



## Volunteering Wales Main Grant Round 2 awards

| Organisation                  | 50 word description  | County  | Grant award |
|-------------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| Adoption UK Charity           | This project would support Adoption UK in Wales in improving volunteer experiences, by providing capacity to provide one-to-one support, improve engagement, training, recognition, remove barriers, and improve accessibility and inclusion, while supporting a wider cultural change in improving volunteering experiences within the framework of Investing in Volunteers.        | Bridgend<br>Caerphilly<br>Cardiff<br>Newport<br>Pembrokeshire<br>Powys<br>Swansea<br>Torfaen<br>Vale of Glamorgan | £59,664.36  |
| Age Connects Cardiff and Vale | Age Connects will recruit 80 new volunteers and strengthen support for our 160 existing ones through a two-year programme that streamlines onboarding, expands volunteer-led roles, and modernises training. The project will build a sustainable, inclusive volunteer community across Age Connects volunteers using digital tools and peer-led engagement.                         | Cardiff   | £59,955.00  |
| Age Cymru West Glamorgan      | This project will strengthen Age Cymru West Glamorgan's core commitment to inclusive volunteering, giving volunteers a stronger collective voice. A dedicated Officer will engage underrepresented groups and deliver regular local engagement events across Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend, ensuring volunteers feel valued, connected and fully included where they live. | Bridgend<br>Neath Port Talbot<br>Swansea  | £59,976.00  |

| Organisation                           | 50 word description   | County            | Grant award |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------|
| BGfm Community Radio                   | VoC is a two year Community Radio initiative empowering overlooked residents in Blaenau Gwent through broadcasting, events, & volunteering. Participants gain accredited qualifications in media skills, host live shows and outside broadcasts, and contribute to storytelling that builds confidence, social connection, & employability while celebrating local talent & identity. | Blaenau Gwent     | £47,000.08  |
| BikeAbility Wales                      | We will recruit and develop cycling support, ride leader, office administration, marketing and bike maintenance volunteers who are young people, disabled people and people looking for employability skills. We will recruit a Volunteering Officer, enable our Maintenance Officer to support bike maintenance volunteering and achieve Investors in Volunteering accreditation.    | Swansea           | £55,255.32  |
| Brecon & District MIND                 | We will create a new leadership programme within Brecon & District Mind to recruit, train and support new and existing volunteers to take on additional responsibilities and duties within the organisation. This will create new high quality, meaningful volunteering opportunities whilst supporting the expansion and development of our services.                                | Powys             | £57,753.75  |
| Bulldogs Boxing & Community Activities | Our volunteering project will empower local people to give back through community activities that promote wellbeing, inclusion and connection. Volunteers will support outdoor projects, wellbeing sessions, business functions and community events - building confidence, skills and stronger communities while making a positive difference across Neath Port Talbot.              | Neath Port Talbot | £59,862.88  |

| Organisation                                    | 50 word description   | County     | Grant award |
|---|---|------------|-------------|
| Caernarfon Pentecostal Church (Arfon Food Bank) | Arfon Foodbank seeks funding to secure and develop its vital Volunteer Coordinator role, which underpins the wellbeing, training, and retention of volunteers. The two-year project will sustain and expand the volunteer network, enhance facilities, and measure social impact through annual SROI analysis, strengthening confidence, skills, and community resilience.  | Gwynedd    | £59,552.00  |
| Canal & River Trust                             | Gwreiddiau Gwirfoddoli will create inclusive, accessible volunteering opportunities along the ecologically and heritage-rich Montgomery Canal. Volunteers will help protect its unique biodiversity through conservation and engagement activities. An expert Ecology Volunteer Liaison will provide training, guidance, and mentorship-ensuring volunteers feel confident, valued, and connected, building a stronger, inclusive volunteering culture. | Powys      | £59,680.50  |
| Cardiff Basketball Foundation CIC               | Cardiff Basketball Foundation will recruit, train, and support young volunteers aged 14+ from across the southern arc of Cardiff to become junior coaches, referees, table officials, and peer mentors. Volunteers will gain skills, confidence, and experience while helping to deliver inclusive basketball sessions, holiday camps, and community events.  | Cardiff    | £23,510.00  |
| Citizens Advice Flintshire                      | We will appoint a staff member for 3.5 days per week to enhance volunteer recruitment and engagement across Flintshire, targeting diverse groups, including young and disabled people. the project will provide tailored training, flexible roles and recognition schemes while removing barriers to volunteering, fostering inclusivity and building community impact.   | Flintshire | £59,998.09  |

