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Updating you on what you need to know to help you run your community group & organisation

As Summer Fades to autumn we bring you a bumper crop of news n views, governance updates, 2 pages of funding awards and opportunities and a whole page of upcoming training! Let the harvest commence!

Don't forget you can join the [Stronger Rhondda Gryfach](#) group & follow [A Better Ponty Gwel](#) facebook page. You can also friend and message me on [facebook](#) and more deadlines can be found here <http://www.interlinkrct.org.uk/funding/> and you can contact the office on 01443 846200

News n Views

- If your group or community organisation is based in one of the Rural Wards of RCT or Merthyr you can get help with improving IT skills, accessing funding and fundraising opportunities online and using social media to advertise and communicate. Contact **Frances Barry, Digital Support Officer on 01685 353901 / 07557 342480 Email: frances.barry@vamt.net**
- **Free Health Check for Childcare Providers:** Camau Cyntaf i Ddysgu have developed a Childcare setting Health Check. They are able to come out to settings to carry out the Health check and support settings with Governance, finance, registration, policies and procedures and future development opportunities **for Free**. Contact Lisa Thomas at lisa@camaucyntaf.co.uk
- **Localgiving has secured funding for a further 2 years of work in Wales!** Localgiving can continue supporting existing Wales members, as well as offering a further 100 charitable groups in Wales a free year of help and match funding. Contact lauren@localgiving.org or 07808889672
- **Funding awarded for a new domestic violence centre in the Rhondda valley:** Women's Aid RCT are excited to announce we have been awarded funding from the Welsh Government Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence capital grant scheme. The purpose of the grant is to develop The Safer Rhondda Domestic Violence Centre.
- **Ian Edwards of GTFM's Community Link has set himself and Fundraising Challenge** To raise at least £5,000 for GTFM before the end of August, "Just before Easter this year I became a Trustee of GTFM and now after a few months I have settled into my new role and it's time to really move the GTFM forward and raise some serious cash for the station.
- **Community Energy Sector Report** Only one new community organisation was constituted in 2017, and there were 30 fewer successful projects however the sector that has been developed is becoming more innovative and resilient.
- **The Rhondda Tunnel Society.** Welsh Government has allocated £250,000 to Rhondda Cynon Taf to support the progression of plans to reopen the Rhondda and Abernant tunnels.



Governance & Charity Commission

- The Charity Commission has [issued the RSPCA with an Official Warning](#), after finding that a group of trustees (“officers”) failed to ensure they were sufficiently informed before making a settlement offer to the charity’s former acting chief executive.
- [Charities that are connected with non-charitable organisations: maintaining your charity’s separation and independence](#) Charity Commission is seeking feedback on draft guidance for charities that have close relationships with connected non-charitable entities or organisations.
- Access the Ethical Property Foundations [on-line resources for free!](#)

More Governance News can be found here: <https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news>

Grants & Finance (let us know if you need support applying for funding)

