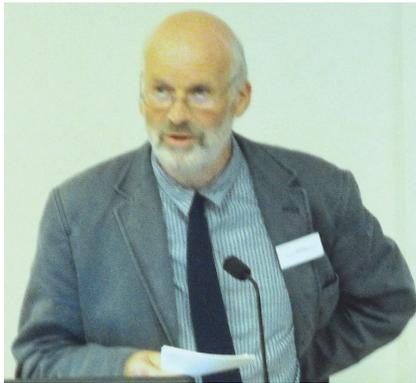




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## CHANGES AT FLVC



FLVC is going through big changes. Kieran Duff (current Chief Officer) and Sue Williams (Administrative Secretary) are both retiring in March. James Johnson has been appointed as the new Chief Officer. Sue, who is the longest serving member of staff took up her post in April of 1997. When Sue was appointed, FLVC was based in Ewloe and she had to scrounge a chair and a desk. Kieran arrived some months later and gradually the organisation grew and moved to Mold. Sue has been responsible for producing the newsletter, updating our website, keeping membership and databases up-to-date and distributing useful information via e-groups as well as supporting the FLVC Board and committees and organising the AGM. She has been a key person in ensuring that FLVC runs smoothly and was once described, amusingly, by a trustee as the anchor of the organisation providing stability and the sheepdog chivvyng us along!

Kieran has led FLVC for over 16 years through many developments and changes. He is proud of the support which the organisation gives to voluntary and community groups and wishes to thank staff for their commitment and enthusiasm which has made FLVC a great place to work. He wants to pay tribute to the current Board of Trustees and to those who have served FLVC over the years. It

is not an easy role to fulfil and Board members have governed and guided the organisation with care and vision. Kieran doesn't like the word "retirement" prefers "next phase" or "liberation" instead. When asked what his plans are he replies "My plan is to have no plan for the first six months and see how we go from there..." James will take over in April and is aware of the challenges which face FLVC and the sector more broadly. He has a wealth of experience and, with support from staff and trustees, he will



ensure that FLVC continues to deliver high quality services and to hold its own in a changing world.

Both Sue and Kieran wish to thank all the people they have worked with over the years and to wish you all a fond farewell.



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# Updates

## GET ONLINE WREXHAM FLINTSHIRE – HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

To date, 252 local people have benefitted from Get Online Wrexham Flintshire's free IT taster, and Absolute Beginners IT training sessions. This achievement is testament to the commitment and enthusiasm shown by our Digital Champion Volunteers who are looking forward to getting more people online throughout 2014.

Experience has taught us that, in every family and circle of friends, there's at least one person who gets bombarded with basic IT questions, and requests to perform a multitude of tasks online. If that's you, lessen the load by following us on Twitter **@GetOnlineNWales** to find out where those seeking your help can take advantage of free, fun and informal 'Absolute Beginners' computer courses. If you, or anyone you know, wants to find out what the internet is all about, and gain the skills and confidence to discover a whole new online world, please contact **Mel Salisbury** on **01352 744026**, or [mel.salisbury@flvc.org.uk](mailto:mel.salisbury@flvc.org.uk).



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## “CONTINUITY AND CHANGE”

As reported in the last *Voluntary Voice* Jeff Cuthbert, Minister for the Third Sector made a statement in the Senedd in November setting out future direction for the relationship between Welsh Government (WG) and the Third Sector. Since then officials have met with CVCs and their message continues to emphasise regional collaboration. There has been reassurance about the budget for 2014-15 but with an expectation that delivery plans for the following year will include elements of regional collaboration. Concern that future funding formulae could disadvantage North Wales have been countered by the Minister.

For more information contact [kieran.duff@flvc.org.uk](mailto:kieran.duff@flvc.org.uk) or **01352 744028**.