| Organisation                             | 50 word description  | County           | Grant award |
|--|--|------------------|-------------|
| City Hospice                             | 'Even better if' is a new project which will expand and diversify volunteering at City Hospice. Leaning into 'lived experience' we will create new meaningful roles to positively enrich end-of-life care. Volunteers will bring their experience and compassion, fostering connections and coping, and reducing fear and loneliness.  | Cardiff          | £60,000.00  |
| Coetir Anian                             | We will raise the quality of volunteering experiences at Coetir Anian, appointing a Volunteer Coordinator to provide continuity, support, training and recognition to volunteers, allowing us to provide inclusive volunteering opportunities to a wider range of people of all ages, and promote wellbeing and a sense of purpose.  | Ceredigion       | £58,989.60  |
| Cwmbran Rugby Football Club              | A two-year programme creating three new volunteer coordinator roles at Cwmbran RFC to recruit, train, and support coaches, team managers, parents, and young volunteers. The project will build capacity, improve wellbeing, and strengthen community engagement through inclusive, safe, and sustainable volunteering pathways.   | Torfaen          | £41,476.00  |
| Cyngor ar Bopeth Gwynedd Citizens Advice | Over 2 years Citizens Advice in Conwy and Gwynedd will implement new approaches, transforming the volunteer experience and culture. Targeted recruitment, new flexible roles, hybrid learning, delivery and celebrated milestones will offer diverse opportunities. Learning and work towards the Investors in Volunteers accreditation will ensure developments continue beyond WCVA funding. | Conwy<br>Gwynedd | £59,654.86  |

| Organisation                      | 50 word description   | County  | Grant award |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| Disability Advice Project Ltd     | Opportunities for disabled people and carers to have experience of volunteering in a workplace environment giving specialist advice on all disability issues to disabled adults, parents/carers of disabled children, people with a chronic or life limiting health condition, their families and carers empowering individuals and creating a more inclusive society.  | Newport<br>Torfaen  | £58,364.00  |
| Discovery Student Volunteering    | Discovery is creating new public sector volunteering opportunities for university students with the NHS, Police, local authorities and schools. The project will remove barriers to access through flexible one offs and trials, training, info sessions, helping students gain experience, improve wellbeing and become active citizens while supporting vital public services.                                  | Swansea   | £48,410.24  |
| Dolen Cymru<br>Wales Lesotho Link | Dolen will enhance the quality, reach, and sustainability of our Health volunteer programme across Wales to re-establish a collaborative volunteering community. Strengthening Dolen's volunteer infrastructure and developing a volunteer-led strategic plan will support existing and new volunteers with training, opportunities to develop skills, knowledge sharing, and deliver a Wales-Lesotho Conference. | Conwy<br>Gwynedd<br>Isle of Anglesey<br>Newport<br>Swansea<br>Wrexham | £59,989.96  |
| Duffryn Community Link            | "Duffryn Roots: Growing a Culture of Volunteering" will strengthen Duffryn by building the capacity and infrastructure needed for high-quality, inclusive volunteer opportunities. Led by a new coordinator, the project will develop sustainable systems, training, and support, embedding volunteering into the organisation and empowering residents to connect, contribute, and grow together.                | Newport   | £59,580.96  |

