the charity. A confident person with excellent organisational and people skills, experience of working within a similar role would be advantageous but not essential.

Our glass cabinet needs you!

Here's a chance for you as organisations in Gwynedd to make use of our glass cabinet at the front of our offices in Caernarfon!

We are eager for organisations to be able to make the most of the glass cabinet by advertising opportunities or information about their services here in the town centre

Adverts in the window **do** attract customers and here at the Volunteer Centre, we receive numerous enquiries regarding opportunities that are displayed.



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