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Volunteering Wales Grant Scheme - main grants awards

Organisation name	Award amount	Description
Abbeycwmhir Heritage Trust	£11,191.00	<p>"Walks in the countryside are fun - but can you read the landscape?</p> <p>The rocks have been moulded by our climate, man has occupied this area for 1,000's of years and fields and uplands have adapted and been cultivated.</p> <p>Abbey Cwmhir Heritage Trust is offering a series of training weekends in geology, botany and heritage to help us understand the region around the Cistercian Abbey at Abbeycwmhir and its Granges.</p> <p>If you join us you will become part of a team of volunteers who share findings and grow our understanding across all these disciplines to Demystify our Landscapes."</p>
Aberystwyth Food Surplus	£16,671.74	<p>Food is life! This project will enable Aber Food Surplus to establish youth opportunities, and engage young people with the benefits of food activism. Through exciting workshops and events this project will promote health and wellbeing, share learning on resilience, and celebrate a Welsh language and a thriving Welsh culture.</p>
Age Cymru - Dyfed	£20,000.00	<p>The Age Cymru Dyfed Volunteer Coordinator will support the charity's expanding volunteer community across Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, and Ceredigion. This vital role focuses on developing inclusive and engaging volunteering opportunities, promoting positive volunteer</p>

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		health and wellbeing, and making continual improvements to the volunteer training and development journey.
Antur Aelhaearn	£19,864.00	Volunteering Wales Project Antur Aelhaearn Community Company working with others to develop a community fit for the future by recruiting, establishing and supporting 27 community volunteers to drive community well-being projects forward. Their involvement will help develop a garden, woodland, gym, driving service, shop and community café. In these places our community will engage and stay healthy. Through the support of the WCVA we will make significant strides towards developing a connected and resilient community. Want to see the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Act in action? Come to Llanaelhaearn!
Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Wales	£15,880.00	We plan to work with 50 young volunteers aged 16 to 25 and support them in gaining new skills through volunteering at affiliated Boys' and Girls' Clubs across Wales. Their primary roles as volunteers will be Community Sports Volunteer, Youth Work Volunteer or Climate Change volunteer.
Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community	£15,657.90	Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community is entirely reliant on volunteers to deliver a broad range of community activities and restore and breathe new life into our building. During Covid lockdowns volunteering activity dwindled. This

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		funding will enable us to reactivate our volunteer scheme, including reengaging, recruiting and supporting volunteers.
Cardiff Salad Garden CIC	£17,004.00	Cardiff Salad Garden is a social enterprise growing premium salad delivered to customers in Cardiff by bike. Our project will enable us to offer horticultural volunteering experiences to 20+ people in Bute Park venues. We will work with individuals to tailor opportunities aiming to reducing loneliness, isolation and build skills.
Chinese in Wales Association	£17,297.70	The VG2021 project Chinese In Wales Association delivers, will connect a new group of volunteers and the elderly people with the aid of technology, aiming at enhancing their wellbeing and to build up the confidence of the volunteers! Welsh culture elements will be incorporated, to promote understanding in service users.
Citizen's Advice Rhondda Cynon Taff	£19,999.00	Project HEROIC will create high-quality and positive volunteering roles at Citizens Advice Rhondda Cynon Taff, for people to increase their skills, employability and wellbeing, with tailored training and support from our Volunteer Training Officer, to remove any barriers that may deter them from volunteering. It also helps people and communities to prosper by increasing our advice service capacity, to provide social welfare advice and support, to people experiencing inequalities in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

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Conwy Mind	£19,980.00	<p>Conwy Mind will recruit train and support 50 volunteers over the funding period until March 2022. Volunteer roles will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the virtual and mobile community hubs. • Supporting the befriending service • Supporting the Young People and Families Hub • Supporting the Training Hub and developing Recovery College • Supporting awareness-raising activities
Cruse Bereavement Care	£8,290.00	<p>With support from BAME organisations across Wales to promote, this project aims to engage, recruit and train more people from Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority communities to volunteer for Cruse Bereavement Care in Wales. Volunteers will provide essential ongoing support to bereaved people who are struggling with loss in their local communities.</p>
Disability Wales	£19,729.80	<p>The EQuip project will match disabled students (18 – 25) seeking voluntary work experience with Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) offering purposeful placements. EQuip will support the capacity of DPOs to promote disability equality in their community while developing the skills and experience of disabled students in preparation for the workplace.</p>