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## CRITICAL REPORT ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Sir Paul Williams has delivered a highly critical report on the public sector in Wales. His recommendations include a mix of structural changes and changes in organisational culture. The findings are summarised as follows:

- The public sector is too crowded and too complex to cope with the severe pressures that will continue to be placed upon it
- Many public organisations in Wales are too small
- Many organisations are slow to respond
- Values and cultures within the Welsh Public Sector are not aligned to meet current and future challenges

The performance of our major public services is “poor and patchy”

The report makes sixty two recommendations which it says must be implemented comprehensively and not piecemeal. Some recommendations would require major structural change including the reduction of local authorities from 22 to “12, 11 or 10”. The report does not appear to consider, in any detail, the role of the Voluntary Sector in the delivery of public services either currently or in the future.

For more information contact [kieran.duff@flvc.org.uk](mailto:kieran.duff@flvc.org.uk) or **01352 744028**.

# Funding News

## Institute of Fundraising—North Wales Regional Group

If you are interested in being part of this group, please email Deborah Ferns on [Deborah\\_ferns@rnli.org.uk](mailto:Deborah_ferns@rnli.org.uk)

## Applications for 2014-15 Historic Buildings Grant Now Open (Wales)

Grants are available from the Welsh Government for the repair of historic buildings and buildings situated within Conservation Areas. Grants for historic buildings are made under the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953 towards the cost of restoration and essential repairs to buildings of outstanding historical or architectural interest in Wales.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 April 2014.**

**Contact** <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk>

## Biffa Award

Biffa Award is a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK.

For more information, visit the website

<http://www.biffa-award.org>

## Big Lottery Fund Delays in Application Process

The implementation of a new funding management system at the Big Lottery Fund is causing delays in getting back to applicants at 'all stages and in all programmes'.

Advice line staff recommend that new applicants allow extra time for their applications to be assessed. Any questions should be addressed to the Big Lottery Fund Advice Line on Telephone: **0845 4 10 20 302**

## A third round of the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) Programme

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) will encourage the economic development of UK coastal communities by giving them funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. You can find out more, including the specific priorities for Wales by visiting:

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/coastal-communities>

## Green Giving - Grimple's Green Grants

They are looking for green projects across the United Kingdom that they can fund and help support environmentally friendly projects like yours. You can enter Green Grants by filling in the easy to follow online

application form at [www.greeninsurancegiving.co.uk/how-to-apply.php](http://www.greeninsurancegiving.co.uk/how-to-apply.php)

## Co-operative Community Fund

Community Fund grants, between £100 and £2,000 are awarded to community, voluntary, or self-help groups. Application forms are available online at: [www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund](http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund)

## Happy Days Children's Charity

Happy Days supports groups who work with disadvantaged and disabled children and young people aged three to 17, funding day trips, theatre trips, family holidays and residential trips. Application form available to download from the website at:

[www.happydayscharity.org/funding\\_other.html](http://www.happydayscharity.org/funding_other.html)

## Heritage Lottery Fund - First World War: then and now

With a grant from HLF you could make a real difference to a wide range of people by helping them understand the war and its impact better. In particular, HLF believe that involving young people in marking the Centenary is important.

You can express your interest on line using the link on the website below:

[www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/FirstWorldWarThenandNow](http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/FirstWorldWarThenandNow)

## Anchor Foundation

The Anchor Foundation supports Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries of healing and the arts. You can apply via the on-line system or the application form is available to download from the website at:

<http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk>

## Giving World Online

All you have to do is register your charity at [www.givingworldonline.com](http://www.givingworldonline.com) to make a difference.

## The People's Postcode Trust—2014 small grants deadlines

**For further details please visit:**

[www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants.aspx](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants.aspx)  
or e-mail: [info@postcodetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@postcodetrust.org.uk)

**The views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council. We reserve the right to edit any articles submitted for inclusion.**

### Santander Community Plus, grants of up to £5,000

Santander Foundation has launched a new grants programme called **Community Plus**. Visit <http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/community-plus.aspx>

For further information on the main Grants Programme go to [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk)

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**The Community Facilities Programme** is a new £10 million capital fund to support community projects that contribute to the Welsh Government's ambition to reduce poverty across Wales.

