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Volunteering Wales Grant Scheme – Strategic Grant Awards 2023-25

Organisation	Project Description	Grant Awarded
Social Care Wales	<p>It's unclear at present as to the opportunities for volunteers in social care settings in a way that meets the needs of the volunteer and those of the service. A scoping exercise is proposed to understand current situation and propose options for strengthening the opportunities for volunteers in social care.</p> <p>Extension - Research exploring the journeys of care home volunteers. This would involve in-depth, qualitative research with volunteers – focusing on their motivations, routes into their roles, and key moments and changes – to identify what impacts the experiences of volunteers as well as their recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Resource showing the roles volunteers have in care homes based on findings of our current project. It would outline what training and support is needed for each role and provide links to existing resources. It would be useful for care homes, Welsh Government, Age Cymru and others recruiting and supporting volunteers, especially WeCare Wales.</p>	£115,000.00

<p>Foothold Cymru</p>	<p>Schools for Change will create a pioneering, scalable model for uniting schools and local causes to create social impact through a volunteering brokerage service.</p> <p>It aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove barriers for schools and community organisations in developing meaningful volunteering opportunities for students • engage and support asylum seekers aged 11-18 as volunteers. <p>Extension - To further develop and expand the platform, the proposal includes hiring a business development manager with the following objectives:</p> <p>First Six Months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the portal's reach to schools in Ceredigion, Powys, and Pembrokeshire. • Collaborate with County Voluntary Councils (CVCs) within these counties to promote adoption by the third sector. <p>Second Six Months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broaden the portal's deployment beyond the initial counties. • Develop a comprehensive business plan to attract sponsorship or implement a charging policy to ensure the portal's 	<p>£138,062.69</p>
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	<p>long-term sustainability.</p> <p>Additionally, throughout this period young people would continue to use the portal to volunteer.</p> <p>This strategic approach aims to enhance the platform's impact, ensuring it becomes a valuable resource for fostering youth engagement in volunteering across Wales.</p>	
<p>Children in Wales Plant yng Nghymru</p>	<p>Building upon good practice developed by Children in Wales (CIW), and our successful Young Wales Volunteer Programme, we will share learning and embed practice within Football Association of Wales (FAW) in strategic partnership, to strengthen their knowledge and understanding of effective; recruitment, support and retention of Young Volunteers (11-24yrs).</p> <p>Extension - This 12-month plan is to advance the current project with the FAW by launching a Youth Ambassador Program. CIW will support the recruitment and induction of young ambassadors into 6 regional areas who will feed into the existing FAW National Youth Council meeting quarterly to provide insight and feedback.</p> <p>Ambassadors will increase engagement, promote the project's goals, and advocate for inclusive youth participation in football. Ambassadors will help ensure that young</p>	<p>£164,782.81</p>

	<p>voices help shape the future of youth football initiatives.</p> <p>This work supports Welsh Governments strategic objective of their “Raising Awareness of Children’s Rights Strategy (RACRS), which supports the implementation of UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) “To empower children and young people to exercise their rights as citizens of Wales and the world.”</p>	
Newport Mind Association	<p>This project will co-produce a replicable model of inclusive, empowered volunteering for young people aged 14-25 across Gwent. We will implement Communities of Practice and a Youth Voice Group to share learning and involve young people in Governance, and increase available volunteering opportunities for young people.</p> <p>Extension - to create short, part time roles for young Wellbeing Ambassadors on the project. We would envisage that we could create four roles for young Wellbeing Ambassadors already on the project at 2 days a week, until March 2026. This would allow young people to boost the work across the counties, create a legacy work in case further funding is not found and to provide and develop a young person’s toolkit to volunteering. It would also allow young people to develop skills and knowledge</p>	£142,194.14