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Discovery - Student Volunteering Swansea	£18,816.40	Discovery Student volunteering Swansea will use this funding to enable us to recruit and train student volunteers to serve as trustees, support disabled adults to volunteer and engage in wellbeing activities, carry out litter picks and support a community led gardening and food growing project.
Elite Supported Employment Agency Ltd S.E.A	£14,785.10	ELITE's Volunteer Project adopts a peer approach to supporting our disabled and disadvantaged participants to pursue their goals of vocational access, integration and inclusion in their communities. Through this approach the Project will recruit 30 volunteers, including disabled and disadvantaged people, to support 74 disabled/disadvantaged individuals.
Eryri Co-operative Cyf	£19,742.00	E-SGWRS / E-CHAT is a free bilingual virtual befriending service available for individuals living in Gwynedd. We are recruiting Digital Befriending Volunteers to join our team to support individuals through virtual befriending calls and digital inclusion; to alleviate feelings of loneliness and isolation and make a difference in their lives.
Ethnic Youth Support Team	£20,000.00	The EYST Volunteering Project will offer good quality volunteering opportunities to people aged 14 and above, supporting a range of services, projects and activities delivered by EYST across Wales, including roles such as

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		Homework Club Tutors, Interpreters as well as bespoke roles based on volunteers' interests.
GISDA	£13,619.65	GISDA's Volunteering project focuses on skills and employment and improving young people's mental health and wellbeing by opening doors to new opportunities. These include volunteering opportunities, new experiences, training and support to move them from support to employment.
Glasbren CSA	£19,298.80	"Glasbren is a community food project based near Carmarthen, harnessing the power of food growing for health and regeneration, of individuals, communities and of our local lands. We feed 50 local families through our veg box and solidarity schemes and host volunteers in our therapeutic food garden."
Groundwork North Wales	£19,898.61	Our project will provide opportunity for young people 14-25 to develop their social and practical skills through volunteering in the outdoor environment. We have seen young people's social interaction severely constrained, with feelings of isolation on the rise causing an adverse impact on their mental health and well-being. The object of our project is to engage with those who are most alienated because of this.

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HaverHub CIC	£19,565.00	The 'HaverHub Volunteering Enhancement Project' will enable us to develop our overall volunteering programme, recover from lockdowns and kick-start our volunteering offer. Our slogan is 'It's your space to grow' and it's aim to help our volunteers by equipping them with skills, experience and training – embedding them at our core.
Home-Start Conwy	£11,372.81	Our project is aimed at bringing families and communities together to defeat social isolation and build community resilience. Alongside a clothes share event there will be a "pop up café "and a children's play session. Parents and community can come together to chat while the children play. We are calling it "Chat and Play".
Kidney Wales Foundation	£16,424.88	This Kidney Wales project will recruit, train and build the confidence of 30 people affected by chronic kidney disease (CKD), to organise and deliver presentations in their local area to charities, businesses, schools and at Kidney Wales events, to educate and raise awareness of CKD by sharing their personal journey.
Leonard Cheshire Disability	£19,968.20	We'll recruit 72 young Digital Volunteers to provide digital skills support to disabled people living in our care services, and participate in our community programmes. Volunteers will use their digital expertise to train and support disabled

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		people to become more skilled and confident in using technology – bridging the digital divide.
Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar Cyf	£19,941.62	Create a leadership academy for 11 individuals aged 14-25 from west Carmarthenshire, to train and motivate them to take a leading role in their communities. The volunteers will develop ideas for Welsh language community events and activities and then take a leading role in hosting the events.
Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili	£19,884.20	Through its Volunteering Wales Grant, Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili will be developing new and exciting, Welsh medium volunteering opportunities across Caerphilly County Borough. Both young people and adults will be supported to volunteer within a range of fields including activities for children, community events, support for adults learning Welsh, administrative work and even within Menter Caerffili's Board.
Mess Up The Mess Theatre Company Ltd	£18,291.38	Young people will take part in high quality meaningful volunteering with Mess Up The Mess and community partners, developing their skills and experience in teamwork, facilitation, theatre and event lighting, sound, video and delivery of online activities.
Mirus Wales	£11,400.07	Mirus supports adults with learning disabilities to live fulfilled lives in their communities across Wales. Our volunteer roles include: befriending, supporting social/community groups, & Digital champions. We will expand our range of inclusive