| Organisation                  | 50 word description  | County            | Grant award |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|
| Ein Cegin CIC                 | Team Cegin Teifi will increase volunteer capacity, establish robust volunteer systems and tackle participation inequality. It will enable volunteers to have a direct say in developing Cegin Teifi from the pilot stage, through a series of project co-design events, thereby elevating the status of volunteers and celebrating their contribution.   | Ceredigion        | £60,000.00  |
| Fieldwork Studio CIC          | Cysylltu Pobl a Natur is a Fieldwork CIC volunteer programme engaging people from diverse communities in hands-on biodiversity monitoring. Volunteers give two mornings per month recording plants, insects, and birds, uploading data to the SewBrec App, while gaining skills, confidence, and a deeper connection to Wales' natural environment.  | Vale of Glamorgan | £55,604.00  |
| Foundation For Sport Coaching | F4SC will recruit and train diverse volunteers to support our core programmes; Midnight Ramadan, Youth Nights, Multi-Sport Camps and diversionary sessions, across Cardiff. We'll remove barriers (travel, uniform, flexible shifts), provide safeguarding and coaching training, and build leadership routes so volunteers co-deliver sport that strengthens wellbeing, belonging and community cohesion. | Cardiff           | £60,000.00  |
| g39                           | Working Party is an innovative volunteer programme at g39, a Cardiff-based contemporary visual arts charity. Through an exchange of time, skills, and training, volunteers help shape g39's programmes while developing their own experience. Participants build valuable networks, gain practical insight, and strengthen creative and professional connections for their future.                         | Cardiff           | £59,032.80  |

| Organisation                        | 50 word description   | County          | Grant award |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------|
| GISDA Cyfyngedig                    | GISDA's project will expand and tailor volunteering opportunities for young people in Gwynedd, supported by online training, in collaboration with our young people's board. By prioritising individual needs and therapeutic support, we will empower young people to build skills, confidence, and a sense of purpose through various volunteering opportunities. | Gwynedd         | £54,687.25  |
| Glasbren CSA                        | Glasbren CIC, based in Llansteffan, Carmarthenshire, are seeking support from the WCVA to improve and diversify their volunteer opportunities and remove barriers to participation as they transform a 134-acre National Trust farm into a safe, inclusive and peaceful nature-based hub for their community.   | Carmarthenshire | £59,200.00  |
| Goleudy Housing and Support Limited | A new part-time Volunteer Coordinator will help Goleudy recruit, train and support more volunteers. With a clear training pathway and stronger community links, the project will improve wellbeing, increase participation and make volunteering a lasting part of local life.  | Swansea         | £15,921.04  |
| Grange Pavilion Youth Forum         | The Training Ground Cafe Project is a community-led café. Dedicated to empowering individuals by building connection, skills and a sense of belonging through volunteer opportunities in the diverse community of Grangetown. Our mission is to break down barriers ensuring everyone has the chance to contribute meaningfully to their community.                 | Cardiff         | £59,592.00  |

| Organisation                   | 50 word description   | County                       | Grant award |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| Happy Headwork Community C.I.C | NatureNurture is a twice-monthly Sustainable Wellbeing Volunteering programme at Penllergare Woodlands, underpinned by Wales's Future Generations Act, UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Inner Development Goals. It combines: • Psychological learning for inner growth • Conservation knowledge and skills • Practical volunteering in woodland restoration • Research into sustainable wellbeing. | Swansea                      | £28,512.00  |
| HWB Cymunedol Porthi Dre       | Porthi Dre will strengthen its capacity by employing a Volunteer Officer to recruit, support and retain volunteers across all projects. This role will improve volunteer experience, remove barriers to participation, and embed a culture of volunteering, contributing to a Wales of vibrant culture, cohesive communities and greater equality.  | Gwynedd                      | £59,110.00  |
| Innovate Trust                 | A unique project for people with learning disabilities to demonstrate their ability to play a valued role in the community by participating in an exciting and stimulating array of voluntary work at St. Fagans National Museum of History and the Vale of Glamorgan Country Parks.  | Cardiff<br>Vale of Glamorgan | £59,829.24  |
| KidCare 4U                     | KidCare4U provides activities and support for low income families from diverse ethnic backgrounds. We want to expand our capacity to be able to offer more volunteering opportunities to our diverse ethnic communities. We want to build our capacity to allow us to build on the number of existing volunteers.   | Newport                      | £32,780.00  |