- ['Pitch It' launches in Wales](#): 5 Entrepreneurs can gain immediate investment from a panel by pitching their business live to a prestigious panel of judges. Investments range from £10k-£50k. Submit your business one pager to hello@bethespark.info by **10 September**. ['Pitch It' yn lansio yng Nghymru](#) Lansiad mewn partneriaeth gyda Inspire Cymru a BeTheSpark. Gall 5 entrepreneur dderbyn buddsoddiad ar unwaith trwy pitsho eu busnes i banel byw o feirniaid o fri. Buddsoddiadau ar gael o £10k-£50k. Cyflwynwch eich cais trwy ddanfon un tudalen am eich busnes chi at hello@bethespark.info erbyn **Medi 10fed**.
- [Biffa](#) have three different funding themes, and each one has its own eligibility criteria. The three themes are Community Buildings Recreation and Rebuilding Biodiversity **14 September or 03 December**
- [Glaxo Smith Kline Impact Awards](#) provide funding and training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income of between £80,000 and £2.5 million. **Deadline 20 Sept**
- [Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust SCT Regional Grant Round](#) has been extended until **14th September 2018 @ 12.00 Noon**. Up to £7,500 grants where beneficiaries come from one or more local authority. For info call Sarah on: 029 20 022 143 or info@millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk
- [Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund](#) Grants of up to £2,000 to projects that serve a community of interest. Deadline **28 September Cronfa Prosiectau Cymunedol Lleol Sefydliad Greggs** Grantiau hyd at £2,000 ar gael ar gyfer prosiectau sydd yn gwasanaethu “cymuned o ddiddordeb”. **Dyddiad cau Medi 28**
- [The Walter Dickie Leadership Bursary](#): £2,500 is awarded to someone in a leadership role within a third sector organisation to help them become a more entrepreneurial leader. **Deadline 19 October Bwrsariaeth arweinyddiaeth Walter Dickie** £2,500 i unigolyn mewn rôl arweinyddol o fewn sefydliad trydydd sector i'w helpu i fod yn arweinydd mwy entrepreneuriaidd. **Dyddiad cau 19 Hydref**
- [Localgiving launches Magic Little Grants Fund](#): partnered with the Postcode Community Trust to offer over £200,000 of £500 grants to small charities and community groups across the UK. Preference given to projects that encourage social cohesion and help vulnerable or hard to reach groups to overcome barriers to participation in physical activities. **31 October 2018**.

- [Co-op Foundation is offering interest-free loans](#) for enterprising ideas to improve community spaces e.g. parks and community centres thinking about growing its trading activities.
- **Small Charities, CIC'S & Non Profit's Funded Website Programme** New funding opportunity for selected small charities, CIC's and non profit making organisations with incomes below £350k annually to receive a new, best practice website built using templates funded by the Transform Foundation. **Rhaglen Wefan wedi'i hariannu ar gyfer Elusennau Bach, Cwmnïau Buddiannau Cymunedol & Dielw** Cyfle ariannu newydd ar gyfer elusennau bach dethol, CBC a sefydliadau dielw sydd ag incwm blynyddol o dan £350k i gael gwefan newydd wedi'i adeiladu gan ddefnyddio'r ymarfer gorau, a thempledi a ariennir gan y Sefydliad Transform Foundation.
- **The Small Business Grant:** *This is a free-to-enter monthly competition that gives small businesses a chance to win a £5,000 grant to invest in their company's growth.* **Y Grant i Fusnesau Bach** *Dyma gystadleuaeth fisol rhad ac am ddim sydd yn cynnig y cyfle i fusnesau bach ennill grant £5,000 er mwyn buddsoddi yn nhwf eu cwmni.*
- **Track 2000 Community Resource Services grant legacy fund of £1,000,000**, was set up to help and support deserving organisations/projects who will make a big difference to individuals, families and communities in South Wales. **Cafodd Cronfa Etifeddiaeth Track 2000 o £1,000,000** ei sefydlu er mwyn sicrhau bod y grants yn mynd tuag at sefydliadau cynnig cymorth ar hyd y ffordd gan Weinyddwr Etifeddiaeth brofiadol a chymwys. Rydym yn edrych ymlaen at eich cais.

More funding and awards can be found here: <http://www.interlinkrct.org.uk/funding/>

Awards

- **Gwobrau Dewi Sant 2019** Mae'r gwobrau yn cydnabod llwyddiannau eithriadol pobl wahanol o Gymru a thu hwnt. Mae'r gwobrau'n ardystio fod y wlad hon yn fywiog, arloesol a hyderus, sydd yn gwerthfawrogi ei phobl yn anad dim. **Dyddiad cau 16 Hydref** **St David Awards 2019** The awards recognise the outstanding achievements of different people from both in, and outside of Wales. These awards demonstrate that this country is a vibrant, innovative and confident nation, which values its people above all else. **Closing date 16 Oct.**
- **The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs** The award recognises the achievements of entrepreneurs who have set up their own company and excel in their chosen business field. The top prize is £30,000 **Deadline 1 Oct** **Y Wobr Stelios ar gyfer Entrepreneuriaid Anabl** Mae'r wobwr hon yn cydnabod llwyddiannau entrepreneuriaid sydd wedi sefydlu eu cwmni eu hunain ac yn rhagori yn eu maes busnes dewisol. Ceir prif wobwr o £30,000. **Dyddiad cau 1 Hydref**