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		opportunities – reaching those from underrepresented groups, increase our community activity including a Welsh club, and introduce a ‘supported volunteering’ model.
New Pathways Family Therapeutic Centre of Excellence	£20,000.00	Volunteering has been at the core of New Pathway’s specialist sexual violence services for almost 30 years; providing volunteer counsellors with specialist training and helping victims of rape and sexual abuse recover from trauma. Our project will reinvigorate the program and rebuild volunteer numbers post pandemic, and into the future.”
Papyrus - Prevention of Young Suicide - Cardiff	£20,000.00	Building on a successful pilot project, we will be launching a Wales-wide programme to engage and train volunteers to raise awareness of suicide and talk to local communities about suicide prevention, with a particular emphasis on BAME communities. The grant will fund a Volunteer Co-ordinator to manage this work.
Paul Satori Hospice at Home	£18,109.02	The quality of volunteering for young people (16-25) at Paul Satori will be enhanced by increasing the access, engagement, recognition and support. New roles, training and a new Young People’s Forum will be created to improve the volunteering experience for 16-25 years within the charity.

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Pembrokeshire FRAME Limited	£19,999.94	Project Recover will support young and vulnerable individuals post Covid. Funding will enable a Reupholstery Support Worker to provide 100 days of training in the traditional art of re-upholstery to ten 16–25-year-old volunteers. Volunteers will apply their learning to support individuals with learning disabilities and mental health issues @FRAME.
Potential to Succeed CIC	£19,299.98	The THRIVE project will engage and recruit 24 young people aged 11-25 as volunteer enablers. The enablers will develop relevant digital content to help tackle inequality, poverty, loneliness and ASB for an innovative online platform called 'thrive community' that will support young people to thrive across Pembrokeshire.
Skills Volunteering Cymru	£19,922.67	Going Green Together aims to bring the community together on a shared vision of a safer and greener South East Wales. The project will connect youth volunteers (aged 18 - 25), community volunteers, and adults with work-limiting health conditions to co-create activities and workshops focused on environmental awareness and sustainable living.
Snowdonia Donkeys	£19,975.85	The grant that we have been awarded from WCVA will enable us to provide volunteer opportunities for young people to work with our donkeys, leaning to look after them and maintain the fields where they graze. We will support them to

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		develop new skills and access to AGORED Cymru qualifications.
Street Games UK	£19,726.50	StreetGames are looking forward to developing 20 new volunteers across Cardiff, Newport and Swansea to support our GOGA project, which works to bring disabled and able bodied people together to be physically active, with a focus on people from an ethnically diverse background.
Swansea - Women's Aid	£19,192.25	The SWA project will identify the key training needs of Outreach Team Leaders, locate the most appropriate courses and create a sustainable training programme that takes in to account volunteer skill-building, turnover and future funding needs, while also creating a healthier volunteer environment guided by an experienced, full-time volunteer coordinator
Swansea Carers' Centre	£19,998.00	This grant will enable Swansea Carers Centre to work to achieve Investing in Volunteer Quality Standard. With guided support we will strengthen our team of 50+ volunteers, by developing a rigorous training programme, enhanced volunteer support structures, so volunteers can make a much-valued contribution to every project in our organisation.
Swansea Community Farm	£19,732.60	The Farm's new young person's project will recruit and involve 14-25 year-olds in caring for animals, growing food and improving habitats and the local environment. Through this they will gain new skills, experience and qualifications.

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		Farm volunteering offers a supportive peer group and improves wellbeing and employability skills.
Swansea Music Art Digital	£19,994.80	Our project will remove barriers to volunteering for young people who experience a lack of opportunities and access. We will engage 20 volunteers (aged 11-25), with activities including filmmaking, podcasting and website development. Volunteers will also be supported to work with groups of young people in Swansea, providing digital training and resources.
The Centre For African Entrepreneurship	£19,875.73	The CAE is a pillar of support for BAME communities in and around Swansea, providing holistic support to marginalised groups. Volunteers play a crucial role in service delivery and add immeasurable value to beneficiary communities. This project will increase capacity within our organisation, ensuring a strong volunteering culture exists, led by the newly-appointed Volunteer Coordinator.
The Family Foundation	£15,540.00	Project Create & Collaborate will work with volunteers to share, collaborate and support vulnerable people in communities. Volunteers will engage in Covid safe ways 1to1 and digitally through safe Create & Collaborate Meetups. Creating a movement of volunteers with innovative ideas that have a social, ethical and community edge.

