



Volunteering Wales Main Grant – Round 3 awards

Organisation name	50 word description	Grant award
Aberystwyth University Students Union	In supporting student life, we foster a culture of empowerment, inclusivity, and sustainability. Aiming to meet growing student demands; our objectives include increasing engagement, developing diverse opportunities, embedding a culture of volunteering, and measuring impacts. Led by a dedicated individual, we seek to enhance community connections and implement lasting practices.	£25,000.00
Advice Mid Wales	The aims of this project is to diversify and create new volunteering roles and opportunities within a long standing Independent Advice Centre, allowing our current generation of dedicated and experienced volunteers to pass on their valuable knowledge and skills to the next generation of General Advisers.	£23,373.80
Advocacy Support Cymru	The Gyda'n Gilydd Project aims to involve those with lived experience of mental health/mental capacity issues to develop and improve ASC's services. It will champion their experience and expertise and promote social inclusion; providing them with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and training for future employment and personal wellbeing.	£24,999.80
African Community Centre	Elevate will equip young asylum seekers and refugees to volunteer in helping to lead our HarMINDise young ethnic minority people's resilience and system change project Elevate will equip adult asylum seekers and refugee volunteers in ESOL classes (childcare and teaching) and in driving our minivan.	£24,973.60
Barnardo's Cymru	Barnardo's Cymru will create formal volunteering opportunities for individuals of all ages with lived experience of disability, within Bridgend county in South Wales. Regarding them as experts in the field they will work alongside the Barnardo's Atebion team, offering peer mentoring, befriender, administrative and group facilitation support to families.	£24,998.54

Black Mountains Festivals	Black Mountains Festival Volunteer Programme will give young people and adults returning to the workplace the experience of working in live event management. Our volunteers are integral to our success - this funding will enable us to support them through a program of opportunities and events.	£9,000.00
Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales	Our initiative at BGC Wales focuses on enhancing volunteering quality by standardising training. We aim to provide accessible digital learning for all volunteers across our network of clubs. This ensures a consistent and comprehensive training experience, promoting excellence in volunteering throughout our organisation.	£11,900.00
Brecon & District MIND	This 12-month project aims to create a person-centred volunteering culture within Brecon Mind. We will invest in the development of the organisation's volunteering policy and practice to imbed volunteering across staff and reduce the dependency upon a single 'co-ordinator' to manage volunteers.	£25,000.00
Cancer Research Wales	We will transform our approach to volunteering, creating a sustainable volunteering culture to underpin our day-to-day work. We will employ our first Volunteer Coordinator who will revise our volunteering policy and practice, recruit and train volunteers in high quality roles and work towards the achievement of Investors in Volunteering.	£22,933.00
Cardiff Salad Garden	Cardiff Salad Garden will develop a partnership with the Riverside Community Gardens and Grow Cardiff to enhance volunteer experience for existing volunteers from both organisations, increase the number of new volunteers and quality of volunteer experience, extend education, and increase produce for use by volunteers and local food coops.	£24,162.20
Cardiff Women's Aid	Growing Diversity in Volunteering aims to embed a culture of volunteering that is empowering, inclusive and impactful throughout Cardiff Women's Aid services. It is part of our 3year aim to improve our offer of high-quality volunteering opportunities engaging across communities to further our mission to end gender based violence.	£13,425.11
Cathays and Central Youth and Community Project	To employ a Young Volunteer Co-ordinator, to recruit, manage and support around 30 young volunteers with additional learning needs and/or ACES. Volunteering opportunities would be at Cathays Community Centre on a	£23,844.00