The scheme will open for business on Monday 3 February 2014. Further details are available from

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/communities/2014/10m-capital-fund-to-support-projects-to-tackle-poverty/?lang=en>

For more information contact North and Mid Wales Nesta Doughty on 0300 062 5627 or Lisa Clarridge on 0300 062 8307

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### The Welsh Community Grant Fund is a new Sainsbury's grants programme specifically for Welsh projects.

Grants of up to £500 will be awarded annually to charities and local community groups for a range of projects and activities which fit our core values of food, family, kids and health and also arts/culture, environment and social welfare. Applications are online only and should take no more than 15 minutes.

Go to [www.ccworks.co.uk/sainsburys](http://www.ccworks.co.uk/sainsburys) to access our application form.

Go to [www.ccworks.co.uk/sainsburysguidelines](http://www.ccworks.co.uk/sainsburysguidelines) to find out more about our guidelines and criteria.

The deadline for applications in this round is 28 February 2014.

*For all your funding queries*

*Contact June Brady*

*[june.brady@flvc.org.uk](mailto:june.brady@flvc.org.uk) 01352 744004*

**FLVC Childcare Development Grant:** The closing date for the final round of this year's Childcare Development Grant is 4 March 2014. There is a small amount remaining for distribution.

Grants will be provided to groups providing support to families with children. This includes a parent and toddler group, home visiting scheme, or self-help group. Priority will be given to groups which are not required to register with C.S.S.I.W. For further information contact **Sue Williams** on **01352 744030** or [sue.williams@flvc.org.uk](mailto:sue.williams@flvc.org.uk)

### Volunteering in Wales Fund

Financial assistance is available to support projects that encourage and promote volunteering in Wales.

Applicants must involve the widest range of people in the community in volunteering

Deadline: 28 February 2014 (5pm).

For further information contact –Mark Bendon, Senior Grants Assessor, Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10 5FH.

Tel: 029 2043 1749, E-mail: [mbendon@wcva.org.uk](mailto:mbendon@wcva.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.wcva.org.uk/>

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### Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales (formerly the Lloyds

**TSB Foundation**), has announced that the existing Community Programme will be closing and no further funding enquiries will be accepted **after February 14<sup>th</sup>**. To manage demand we have set clear timescales for the final period of funding enquires:

Applicants submitting successful enquires **between now and February 14<sup>th</sup>** will be invited to complete an Expression of Interest form. This will need to be completed and returned within **5 working days** of the notification

- If your Expression of Interest is approved you will need to be available to host a visit from a Grant Manager **by 31<sup>st</sup> March**
- Full application will need to be submitted **by 11<sup>th</sup> April**
- The Foundation's new funding programmes will be open to enquiries from April 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will provide further information at a later date.

For further information on the Foundation's funding programmes, please visit

[www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk)

The 'window of opportunity' to apply under our existing programme in therefore **only two weeks (by 14<sup>th</sup> February)**. The eligibility criteria for the new programme has yet to be finalised and will be made available from April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Therefore, charities seeking funding under the present criteria should consider making an enquiry in the next two weeks.

The new strategy brochure can be accessed:

<http://tinyurl.com/noag95/>



# Out and About

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## NEWS FROM AFASIC FLINTSHIRE

Thank you to Darren Lavender and mum Hazel for making the journey from Broughton to the Afasic Carol concert in London on Thursday, 5 December 2013 where Darren shared his experience of living with speech, language and communication needs. He was one of three speakers; the others being the Duchess of Gloucester and Rt Hon John Bercow.



*l-r Darren Lavender, Hazel Lavender,  
Rt Hon John Bercow*

Darren has also taken part in a consultation event in London for Afasic looking at "listening to the needs of young people with SLCN" which will help shape the service delivery of Afasic. As well as the Carol Service, Darren has helped to raise awareness of the importance of understanding SLCN nationally and locally.