| Organisation                      | 50 word description   | County   | Grant award |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Llandysul A Phont Tyweli Cyf      | This two-year project will strengthen and expand volunteering within Llandysul a Phont-Tyweli Ymlaen and Dolen Teifi. A Volunteer Coordinator will improve recruitment, training, and recognition, establish a volunteer subgroup, and achieve Investing in Volunteers accreditation, embedding inclusive, bilingual, high-quality volunteering across both organisations.  | Carmarthenshire<br>Ceredigion<br>Pembrokeshire | £51,207.97  |
| Llanelli Railway Goods Shed Trust | Heritage Heroes: Creating quality opportunities for volunteers, breaking barriers to volunteering and celebrating community strengths. Upskilling our volunteers to create the Heritage Heroes and the Shed Squad – young people learning new skills and creating an inclusive community hub open to all.   | Carmarthenshire                                | £38,214.95  |
| Llangollen Railway Trust Ltd      | Train for Change creates inclusive, high-quality volunteering experience. We'll recruit underrepresented people and young volunteers, provide Agored Cymru-accredited training, mentoring and Welsh language opportunities, and offer real experience in customer service, engineering and heritage skills, improving confidence, employability and community cohesion while safeguarding Wales's cultural heritage for future generations. | Denbighshire<br>Flintshire<br>Wrexham          | £58,997.12  |
| Manage Money Wales CIC            | We will employ a Volunteer Manager to recruit, train and support a diverse team of volunteers at our Community Sharing Shop project in Porth, RCT, which helps tackle poverty, reduce waste, and build community connections. This inclusive project strengthens wellbeing and sustainability through supported volunteering in a multicultural, welcoming environment.   | Rhondda Cynon Taff                             | £59,554.00  |

| Organisation                                    | 50 word description  | County             | Grant award |
|---|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Menter Dinefwr                                  | Dathlu Dinefwr is a new volunteering project, and its aim is to offer training opportunities and develop skills for young volunteers and older people, while documenting, protecting and telling the history of the Dinefwr area through the medium of Welsh. It will strengthen the use of the Welsh language when protecting heritage, and foster sustainable intergenerational relations. | Carmarthenshire    | £60,000.00  |
| Ministry of Life C.I.C.                         | This project will create pathways into volunteering for some of South-Wales' most marginalised young-people furthest away from the labour-market. We will connect those who attend our 4 youth clubs the unique benefits of this programme to create real and lasting opportunities to enhance their skills, confidence and work-readiness.  | Cardiff            | £34,000.00  |
| Neurobusiness CIC                               | The NeuroBusiness Empowerment Programme creates inclusive volunteering opportunities designed by and for neurodivergent people. Volunteers gain confidence, connection, and new skills while contributing to community projects across South Wales. The programme removes barriers, celebrates strengths, and helps neurodivergent people thrive through meaningful, supported volunteering. | Rhondda Cynon Taff | £47,560.00  |
| One Step Counselling and Mental Health Services | Steps Together: Befriending Neath Port Talbot will recruit, train and support 30 new volunteers to provide companionship to isolated older people across Neath Port Talbot through home visits, phone calls and community meet-ups, reducing loneliness, improving wellbeing, and strengthening community connection through high-quality, inclusive volunteering opportunities.             | Neath Port Talbot  | £45,460.00  |