	number of existing projects.	
Centre for Alternative Technology Charity Ltd	CAT will recruit a Volunteering Manager to improve and increase our volunteering offer. CAT has a long history of working with volunteers, and this additional capacity will enable us to diversify the available opportunities attracting a wider volunteer cohort, allowing more people to experience the benefits of our unique environment.	£24,738.00
Cerebral Palsy Cymru	We will create new volunteering opportunities in Cardiff, the Vale, and RCT for people to develop their skills, and improve their wellbeing. A new Volunteer Coordinator will develop a new volunteering strategy, a targeted recruitment campaign addressing perceived barriers to engagement, and a more diverse and valued volunteer base.	£25,000.00
Challenge Wales	Removing barriers to volunteering enabling more young people and adults to access volunteer opportunities at sea with Challenge Wales while improving volunteers mental well-being through the creation of a Youth Panel and online and face-to-face training.	£16,258.91
Citizens Advice Swansea and Neath Port Talbot	Our volunteers are often the first point of contact for our clients. We are aiming to increase our volunteer numbers from racially minoritised people, from economically and socially disadvantaged communities and from the Neath Port Talbot (NPT) area, in order to better reflect the communities we work with.	£24,996.00
City Hospice	'Know, grow, and flow' is a volunteer development pathway designed to support high-quality and positive volunteering, and effective involvement over a lifetime of volunteering. It is underpinned by 'knowing' our volunteers and their needs, 'growing' confidence and capability, and 'flowing' skills across the charity to maximise purpose and impact.	£24,071.55
Cornelly Development Trust	The project aims to develop volunteering in the Cornelly Food Pantry, meeting the ever increasing need for subsidised and free food support within the local community. We aim to work with volunteers who have neurodiverse conditions from across the area, building their skills and encouraging their input.	£7,882.00
Cruse Bereavement Care	North Wales is the largest Cruse Cymru branch. Last year, the team took a record 1,000+ referrals and have a waiting list of over 350 people. We will	£24,878.00

	boost capacity and support more bereaved people by increasing volunteer numbers and enhancing wellbeing and satisfaction to aid crucial retention rates.	
Cultivate (Cwm Harry) Cyfyngedig	Cultivate will employ a Volunteer Coordinator to review volunteering procedures and implement changes. Volunteering is at the heart of Cultivate and the coordinator will recruit volunteers focusing on underrepresented groups. The volunteers will gain skills and knowledge, health and well-being while recognising the valuable role they play in the community.	£25,000.00
Cymdeithas Eryri Snowdonia Society	Through practical conservation workdays, we will work with volunteers and partners to protect, enhance and celebrate Eryri.	£24,917.48
Ethnic Youth Support Team	The Power of Volunteering will attract and support people from minority ethnic communities into meaningful volunteering opportunities and utilise their skills, knowledge and creativity to benefit communities in Cardiff and Swansea. Participation in volunteering will also improve each individual's mental health, wellbeing and employability prospects.	£23,229.00
Family Action	Family Action's FOOD Clubs provide good-quality food at a low cost for families experiencing food insecurity. We will recruit a new dedicated Volunteer Coordinator who will lead on developing and embedding a high-quality volunteering offer within our FOOD Clubs in Cardiff and Monmouthshire.	£24,980.45
Good Neighbours in North Cardiff	We are providing support to the largest elderly population in Cardiff with expected growth of 15% in the next ten years. We must modernise, to provide diverse, inclusive voluntary services which will attract and retain volunteers to deliver effective and efficient services enabling people to remain in their own homes.	£20,687.62
Greenfield Valley Trust	Our project will give us the opportunity to increase volunteering opportunities across our 70-acre site. We will remove barriers to volunteering whilst increasing diversity and extending opportunities to the local and wider community, particularly to young people, older people and those with physical disabilities, sensory impairment or mental health	£25,000.00

	difficulties.	
Groundwork North Wales	Groundwork North Wales will create a role for a Group Volunteering Co-ordinator whose purpose will be to ensure volunteers are supported, increase the range, scope and number of volunteering opportunities and enhance the value and experience of volunteering focusing on alignment with our investing In Volunteering Quality Standard.	£24,963.66
Home-Start Conwy	Alongside Home-Start's traditional support for families and children, our new community centre provides a range of facilities and opportunities for the community. We are expanding and introducing new initiatives and need to recruit and support more volunteers to run these exciting programmes.	£18,388.28
Home-Start Cymru	The pilot will test a co-productive approach with volunteers via recruitment of a Regional Recruitment Officer in South Wales. The pilot will identify and develop new partnerships, recruit new volunteers, co-develop new roles, improve volunteer experience, and strengthen our community via engagement events, 'chat' forums and a 'buddy' scheme.	£22,254.32
Hospice of the Valleys	This project aims to improve access to volunteering for people of all ages and from all parts of society by breaking down barriers, engaging people from different walks of life in Blaenau Gwent and by creating more varied volunteering roles that will appeal to and benefit different types of volunteer.	£24,898.00
Machynlleth Tabernacle Trust	A collaborative initiative seeking to expand, enrich and empower the MOMA Machynlleth volunteer network as the organisation enters an exciting new phase of development. Based on the themes of development, empowerment, wellbeing, and coordination, this project aims to foster a harmonious and sustainable future for our valued volunteers.	£22,424.00
Megan Starr Foundation	To provide support to young people in our community including looked after young people, those not in employment or education from disadvantaged impoverished backgrounds. To coordinate volunteer opportunities and volunteer programs that foster personal and professional growth and promote well-being and mental health support. To serve as a safe and trusted point of contact.	£24,988.24