New Dragons is a Youth Club specifically for young people with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) aged 11-18 and is based at the Argoed School Youth Wing on Thursday evenings. New Dragons was set up by Afasic Cymru, **the only** organisation in Wales representing children and young people with SLCN.

[www.afasiccymru.org.uk](http://www.afasiccymru.org.uk)

Members of the New Dragons Youth Club recently took part in two projects facilitated by professional local photographer Richard Williams entitled "What's on in Flintshire" and a second by artist Sian Hutchinson called "Art



Speaks". The projects were funded by the Arts Council for Wales and Afasic Cymru and culminated with a Photography and Arts Exhibition at Flint Library.

Afasic would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Arts Council of Wales for funding the Arts Projects and Flintshire County Council for funding towards the running costs of the Youth Project via the Flintshire Youth Strategy Grant. For more information on the Project or the photographs displayed please contact

**Yvonne on 01745 550461** or Email  
[Yvonne@afasiccymru.org.uk](mailto:Yvonne@afasiccymru.org.uk)

## INVESTORS IN PEOPLE AWARD

Flintshire Advocacy Services has been awarded accreditation as an Investors in People Gold organisation. The service, based in Mold, provides independent advocacy to the residents of Flintshire and last year worked with over a thousand people.

Sue Woods the Service Director said "Achieving this Gold standard recognises



Sue Woods and staff with the "Investors in People" Award

*the hard work that everyone at Flintshire Advocacy Services undertakes. This award acknowledges our commitment to staff and volunteers and ensures a quality service is provided by a well-trained and supported workforce"*

For information about the Services contact

[fas@flintshireadvocacy.org.uk](mailto:fas@flintshireadvocacy.org.uk)  
or (01352) 759 332



### Mold Lipreading Class

Teacher: Julia Donaldson

Day: Thursdays 10.00am to 12 noon - during term time only

Venue: Parkfields Community Centre,  
Ash Grove, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1RY

Starting date: 9 January 2014 – but you can join at any time

For more information please contact North Wales Deaf Association

Cost: £3 per class, concessions available

E-mail: [info@deafassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@deafassociation.co.uk)

Tel: 01492 563470

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## MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS AWARD



Big congratulations to David Ivins for receiving his Millennium Volunteers 200 hours award. David has been volunteering with the Volunteer Centre's social media sites for quite some time. Once a week he comes to our offices in Corlan and updates Facebook with all of the exciting volunteering opportunities that are available around the county! Thank you David!

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FORUM

KIM Inspire hosted the second meeting of this new network for people operating or planning to establish a social enterprise. Wendy Jones Booth and colleagues gave a presentation telling the story of how KIM has developed a catering enterprise which provides high quality food and training opportunities. The aim of the network is to share information and experience and to encourage the development of viable social enterprises. For more information contact [chris.price@usunltd.co.uk](mailto:chris.price@usunltd.co.uk) [www.usunltd.co.uk](http://www.usunltd.co.uk) [Twitter @usunltd](https://twitter.com/usunltd)

## NEW YEARS HONOURS 2015

The New Years Honours 2015 seems a long way off, but the lead in time for Honours awards requires considerable forethought. Information regarding nominations is now on available via <http://flvc.org.uk/new-years-honours-2015/> Please read all the criteria and guidance notes before submitting a nomination.



**Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918** is collating and sharing information on activities which mark the centenary of the First World War in Wales, whether on a local, regional or national level, or which are related to Wales. They have produced two simple electronic forms that can be downloaded from their website [www.walesremembers.org](http://www.walesremembers.org) populated and returned to them to publicise events on their website, social media and brochures.



Third sector organisations in Wales have broadly welcomed proposals to give the Charity Commission increased powers, agreeing that properly run groups should have nothing to fear from such a move. In response to a recently launched consultation, leading charities say they are backing the Government's proposals to strengthen the Commission's position as the regulator of charities in England and Wales.

