

This week's updates from WCVA

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Hello, and welcome to our newsletter.

As I'm sure you've gathered if you follow any of our social media feeds - nominations have opened for the Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards 2018! People have been sharing the news far and wide, and we've already started receiving some excellent nominations. Please don't forget to nominate your favourite volunteer before the deadline on 20th April. [Visit the webpage for more info on how to nominate.](#)

We're on the hunt for cover stars for our weekly jobs bulletin [Network Jobs](#). It's an unmissable opportunity to promote your work (as an organisation and your own career) and it helps us to display the value of taking up a role in the third sector. If you love working in the third sector and would like to be featured, please get in touch.

Enjoy the newsletter and we'll see you all again next week.

Volunteering

[Help monitor wildlife with your Local Environmental Record Centre](#)

Do you have any flying, crawling, or hopping visitors to your garden, park, or beach? Submit your findings online and learn more about your wild neighbours from the LERCs...

[New system to help organisations recruit and manage volunteers](#)

Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) partners have delivered three events in Ceredigion, Gwent and Wrexham to introduce a new digital platform enabling organisations to advertise for, recruit and manage volunteers, and for volunteers to find suitable roles.

WCVA general

[Reflections on a career in Communities First](#)

Russell Todd has been the manager of the Communities First Support Service at WCVA for almost a decade, and with the programme coming to its end he

shares some personal reflections, as well as outlining his hopes for the future.

Funding

[Do you know a church that could use £30k to replicate their social action project?](#)

Cinnamon Network is inviting great social action projects that have the potential to be replicated in other churches across the country to enter the Cinnamon Project Lab 2018 competition.

[Wallace & Gromit Children's Charity open for annual applications](#)

The Wallace & Gromit Children's Charity aims to fund projects which are not funded directly by the National Health Service. In the last 15 years, the charity has given more than £2 million in grants to 291 projects in 93 different hospitals and hospices across the UK.

[National Vegetarian Week 2018 – last chance to apply for a Small Grant](#)

There is only one application round left for not-for-profit organisations and informal groups who are seeking a small grant to support an event or an activity which promotes a vegetarian diet to the wider community.

[Nationwide Building Society Community Grants](#)

Housing projects and charities are encouraged to apply for grants to help make a change in their local areas.

[South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's Victims Fund](#)

The South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's Victims Fund will consider applications from voluntary and third sector organisations for funding towards specialist victim services.

Training and events

[Managing projects](#)

ILM endorsed programme - last chance to book!

[Introduction to data protection and the GDPR](#)

Data protection laws are set to change with the introduction of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

[Practical preparations for the GDPR](#)

While you might be confident that your organisation is fully compliant with the laws as they currently stand, do you know what practical steps you'll need to take to be GDPR ready?

Policy and politics

[This week's consultations](#)

What could strengthen local government?