Ministry of Life Education CIC	Over the course of a year, we will galvanise a team of 50 volunteers to help with community activities. These activities will include helping to organise, deliver and participate in community music events, building a community eco-garden and helping to deliver music workshops in the community.	£10,580.00
Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice	Our Volunteer Advice Service (VAS) provides an excellent training and skills programme in all areas of advice and guidance, administration and communication. VAS will recruit and train local volunteers to deliver generalist and specialist advice on multiple platforms including face-to-face, telephony and webchat.	£25,000.00
Mudiad Meithrin	Bydd y prosiect hwn yn denu gwirfoddolwyr newydd i gefnogi Cylchoedd Ti a Fi a Cylchoedd Meithrin. Dyma gyfle i unigolion i ddatblygu a defnyddio eu harbenigeddau a'u sgiliau er mwyn cyfrannu at ffyniant eu Cylchoedd lleol trwy datblygu eu sgiliau proffesiynol a phersonol, ac ehangu eu dealltwriaeth o'r maes.	£24,368.92
Newbridge Memo	Newbridge memo is seeking funding to employ a part-time Volunteer Coach/co-ordinator who will support and empower volunteers with a range of support needs by tailoring roles to their interests and aspirations and encouraging them to develop projects which isolated people in the wider community can engage with.	£21,554.04
New Pathways Family Friendly Therapeutic Centre of Excellence	Survivors of sexual violence and their families have told us that the wellbeing of the family (parents, siblings, carers) is also devastated by sexual violence, and that families desperately need help and support to care for themselves and the survivor . This project will provide therapeutic support to these families.	£24,900.80
NoFit State Community Circus Ltd	We will offer creative volunteering opportunities for some of the most disadvantaged people in East Cardiff, bridging a gap and acting as a gateway for people to actively take part in local creative activities which celebrate their diversity and make our community a better place to live, work and play.	£24,968.50
North East Wales Mind Ltd	We would like to hire a volunteer co-ordinator, enabling us to achieve high quality standards for our volunteers, including training and employment opportunities. Working collaboratively with existing volunteers enhancing	£23,833.27

	their experience and recruiting new volunteers to deliver mental health support services across Flintshire and Wrexham, including developing Welsh speaking hubs.	
Plant Dewi	We would like to appoint a dedicated member of staff to embed volunteering within our organisation. We will enhance the experience and support offered to current volunteers while attracting new volunteers who may have faced barriers to volunteering.	£24,595.04
Play Radnor/Chwarae Maesyfed	To employ a volunteering officer to promote our organisation, it's volunteering opportunities and to provide support ensuring fulfilling experiences for our volunteers.	£14,822.00
Recovery Cymru Community	The Recovery Cymru Family and Friends project will train and support people in Cardiff and Vale affected by someone else's substance use, offering peer support to others, raising awareness, challenging stigma and helping to create a family and friends' community and in so doing, improving their wellbeing.	£24,976.00
Repair & Share (trading as Repair Café Wales)	RE:MAKE Newport is a repair café and library of things on the High Street in Newport. Volunteers provide free repairs of household items and help the public access our 'Library of Things' offering our community a cost-effective way to make positive environmental impacts saving useable items from landfill.	£24,998.32
Sandy Bear Children's Bereavement Charity	Sandy Bear's project aims to retain and engage existing volunteers in West Wales whilst recruiting and upskilling new volunteers across Wales in line with the charity's strategic development plan. The development will provide opportunities to all ages, from all backgrounds, in various roles including bereavement support, youth ambassadors and fundraising.	£24,686.40
Sight Life	The project will provide training for volunteers to improve engagement with visually impaired people. It will empower 60 volunteers to support people with sight loss at key locations in Cardiff,. It will also train 8 digital inclusion volunteers to provide support to people with sight loss.	£24,707.28
Sistema Cymru Codi'r To (Raise the Roof)	Codi'r To wish to engage 12 Welsh language Music Volunteers to improve access to our existing music education programme for children aged 5-11 years. We will also offer non-musical volunteering roles to 6 Community	£15,088.00