	<p>through employment. If this is something that would be supported we would of course develop a more in depth narrative and budget proposal.</p>	
<p>Sported Foundation</p>	<p>This project aims to enhance the capacity and impact of skilled/management type volunteering in Wales's community sports sector. It will conduct a needs assessment, co-design solutions, and develop a strategic volunteering framework with best practices, standards, policies, and support. It will also disseminate and share learning and good practices.</p> <p>Extension - The project is in the 'Solutions Phase', consulting with stakeholders from across sectors to address the challenges faced in volunteering on boards of management. Preliminary solutions scoping activity indicates that the project requires multiple strategic partners from Public, Private, Sport, Third and University/FE sectors to achieve sustainable impact at tactical and strategic level solutions.</p> <p>The project will use investment to employ a Partnerships Manager with responsibility for developing and leading these partnerships with stakeholders. As a result: The sector will develop greater collaborative and</p>	<p>£132,380.00</p>

	<p>sustainable solutions, leveraging collective resource, capability and innovation, achieving impact for volunteering in Wales.</p>	
<p>Llais y Goedwig</p>	<p>Defining pathways and processes within Local Authorities for volunteering at different levels, identifying benefits and barriers and investigating solutions to accessing green space for volunteering. Sharing knowledge and experience at a strategic level, enabling Councils to find solutions to the challenges of accessible volunteering in partnership with the third sector.</p> <p>Extension - Building on our current project, so that we can present a coherent national picture of best practice, barriers to volunteering within councils and explore further ways of addressing issues. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support two further councils so that geographical gaps in current representation are filled. One in North West and another in South East Wales. · Collaborate with the CVCs corresponding to the six Councils we are working with to share best practice and provide networking sessions for council staff on issues specific to Council-led volunteering – enabling them to better support their volunteers. 	<p>£145,272.80</p>

<p>Innovate Trust</p>	<p>To develop a digital volunteering hub which will open up the volunteering landscape for people with learning disabilities, by improving accessibility and inclusion, removing barriers and working with partner organisations to improve practice.</p> <p>Co-produce an interactive knowledge centre on the Volunteering Hub, containing courses for people with learning disabilities to support them at the start and during their volunteering journey. Individuals would be able to access courses at their own pace. Organisations could also use courses with their own volunteers, enabling them to feel better equipped and more confident supporting volunteers with additional needs.</p> <p>Extension - Development of an application system which would allow organisations to accept applications to their opportunities via the Hub. Development of accessible application system will further reduce barriers to volunteering for adults with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>£113,604.03</p>
<p>St Giles Trust</p>	<p>St Giles Cymru will develop and launch a practical toolkit to support employers in Wales to confidently extend volunteering opportunities to those with lived experience by providing a self-assessment toolkit with practical advice and guidance for employers to develop inclusive recruitment practices</p>	<p>£147,920.00</p>

	<p>that remove barriers to those with criminal convictions.</p> <p>St Giles Cymru is developing and launching an On-Line Portal and Digital Toolkit supporting people with Lived Experience to develop their capacity and access volunteering & employment in Wales. The Toolkit will support employers in Wales to confidently extend volunteering opportunities to those with lived experience, providing a self-assessment toolkit with practical advice and guidance to develop inclusive recruitment practices. This will be launched in March 25.</p> <p>Extension - 'Embedding Lived Experience Volunteering in Wales', delivering a 12 month embedding campaign across Wales, appointing a Lived Experience Project Manager & Campaign Lead to work across sectors & deliver across Wales.</p>	
<p>PLANED</p>	<p>Community and village halls already post COVID, had challenges retaining volunteers. Now in the current socio-economic challenges of 2023, where these venues are increasingly needed at the heart of communities, our project will provide a regionally coordinated, locally specific, joined-up approach, supported by established community led partners with sustainable resources.</p>	<p>£90,704.20</p>

Governors for Schools	To develop a framework which organisations in Wales can implement to support board-level volunteering on school governing boards. By working collaboratively with local authorities, schools, communities and businesses in Wales, we will determine the best practice and support for volunteers to make a long-term impact on young people in education.	£75,057.01
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