Opportunities & Consultations

- [Social Business Wales opportunity from Welsh Government "Better Jobs Closer to Home - Pilot 1 Manufacturing \(Reserved\)"](#). An opportunity for a social business or a consortium of social businesses to diversify into clothing manufacturing with support from Welsh Government. The Delivery Location is: Gwent Valleys (Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly)

Upcoming Training & Events

Click for Interlink [Events & Training Calendar](#).

- **Think Co-operatively, Learn Collectively:** Bringing together co-operative and community activists for shared learning. Sat Sept 8th Tabernacle Chapel, Cardiff Contact ds@davidsmith.org.uk
- **Amazon Academy event** workshops with information, tips and insights on how to use e-commerce to grow your business as well as boost export sales and improve customer experience. **11 Sept - Celtic Manor Resort Digwyddiad Academi Amazon** Mae'r digwyddiad AM DDIM hwn yn cynnig gweithdai gyda gwybodaeth, syniadau a mewnwelediadau am sut i ddefnyddio e-fasnach er mwyn tyfu eich busnes yn ogystal â chynyddu gwerthiant tramor a gwella profiad y cwsmer. **11 Medi Gwesty y Celtic Manor**
- **Our Future Matters!, 14 September:** how to create growing systems and community gardens using environmentally sustainable methods.
- **Community Sponsorship of Syrian Refugees in RCT 14 Sept 6pm – 8pm Cafe Connect, St Catherine's Church** For more information contact Richard.Weaver@citizenswales.org.uk or call 07377 815073
- Enterprising Solutions Community Growing Study Tour **Visit to Stroud, 15 September**
- **RECRUITING AND MANAGING FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS (17-SEP-18)**
- **DEVELOPING A POWERFUL CASE FOR SUPPORT (18-SEP-18)**
- **Connecting Communities in Wales: South East Wales Transport Innovation Network Event:** Tues, 18 Sept Swansea. Find out how your ideas have been taken forward and our plans for the future in an important time for the community transport sector in Wales.
- **26-27 September 2018 Social Business Wales Awards & Conference 2018:** Inspirational talks, practical workshops and a celebration of business growth.
- **FREE EVENT for sports clubs & Community Amateur Sports Associations:** 27th 7pm-9pm: The WSA have arranged for Geldards Solicitors to deliver a workshop looking at the different legal structures for sports clubs
- **Better Pontypridd Garden Party, Sat 29th Sept 1pm-3pm** Allotment Committees, Plot Holders, Gardeners & Producers are invited to take part in the Better Pontypridd Garden Party. The event will include a plant & seed swap, talks from local community groups, gardeners question time panel and more.



“Very clear, explained everything that everyone asked for and in depth, I learnt allot”



Governance Workshop

For those thinking of becoming trustees & existing trustees running different types of community enterprises

**THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER
6.00P.M - 8.00P.M
AT INTERLINK RCT**

www.dtawales.org.uk/events/



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- [Farm Hack and CSA Gathering, 6-7 October](#): Learn or share skills, network and get down and dirty on the details of how to build a sustainable food system at this joint venture between [Social Farms & Gardens](#), the [Farm Hack Network](#) and the [Landworker's Alliance](#).

- **Proving Your Impact?** On the [Inspiring Impact website](#), you'll find the Measuring Up! [tool for small charities](#). At each stage of the tool there is a great deal of guidance on what your organisation can improve to better measure its impact. **Interlink staff can also support you to prove your impact. Contact 01443 846200 for more support.**

If you want to book Interlink for meeting and to deliver training
<http://www.interlinkrct.org.uk/portfolio/meeting-and-conference-facilities/>

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