	Champions to support the charity to embed individual giving into our business development strategy.	
South Riverside Community Development Centre	Let's Interpret will recruit, support and train bilingual/multilingual women to become community language volunteers. We will work both in-house and with local partner organisations, to provide high quality volunteering opportunities that allow our participants to put their language skills into practice, to benefit both themselves and their local community.	£24,572.00
Stroke Association	With WCVA funding we will recruit a Volunteer Manager in South Wales to grow our volunteer community and provide them with the training and support they need to excel in their role. With an equipped and empowered network of volunteers we can build a healthy, cohesive, prosperous Welsh stroke community.	£24,913.20
Swansea Community Farm	A wellbeing focussed flexible farm based volunteer program for 14-25 year olds, including peer mentorship training, and designed to encourage and support volunteering among people with barriers to work and social participation	£24,967.72
Tal Y Sarn Farm	Young people, particularly those with additional needs such as neurodiversity and mental health, can come to our farm for community support, where they will help look after our animals. We would also like to deliver accredited Units in animal care, to provide the opportunity to gain credits towards qualifications.	£19,200.00
Tenovus Cancer Care	Cancer touches all of us: half of us will get it. A new role, conceived by volunteers for volunteers, will help to make cancer support accessible to everyone: Community Champions throughout Wales will connect people within communities, shifting support beyond hospital settings and driving social cohesion for people with cancer.	£25,000.00
Terrence Higgins Trust	THT is proposing a pilot, empowering South Wales volunteers to become sexual health advocates in their communities. We will create infrastructure to mobilise community involvement in national campaigns that map and address sexual health inequalities and help local communities to shape future sexual health services and campaigns in/for Wales.	£25,000.00

Trash Free Trails	We want to build stronger volunteer communities across Wales that protect our trails and the wild places they take us. To do this we will hire a Community Manager, create new volunteer Community Hubs and evolve our innovative and inclusive volunteer offer in key Welsh regions.	£24,846.00
The Awen Project	We offer exceptional nature based volunteering opportunities for children and adults alike. We will use this grant to employ a volunteer coordinator to help shape opportunities as well as guide and supervise our volunteers in a safe and supportive way.	£25,000.00
The Gap - Wales	The project will put in place a new volunteering strategy that will help us improve opportunities for volunteers and especially volunteers who are Refugees or Asylum Seekers that enable them to build skills, gain confidence and integrate into the community	£23,939.00
The Gellideg Foundation Group	Creating high quality and enriching volunteering opportunities co-designed with volunteers, staff and community members. Removing the barriers to volunteering, enabling everyone to participate in activities that are socially rewarding and mutually beneficial to the community and individual, in a culture that celebrates and recognizes volunteering.	£24,999.64
The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	Volunteers in Action will provide 40 high-quality volunteering opportunities for individuals to support Guide Dogs' charitable operations across Wales. The project will involve testing & learning from new approaches to increasing the diversity and numbers of volunteers from underrepresented groups, those vulnerable to social exclusion and with higher support needs.	£24,512.00
The Prince's Trust	The Prince's Trust depends on volunteers to provide essential support for disadvantaged young people who are taking positive steps on the journey to (self-)employment. This project seeks to help to diversify our local volunteer pool, enhance volunteer experience and improve our processes and procedures for recruiting and retaining our volunteers.	£25,000.00
The S.A.F.E Foundation	"SAFE's Events Volunteer Manager will deliver exciting, vibrant events-based volunteering opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to build their skills and confidence whilst expanding their personal and professional network and preparing them for their next steps. Providing an access point into the world of events management and	£24,967.15