The Commission is running a consultation until 12 February to seek views on proposals to help it tackle "serious abuse within charities" and is especially keen to see the law strengthened in the following areas:

*Trustee disqualification; the Commission needs the power to disqualify individuals from being trustees if they have shown themselves unfit to hold such a crucial role. The criteria that lead to automatic disqualification as a trustee should also be extended, for instance to include convictions for offences such as money laundering and terrorism;*

*Powers to prevent and remedy deliberate abuse; the Commission needs stronger powers to regulate effectively, for instance by extending its powers to make directions and being given the ability to issue official warnings.*

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/n9dzoo5> for more information.

## DOCTOR DOCTOR



A new project **Third Sector Doctor** will be launched soon. Funded by the Big Lottery, and jointly managed by FLVC and AVOW, it will carry out governance health checks to ensure groups are being run properly. It will also help groups that have run into difficulties. For more information contact [kieran.duff@flvc.org.uk](mailto:kieran.duff@flvc.org.uk) or 01352 744028.

# Health & Community

## TRANSFORMING ACCESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

My name is Lynze Rogers and I would like to introduce myself as the new Transforming Access Development Officer for North East Wales based at Flintshire Local Voluntary Council in Mold. My role is to ensure that both voluntary and independent sector organisations across Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire are involved in the regional access single point of access programme (SPoA) The project aims to develop a streamlined single point of access, single point of assessment and care co-ordination for adults across North Wales by contacting just **one** phone number.

It is important that the third and independent sectors are involved in shaping this project to ensure the success of a Single Point of Access locally. I look forward to the challenge ahead. For more information about the Project and my role contact [lynze.rogers@flvc.org.uk](mailto:lynze.rogers@flvc.org.uk) or **01352 744020**.

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## CORLAN FOOD CO-OP



On Wednesday 17 January we successfully launched our Corlan Food Co-op, taking just under £200 worth of orders. Everyone was more than pleased with the quality of the produce as well as value for money. (On a price comparison with the major supermarkets, we were on average £1-2 pounds cheaper!)

The Food Co-op will be running on a weekly basis from Corlan on Wednesdays between 12.00-1.00 pm. Place your order one week and collect the next. All welcome!

For more information, please contact: [jill.blandford@flvc.org.uk](mailto:jill.blandford@flvc.org.uk); or **01352-744001**

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## YOGA TRAINING

As part of the FLVC Training Programme we are now able to offer DRU YOGA & RELAXATION SESSIONS, specifically for staff and volunteers within the voluntary sector.

Jill Blandford is a trained DRU YOGA teacher trainer and can provide one-off sessions or a series of sessions, tailor-made for your organisation. Learn tools for de-stressing from busy lives and experience flowing DRU yoga postures and sequences, breathing techniques and relaxation.

For more information, contact: [jill.blandford@flvc.org.uk](mailto:jill.blandford@flvc.org.uk); tel: **01352-744001**



# Project News

## TIME FOR CHANGE

The canapés were perfect, the food was plentiful and the venue was alive with the buzz and rush that is Christmas. Today was the annual Christmas Party for the Autumn Club and this is an event we have done for the past six years, so it should hold no surprises. Anxiety inevitably creeps in, hoping that the event will go well, after all, this was a new venue and we had a new team of young volunteers. Well, we needn't have worried! The venue was super, the team of five girls were fantastic and from the moment the chef served those monstrously delicious canapés we knew this party would go with a swing.



It was a good afternoon, social events such as this tick so many boxes for our young people, 'eye contact' and 'listening' to what people want, are just two from a long, important list. The girls surprised us; they were everywhere re-filling cups, carrying cakes, putting on paper hats – the lot! We are always grateful to Deryn and her members for their kind words and thoughtfulness. We had three other events similar to this one through December.