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The National Trust	£15,209.00	'YouthGrow' will embed sustainable youth-initiated and youth-led participation and action at National Trust Erddig through the development of a Youth Steering Group and ultimately a Youth Forum. Supported by a network of enabler volunteers, staff and partners, young people will co-create relevant experiences for them to explore, conserve and advocate for their natural and cultural environment.
The Wilderness Trust	£19,800.05	The Wilderness Trust's objectives are the advancement of green sustainable development at a local and community scale. We have started a new community project in 2018 in the heart of Llanidloes, an eco-hub aimed at developing new insights and actions towards a green recovery: The Hanging Garden Project.
The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales	£8,076.00	The Connecting to Our Coast project will provide members of the local community in New Quay and wider Ceredigion county area with volunteering opportunities which will enhance their relationship with the natural environment, in particular the marine environment, enable them to develop skills and increase their confidence.
UCAN Productions	£19,720.45	The UCAN Peer to Peer Support creates volunteering opportunities for vision impaired people to support their peers alongside those with an interest in supporting the blind and partially sighted people in Wales.

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Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team	£16,474.00	Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team are comprised of highly trained and skilled volunteers giving up their time to help people across South and West Wales in distress. With the vital funding from the Volunteer Wales Grant scheme we will recruit and train 10 new members to join our team, increasing our capability to respond to requests from members of the public who need our help.
Ymddiriedolaeth Penllergare	£14,878.30	Our project will harness the growing interest in connecting with nature and gardening following the pandemic. The new opportunities to be involved in the Woods will widen the wellbeing benefits to new volunteers, and especially for families, who will play an exciting role in the conservation and restoration of Penllergare.
Ynysybwyl Regeneration Partnership	£20,000.00	The Volunteering in Wales grant provides funding to employ a Volunteer Coordinator, who will work with existing and new volunteers to develop a volunteering framework. This framework will ensure the quality of volunteering placements available and also contribute to the sustainability of community assets within Ynysybwyl.

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Age Connects Morgannwg	£11,366.46	For many older people, getting back to their pre-COVID life can feel daunting. Age Connects Morgannwg will be offering coaching support from via its volunteer Wellbeing Mentors and Chaperones to older people who want to return to community life, regain their confidence and boost their wellbeing
Amman Valley Trotting Club (AVTC)	£14,012.08	Our project seeks to grow accessible volunteer recruitment and training opportunities in the hard-hit Upper Amman Valley communities our business serves. Key workers will develop volunteer teams around identified community need and contribute towards economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being following the pandemic and an extended period of austerity
Artis Community	£15,329.09	The Creative Ambassador Volunteer Programme has been developed for volunteers who are passionate about the arts in RCT and Merthyr Tydfil, and is an opportunity for individuals interested in developing a career in the creative industries to learn new skills from industry professionals, and community volunteers who want to help shape the future of Artis Community's new home at the refurbished YMCA building in the heart of Pontypridd.

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Cardiff City FC Community Foundation	£16,402.98	Thanks to a Volunteering Wales Grant we are able to launch a new, high-quality and exciting volunteering programme for 16-25 year olds from some of South Wales most disadvantaged communities. The programme offers full training, accredited qualifications, mentoring and a hands-on volunteering experience. Our young volunteers will develop new skills to enhance their employability, improve their wellbeing, whilst also having the opportunity to give back to their community.
Children in Wales	£19,986.90	Children in Wales is committed to ensuring that we actively listen to and empower the young people we represent. Our WCVA Grant enables us to develop a “Young Volunteer” programme across Wales, for 12 young people aged 11-25 yrs the opportunity to become Digital and Content Developer Volunteers. Providing young people with learning and development opportunities whilst directly influencing Digital Transformation plans.
Circus Eruption	£14,799.15	Circus Eruption will employ a volunteer coordinator to recruit, support, organise and arrange training for existing and new volunteers. This will include welcoming volunteers back to our in-person circus workshops, developing new opportunities connected to our new building, and work towards the 'Investing in Volunteers' standard.

