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# Michael Sheen fund for flood-hit communities opens for applications

**Welsh actor and President of WCVA announces funding for voluntary organisations supporting Welsh communities affected by Storm Dennis.**

A new fund from money raised by Michael Sheen has opened and will help voluntary organisations in Wales (such as charities, community groups, and social enterprises) working in areas affected by recent flooding.

The actor's [gofundme](#) raised £50,000 from public donations in less than four days and continues to climb to its new goal of £75,000.

[The fund is now accessible](#) to voluntary organisations supporting communities hit by the storm.

The fund is designed to support the groups and organisations taking action to respond to flooding events, ensuring benefit to those most at need.

The fund was set up to complement the other fundraising efforts for flood victims that are directed at supporting individuals and businesses, and Michael Sheen and WCVA are encouraging people to continue to donate to these.

'Seeing the images of people with homes and businesses devastated by the recent floods both in my home borough of Neath Port Talbot and in the surrounding areas and beyond, is heart breaking,' says Sheen, 51.

'I see people working together to help their friends and neighbours. I see communities coming together and helping one another. I see people on the frontline doing everything they can to support those families whose lives have been turned upside down in the last few days.

'In order to continue this vital work, the groups and organisations who are helping the people of Wales urgently need our support.'

Ruth Marks, Chief Executive of WCVA said; 'It's incredible to see how people have responded in communities affected by flooding, and we're really proud and grateful to those that have donated to Michael's fundraiser. This fund will help groups on the ground to ensure money gets to where it is really needed – where it'll make the biggest difference.'

More information on the fund is available here:

<https://wcva.cymru/funding/help-wales-after-storm-dennis-fund/>.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

- Michael Sheen has had a close relationship with WCVA since becoming honorary President of the organisation in 2017
- Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is the national membership body for voluntary organisations in Wales. We exist to enable voluntary organisations in Wales to make a bigger difference together
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