| Organisation        | 50 word description   | County                        | Grant award |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Pathfinders Cymru   | Pathfinders Cymru will develop inclusive volunteering pathways for young people and adults facing barriers, including disability and mental health challenges. Volunteers will receive tailored training, mentoring and opportunities to contribute through arts, STEM, and community activities, building skills, confidence and stronger community networks.  | Neath Port Talbot             | £59,500.00  |
| Plant Dewi          | We will recruit a Volunteer Coordinator to promote volunteering, recruit, manage and support a diverse range of volunteers across Plant Dewi's work in Carmarthenshire.   | Carmarthenshire               | £59,551.00  |
| Platform For Change | Platform will enhance volunteering by recruiting a Volunteering Coordinator to: offer targeted support to volunteers, streamline recruitment, improve onboarding and enhance training so people experiencing poor mental health feel safe, supported and can thrive in volunteering roles. We'll review and implement an organisation-wide volunteering strategy and support partner organisations' volunteering. | Caerphilly                    | £59,866.06  |
| Race Council Cymru  | Many young people (16–24) and older adults (50+) from ethnically diverse communities in Wales face exclusion from volunteering due to language barriers, digital exclusion, racism, and low confidence. This project will tackle these inequalities through outreach, training, and co-created volunteering opportunities that connects generations and promotes inclusive participation across Wales.            | Cardiff<br>Swansea<br>Wrexham | £51,800.00  |
| Rubicon Dance       | As part of Rubicon Dance's 50th anniversary, we will deliver a volunteer programme supporting community dance activity across Cardiff. Volunteers will receive training, mentoring and practical experience, contributing to accessible, high-quality engagement in schools, studios and community settings.  | Cardiff                       | £58,953.00  |

| Organisation               | 50 word description   | County                     | Grant award |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| Scouts Cymru               | ScoutsCymru will create a dedicated EDI Communities Volunteer Team, supported by staff and volunteers, to engage rural Carmarthenshire and ethnic minority communities in Newport. Through roadshows, community events, training, and accessible volunteering opportunities, the project will remove barriers, build connections, and inspire people from all backgrounds to volunteer. | Carmarthenshire<br>Newport | £58,758.00  |
| Shared Earth Trust         | The Root & Branch: Volunteer Growth Programme engages young people in Ceredigion to connect with nature and volunteering, learn new skills, and make a difference in their community. Through hands-on conservation, gardening, and mentoring from more mature volunteers, youth volunteers gain confidence and local pride while helping their environment thrive.                     | Ceredigion                 | £48,894.64  |
| Sharon Full Gospel Church  | Sharon Full Gospel Church in Pontypool serves one of Wales's most deprived areas through its Hope for the Community hub, offering food, warmth, and friendship to over a thousand people yearly. This project will strengthen, train, and support volunteers, building an inclusive, high-quality volunteering culture aligned with liV standards.                                      | Torfaen                    | £51,537.72  |
| Signposted Cymru LTD (SPC) | We will deliver an inclusive volunteering programme that provides accredited training, wellbeing support, and recognition for all volunteers. A dedicated Volunteer Coordinator will recruit, train, and support volunteers, ensuring everyone feels valued, confident, and connected while contributing to healthier, more cohesive communities across Rhondda Cynon Taf.              | Rhondda Cynon Taff         | £34,939.20  |

| Organisation                   | 50 word description   | County                       | Grant award |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| Sported Foundation             | The project's Partnerships Manager will lead and facilitate cross sector collaboration in the Wales Strategic Volunteering Project's newly established collaborative action groups (N=5). The project will enable over 40 cross sector organisations to deliver collaborative solutions that strengthen volunteering in governance roles in Wales Community Sports Sector.              | Pan Wales                    | £60,000.00  |
| St Giles Trust                 | Seeking funding to recruit a part-time Volunteer Coordinator in South Wales. The post will strengthen volunteering infrastructure across Cardiff and Aberdulais, develop inclusive pathways for people with lived experience, achieve the Investing in Volunteers Quality Standard, and build sustainable, high-quality volunteering that supports progression into work and wellbeing. | Cardiff<br>Neath Port Talbot | £55,895.50  |
| Surf Therapy CIC               | The Volunteer Coordinator Project will fund a dedicated part-time Volunteer Coordinator. This role will recruit, train, and support volunteers, manage DBS checks and sessions, and strengthen our volunteer framework. With clear oversight, we will enhance capacity, improve volunteer experience, and ensure safe, effective delivery of surf therapy.                              | Swansea                      | £22,182.00  |
| Swansea Asylum Seekers Support | The grant will fund the key post of Volunteer Development Worker, supporting volunteer engagement and development in SASS both by asylum seekers and refugees and by others in the local Swansea communities -- currently well over 100 active volunteers, half and half from both groups.  | Swansea                      | £58,296.00  |

