



Voluntary organisations working with individuals, families & communities



Working for a robust and independent voluntary sector in Wales.

Talwrn focuses on three core areas:

- challenging and supporting the voluntary sector infrastructure in Wales
- supporting capacity building with voluntary organisations and the sector as a whole to develop a stronger, more confident, independent voice
- getting more money coming into Wales from charitable trusts and foundations

Event opportunities

Participation Cymru is running a course on applying evaluation principles to work in Wrexham Museum on 6th Feb. <https://tinyurl.com/y7votlz5>

Cardiff 3SC is holding a briefing session on tender and funding bid writing on 30th Jan and 27th Feb respectively
<https://tinyurl.com/yb428zvt>
<https://tinyurl.com/ybolagd8>

They are also offering training on organizational implications of safeguarding on 22nd March
<https://tinyurl.com/ya8voow6>

Talwrn can support mentoring support for community and voluntary organisations. Let us know if you are interested.

WHO WE ARE

Talwrn is an independent group of people working in the Welsh voluntary sector who share a wish to see the sector grow in strength and build its capacity to tackle poverty and disadvantage in communities across Wales. We are not – and do not intend to become – a formal organisation, but rather a structure to promote peer support and help those working and volunteering in the Welsh voluntary sector to help each other.

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Interesting reading

UK Poverty 2017: A comprehensive analysis of poverty trends and figures.

Dec. 2017. The report by JRF reviews poverty rates in the UK and how they have changed over the past two decades in addition to highlighting issues of decreasing state support, increasing rents and in-work poverty. It also examines the key drivers of poverty and how they might be tackled.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7vec2kh>

Tough times ahead?: What 2018 might hold for Wales.

Jan. 2018. In this short report the Bevan Foundation take a harsh but realistic look at expectations for the year for individuals, communities, public bodies and businesses based on expert forecasts. The report considers the impact of Brexit and low productivity on employment, standard of living, social change and politics.

<https://tinyurl.com/yblmup9h>

Brexit and Fulfilling Work: Responding to Threats and Exploiting Opportunities.

Dec. 2017. The report by the Carnegie UK Trust explores the barriers to fulfilling work in the UK particularly for more disadvantaged groups. The report involves a review of literature and interviews with independent experts to present the issues the UK is faced with and proposals on how to make the most of some of the opportunities. <https://tinyurl.com/y7pjne5a>

Inquiry into loneliness and isolation.

Dec. 2017. The inquiry by the National Assembly for Wales looks at evidence of the impact of loneliness and isolation on physical and mental health by particularly older people in Wales. The inquiry considers ways of addressing loneliness and the role of the voluntary sector in responding to the need for localised and tailored support.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8k3mcas>

Supporting Local People and Local Places: Opportunities and Challenges for Welsh Towns.

Dec. 2017. The report by the Carnegie UK Trust is based on themes from two roundtable discussions which provided an insight into issues and opportunities in Wales within wider policy settings.

<https://tinyurl.com/yd43892w>

The Future of Doing Good in Wales.

Jan 2018. A report by the Bevan Foundation for the National Lottery which draws on interviews and consultations with people from the third, private and public sectors in Wales. The report looks at how 'doing good' is changing in Wales and the challenges facing the voluntary sector, arguing that 'perhaps the time is now right for a concerted effort to build the resilience of the third sector.

https://www.bevanfoundation.org/publications/future_of_doing_good/

If you have read anything recently that you think others would find helpful, please let us know.

Focus on Funders

The **Henry Smith Charity** is an independent grant making trust that was founded in 1628 by Henry Smith, with an aim to “bring about lasting change to people’s lives helping them benefit from and contribute to society”. It is one of the largest independent grant makers in the UK, distributing £28 million in 2016.

The two largest grants programmes are Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities. The website <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk> provides details for the charity’s funding strategy. They support established organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries that demonstrate a track record of success, and evidence the effectiveness of the work.

Improving Lives provides grants to small and medium sized charitable organisations in the UK to support projects and the running costs of organisations that help people when other sources of support are not available. Strengthening Communities is designed to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level. Through this grant programme the trust ‘want to make sure that our funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas of the UK’. The funding for both programmes can be between £20k - £60k per year for 1-3 years.

The **Paul Hamlyn Foundation** was established by Paul Hamlyn in 1987 creating one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. Their mission is to help people overcome disadvantage and lack of opportunity, so that they can realise their potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives. They have a particular interest in supporting young people and a strong belief in the importance of the arts.

The Foundation’s current UK strategy was launched in June 2015 can be seen on their website <https://www.phf.org.uk/>. It focuses on six strategic priorities:

- Nurturing exciting ideas
- Widening access and participation in the arts
- Improving people’s education and learning through the arts
- Showing that the arts make a difference to people’s lives
- Supporting organisations investing in young people and positive change
- Improving support for young people who migrate, and strengthening integration

Focus on Caia Park Partnership Ltd

Caia Park Partnership Ltd (CPP) is a community led organisation, social enterprise and charity in Caia Park in Wrexham. It works with individuals, communities and partner organisations to provide activities, services and facilities that meet identified community needs. The Partnership is deeply embedded in the community and underpinned by an ambition to enable people and communities to achieve their potential, particularly those who face the greatest barriers.

Examples of the services provided by CPP include:

Family and children - a fun, caring and educational environment to support children's social and educational development as well as providing high quality, affordable childcare and facilities for children's parties.

Young People - centre based provision and detached youth work for young

people in addition to advice and support to give young people confidence and to attain new skills. Support is provided to help young people succeed educationally, access training and secure employment.

Housing - advice and support and enable access services relating to welfare rights advice, debt or homelessness.

Wrexham community enterprises - WCE is CPP's trading arm with a number of micro businesses, WCE delivers sustainable community services whilst providing training and employment opportunities for local people. These are entirely self-sustaining and any profit they make is invested in charitable activities that benefit Caia Park and Wrexham as a whole.

For further information, check out the website: <https://caiapark.org.uk/>