The sport coaching and mentoring continues to broaden. Two extra primary schools with our volunteers are now included in a repertoire of three! I hope that makes sense! This is a developing concept at the moment in the early stages of growth but with huge potential. Cooking is a welcome addition to any working programme and so it is in Ysgol Delyn on alternate Tuesday mornings. Pancakes, shortbread biscuits and a Victoria sandwich have all been useful additions to this programme. Small groups are engaged in I.T. training.

One group is involved in a six weeks training package at West Wirral I.T works. The whole course lasts six weeks and the third week has just been completed, during this time they have produced a Word game, a unique logo for a 'T' shirt and on Friday they were taught programming. The Friday sessions at West Wirral have truly been worthwhile, I have been amazed at what 3D printing can produce, we were given examples of actual figureheads produced in their minute and complex details. We were told that in the near future, whole houses will be built by 3D produced 'bricks'. All designed from the comfort of a workstation and computer.

We also have a group who are exploring the possibilities of animation and are in the process of completing a short video. This has given both pleasure and a challenge to the group. They are dreaming of becoming the new Disney.

Our work still continues with pupils in primary schools which is both fun, challenging and different. We work closely with Yen, from Activate. We occasionally enjoy visits to Flint and Deeside Leisure Centres as a result of our partnership.

What of 2014? We have a food safety training day planned; a 'taster' in Floristry at Northop; Hair and Beauty at Deeside; a visit to the Small Animal and Equine Centre at Northop, all thanks to Coleg Cambria. So, plenty to look forward to for the team.

**Margaret E Jones & Matt Weedall**

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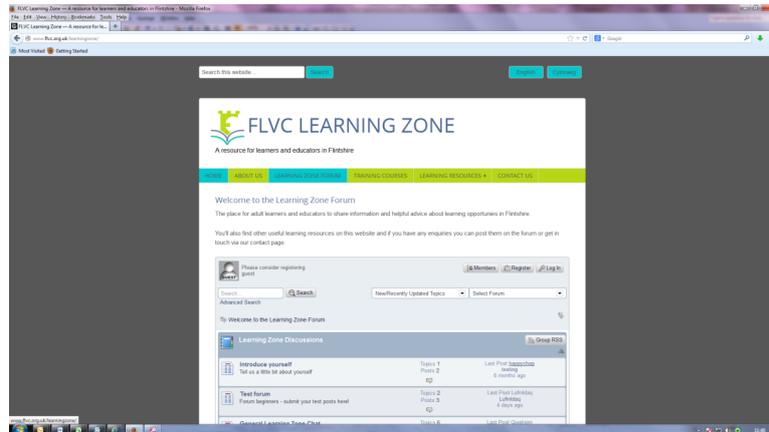
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# Learning and Training

## FLVC LEARNING ZONE



The Learning Zone promotes training courses provided by FLVC, FCC Workforce Development, WCVA and other training providers. It is a place for learners and educators to share information and helpful advice about learning opportunities within Flintshire and further afield.

You will also find useful learning resources, and if you have any enquiries you can post them on the Learning Zone Forum or get in touch via the Contact Page.

If you would like to promote future training courses, please send details to

[Karen.peters@flvc.org.uk](mailto:Karen.peters@flvc.org.uk).

Please visit the Learning Zone by using the following link: <http://flvc.org.uk/learningzone/>

**Careers advice:**

- the labour market
- the job application process
- interviews and assessments
- furthering your education

**Contact:** Sarah Lou Gaffney on 01978 293575 or [s.l.gaffney@glyndwr.ac.uk](mailto:s.l.gaffney@glyndwr.ac.uk)

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- people skills

**Information and guidance from professionals:**

- job/course search
- talks from/visits to employers
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Flintshire course to start Thursday 6th Feb 2014 12-2pm at The Clubhouse, Park Ave, Mold. Contact us now for more details.

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# Shaun's News and Musings

## Filing accounts and Annual Reports

The duty to file accounts and the Annual Report with the Charity Commission applies to all Charitable Incorporated Organisations (irrespective of income) and to all other registered charities whose gross yearly income exceeds £25,000. The Annual Report and accounts should be filed online.