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Crest Co-Operative Ltd	£13,716.50	“Crest has a long history of supporting and developing volunteers, the main aim over the next 12-months is to provide a wide range of quality volunteering opportunities across our organisation to engage with, support and develop volunteers to be able to improve their physical and mental well-being, increase learning/skill/abilities and improve the social and economic prospects for volunteers”.
Cyngor Ar Bopeth Ceredigion	£20,000	Citizens Advice Ceredigion’s grant will bring expertise to the volunteer support team, enabling volunteers from diverse backgrounds to ‘give back’ to their communities and advise on complex issues. Volunteers will gain transferable skills, and ongoing support to increase their wellbeing, to make sure the volunteering experience is really positive.
Home-Start Flintshire	£15,931.56	An exciting opportunity for change as Home-Start Flintshire emerges from the pandemic, Volunteering Wales Grant award is allowing us to expand our volunteering opportunities and diversify our service by creating roles for volunteers to feel more engaged with their community whilst meeting their individual needs and removing barriers.
Llamau Ltd	£14,000	Llamau’s Domestic Abuse Volunteer Scheme enhances our refuge, early intervention and outreach services across South Wales and Gwent through vital practical, emotional and informal support for women and families affected by abuse as

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		they seek to overcome their experiences and develop independent living skills, resilience and community networks.
Oasis Cardiff	£14,129.08	Oasis Cardiff has been significantly supported by its invaluable volunteers. This grant enables us to improve the experience of volunteering, as we pursue the 'Investing in Volunteers' award. We will also reach out to young people interested in developing their skills through volunteering, providing training opportunities and further support.
Outside Lives Ltd	£12,209.82	Outside Lives is officially launching their 'Growing Skills, Progression Program'. Volunteers will be guided through exciting phases of discovery and journey mapping, coproducing bespoke experiences, tailored to cultivate and support each of the volunteer's personal goals and vision for their future!
Resource Denbighshire CIC	£17,211.05	This funding will enhance reSource volunteer activities offer for disabled adults through employment of a dedicated Volunteer Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator will support reSource in providing an exciting range of quality volunteering activities for disabled adults, linking with other local enterprises, working towards the quality mark Investors in Volunteering award and training for volunteers.
RCT People First	£10,415.06	The New Beginnings Project will engage 12 people with learning disabilities to:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan, design and produce an employment campaign • challenge health & social care decision makers • advocate / represent their peers • explore what makes a good life for people with a learning disability • learn about their rights and promote to other members • increase our marketing and communications to highlight the importance of self-advocacy • * design easy read information and documents and check out accessibility for our walking projects
SHEDNET	£13,913	The project will engaged with 20 people currently digitally excluded and provide them with the technology, connectivity and personal support to become digitally included. It will engage 10 young volunteers and provide them with the training to undertake the role of Young Digital Inclusion Officers able to offer this support.
The Centre for Building Social Action Ltd	£10,714.21	My Mind is a peer-to-peer volunteering project aiming to support young volunteers to develop the knowledge and understanding they need to safeguard their own mental health and that of their peers. Young volunteers will co-produce resources to promote positive mental health which they will share with their peers through workshops/activities.

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The Outdoor Partnership	£13,974.80	<p>At The Outdoor Partnership, we engage with Community Outdoor Activity Clubs throughout Wales.</p> <p>These clubs are the hub for opportunities for all to participate in outdoor activities on their doorstep to gain a wide range of benefits – physically and mentally.</p> <p>Volunteers are the heart of these clubs, and we up-skill and support these volunteers to make the clubs stronger so they can provide more benefits for more members of their communities.</p>
The Parish Trust	£20,000	<p>The CAM project (Community Assisted Mentoring) is a brilliant way for people in the community to develop their skillset and improve their wellbeing. Our volunteers will be trained in providing mentoring and development skills to help people progress in practical and social ways. They will then be able to practice their new skills in a practical setting whilst knowing that they're doing great work in the community. It's a win-win for everyone!</p>
The Venture ICC	£13,108.32	<p>Adventure playgrounds are a community within a community and rely on the passion, dedication and voluntary service of local people to support the children and young people who attend. Through the VWG we will further restore relationships with volunteers, provide additional support for their reintroduction and inspire a new generation.</p>

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Threshold DAS Ltd	£15,445.28	The SMART Project offers a range of volunteering opportunities within Threshold and the wider community. Opportunities include working in, administration, our Food bank, Charity Shop and Repair Café, IT, Marketing, Reception, Child work, Refuge, Education. All volunteers will undergo both formal/informal training, providing them with valuable skills, qualifications, and experiences.