	entrepreneurship."	
The Sporting Memories Foundation	Sporting Memories Wales will grow and develop their volunteer workforce to support older people through facilitating local weekly Community Clubs providing reminiscence, social and inclusive physical activities that improve the mental and physical well-being of isolated older people (50+) living with dementia, depression, and other long-term conditions.	£23,470.80
Tools for Self Reliance Cymru	The activities are summarised as follows : 1. Provide an accredited workshop training course for our volunteers. 2. Replace our worn out van. 3. Improve our toilet facilities. 4. Undertake a campaign to recruit a more diverse volunteer pool. 5. Improve Welsh language content.	£22,460.00
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Mae'r rhaglen Gwirfoddoli Chwaraeon yr Urdd yn uwchsgilio 60 o wirfoddolwyr 16-25 oed i'w galluogi i gefnogi gweithgareddau chwaraeon i blant a phobl ifanc yn y Gymraeg. Bydd yn cynnwys; cyfleoedd i ennill cymwysterau, chwaraeon, cit, cyfleoedd i ymuno â fforymau gwirfoddoli chwaraeon yr Urdd, mentora ennill profiad trwy wirfoddoli. The Urdd's programme, Gwirfoddoli Chwaraeon (Sport Volunteering) upskills 60 volunteers 16-25 years old to enable them to support sport activities for children and young people through the medium of Welsh. It will include opportunities to achieve qualifications, sports, a kit, opportunities to join the Urdd's Gwirfoddoli Chwaraeon forums, mentoring and gaining experience through volunteering.	£24,437.52
Velindre University NHS Trust	The development of the Volunteer Programme to support widening access through volunteering focussing specifically on those with seldom-heard voices, volunteer to career pathways micro-volunteering opportunities to increase accessibility. The programme will also develop the Ffrind i mi befriending service and Investors in Volunteers accreditation.	£24,144.00
Versus Arthritis	The Improving and Promoting Volunteer Support and Training (IPVST) for the Arthritis Community in Wales project will enhance and improve Cymru Versus Arthritis's volunteering offer, experience and training; ensuring people with arthritis, across Wales, will have access to high quality volunteering opportunities that will strengthen their communities.	£24,996.00

Wastesavers Charitable Trust Limited	Wastesavers will be extending its offer to current and prospective volunteers for all 10 projects across South Wales through Reuse and Repair activities. This includes all shops, repair cafes, nappy library, IT and library of things, plus a peer mentoring for new volunteers to buddy up with experienced volunteers.	£24,060.16
Welsh Centre for International Affairs	Volunteers from six area in Wales will receive media & outreach training and become Climate Messengers. They will work within their communities and alongside Climate Cymru's media team, creating exciting campaigns which connect Welsh communities with global issues, feeding into our strategy for a globally responsible, resilient Wales.	£25,000.00
With Music in Mind	We will increase volunteer opportunities in our community and enable more volunteers to engage with our new venture, an age-friendly community hub serving the Western Vale. We will improve volunteer satisfaction by recruiting a volunteer coordinator for the hub and integrate new opportunities to our existing service.	£24,910.36
Wrexham Citizens Advice Bureau	This project will focus on increasing and diversifying our pool of volunteers, providing an opportunity to develop employability skills. We aim to become more accessible, in particular to increase our offer of community languages, in order to reach and respond to the needs of the wider community of Wrexham	£21,484.44
Y Bartneriaeth Awyr Agored / The Outdoor Partnership	Our Volunteer Ambassadors project will enable The Outdoor Partnership to recruit volunteers to work directly with us; engaging communities in Wales to utilize their natural environment to improve people's health and well-being. It will offer high quality volunteering opportunities that will invest in developing volunteers, allowing them to thrive.	£24,897.70
Ymddiriedolaeth Penllergare	This programme will be a collaborative partnership between the Penllergare Trust and Happy Headwork Community C.I.C. The project aim is to support community members experiencing challenges with mental health and emotional wellbeing to increase mental health outcomes and engage with nature-based volunteering opportunities in Penllergare Valley Woods.	£23,534.00