## Annual Return form - preparation and filing

The duty to complete and file the Annual Return with the Charity Commission applies to all Charitable Incorporated Organisations, and to all other registered charities whose gross yearly income exceeds £10,000 – below this level, registered charities are asked to complete and file an update form.

Each registered charity receives an Annual Return form from the Commission shortly after its financial year end. In all cases the Annual Return should be completed online.

The Annual Return form (and the update form for smaller charities) enables the Charity Commission to ensure that the details of every charity on the Register of Charities are as complete and accurate as possible. The Annual Return gives us basic financial details, and details of contacts, trustees, activities and of the charity's classification.

## Charities with out-of-date details

The Charity Commission, in addition to highlighting your non compliance in red, within your section of the register the commission also lists those charities by postcode who have not yet completed their annual returns and/or submitted accounts.

Of local interest the number of organisations listed with a **CH code is 103** and **LL code is 207**.

One consequence of the non-filing is that the CC could treat this as evidence that the Charity is no longer in operation and delete it from the register, consequently it may have to relinquish its assets to other charities.

The future

The Charity Commission is still considering the introduction of fines and other penalties. The success, if we can call it that, of similar arrangements at Companies House is the fact that there are on average 13,000 defaulters per month with an annual total of nearly £85,000,000 in 2012/13 (that is £85million!!!) in penalties and fines received in a year.

(<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/lateFilingPenaltiesStatistics>).

You may consider how far this would go to help fund the Charity Commission.

## Quantity not quality

In a striking example of when aesthetics, culture, creativity and entertainment can be overcome by direct opportunistic action Everton FC received a timely lesson that sometimes it is important to ensure that you have a firm core foundation before launching an all encompassing forward offensive. In simple terms defenders are there to defend!



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**FLVC membership** is due for renewal from 1 April and invoices will be sent out shortly. Could you please ensure that we have correct contact details for your organisation. If you are no longer the contact for the organisation could you let us know. It is also useful to have current email addresses so that we can keep you informed on a daily basis of what's happening in the Sector. Email [info@flvc.org.uk](mailto:info@flvc.org.uk)

# And Finally ...

This is the final newsletter that I will edit as I am retiring from FLVC at the end of March. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to *Voluntary Voice* over the years, especially my colleagues who have been pestered and badgered to meet deadlines! The 17 years I have spent with FLVC have been interesting and challenging but never boring. As Harri Owen-Jones often says I started in a bare office without even a pencil. So to go from being the sole member of staff in a room in the council offices in Ewloe to being part of a strong, committed team in Corlan has been quite an experience. Thank you to everyone who has made coming to work a pleasure!

**Sue Williams**

## THE PRINT ROOM

### NEW YEAR – NEW NAME!!

The Community Printing Project is having a make-over during 2014 and will now be called *The Print Room*. Still based at Corlan and still a service provided by FLVC, we hope to have some exciting developments and new products to introduce to you later in the year. In the meantime, you can still contact us for A5 colour flyers from 13p, A4 colour posters from 27p, bookmarks, vinyl banners, newsletters, A2 and A1 posters on glossy, plain or canvas, starting at £13.50.

Don't forget we also offer our franking service to all organisations for mailshots which offers a member discount on your postage costs starting at 2% and increasing to 5% according to volume. A welcome helping hand we hope in view of the annual Royal Mail increase in postage due in April.

For more info or to discuss your requirements please contact Irene or Rachael on 01352 744031 or email at [irene.langford@flvc.org.uk](mailto:irene.langford@flvc.org.uk).

Deadline for copy for next newsletter is **Friday, 4 April 2014**. For further information on Voluntary Voice, or for inclusion of any articles, contact **Sue Williams** on **01352 744030** or Email [info@flvc.org.uk](mailto:info@flvc.org.uk) Voluntary Voice is available on our website [www.flvc.org.uk](http://www.flvc.org.uk)

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