| Organisation                            | 50 word description   | County                                  | Grant award |
|---|---|---|-------------|
| Swansea Community Workshops             | Swansea Community Workshops will deliver a creative volunteering programme for 15 participants, offering hands-on craft skills, mentoring, and community engagement opportunities. Volunteers will gain confidence, experience, and wellbeing support while contributing to inclusive, sustainable projects that benefit the wider Swansea community through skill-sharing and collaborative making.  | Swansea                                 | £42,600.00  |
| Swansea Mosque                          | Create two part time positions within our volunteers so they can maintain the running of the organisation. These include youth activities, food bank distribution and supporting community events. We want to engage volunteers of all ages, ethnicities and genders. This will allow us to create a harmonious cohesive community.   | Swansea                                 | £60,000.00  |
| The Centre for African Entrepreneurship | VOLVE strengthens volunteering at The CAE, enabling asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants to contribute safely, confidently, and meaningfully. Building on existing practice, this project focuses on capacity building to embed best practice, ensure sustainability, and create mutual benefit, empowering volunteers with skills, confidence, and belonging while extending our community impact. | Swansea                                 | £54,987.92  |
| The S.A.F.E. Foundation                 | SAFE's Young Changemakers Mentoring Project is a mentoring and volunteer development programme designed to empower young people aged 18–30 who face barriers to participation in volunteering. SAFE will recruit and train volunteer Changemaker Mentors to support young Changemakers to gain confidence, purpose and belonging while contributing to positive social change.                        | Cardiff<br>Swansea<br>Vale of Glamorgan | £59,967.80  |

| Organisation                | 50 word description  | County  | Grant award |
|-----------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| Ty Hafan Children's Hospice | This two-year project will enhance the volunteer experience at Tŷ Hafan by implementing our new Volunteer Strategy, shaped by volunteer feedback. It aims to improve inclusion, support, recognition, and communication, and achieve Investing in Volunteers accreditation, ensuring volunteers feel valued, empowered, and integral to our charity's success. | Bridgend<br>Caerphilly<br>Cardiff<br>Carmarthenshire<br>Ceredigion<br>Merthyr Tydfil<br>Monmouthshire<br>Neath Port Talbot<br>Newport<br>Rhondda Cynon Taff<br>Swansea<br>Vale of Glamorgan | £59,894.00  |
| Urdd Gobaith Cymru          | URDD's SWOGS plan will focus on reducing the financial barriers for young people to volunteer and empowering them to gain valuable experiences and skills. It will build confidence to volunteer and provide opportunities to develop personally and professionally, to be able to transfer the skills to their education and the world of work.               | Flintshire<br>Merthyr Tydfil<br>Newport<br>Swansea<br>Wrexham   | £45,568.00  |
| Wild Ground                 | The project will empower people who need more support to volunteer, primarily those who are neurodivergent and/or have mental health issues, by providing additional support for them to take part in environmental conservation volunteering across North East Wales.   | Denbighshire<br>Flintshire<br>Wrexham   | £54,500.36  |

| Organisation               | 50 word description   | County                       | Grant award |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| Women Advocacy Network CIC | Starting in March 2026, Wan Cymru's two-year Thriving Futures Together project will train and support volunteers to gain new skills and confidence. In turn, they will empower women, girls, and families across Wales. Strengthening wellbeing, opportunity, and resilience within communities through peer support and shared lived experience.                               | Cardiff<br>Vale of Glamorgan | £54,800.00  |
| Wrexham Miners Project     | With a dedicated Volunteer Lead, the Wrexham Miners Project will strengthen volunteering by offering guidance, training, and recognition for volunteers of all abilities. This support will ensure their contributions are valued, enhances our community activities, and underpins our ambition to achieve liV accreditation, embedding best practice across the organisation. | Wrexham                      | £59,956.00  |