

Annual report 2014-15



Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

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Wales Council for Voluntary Action represents, campaigns for, supports and develops voluntary organisations, community action and volunteering in Wales. We represent the sector at UK and national level, and together with a range of specialist agencies, county voluntary councils, volunteer centres and other development agencies, we provide a support structure for the third sector in Wales. We have over 3,000 members, and are in touch with many more organisations through a wide range of national and local networks.

WCVA's vision, mission and values

Our Vision

A Wales where everyone is inspired to work together to improve their lives, their communities and their environment.

Our Mission

We will provide excellent support, leadership and an influential voice for the third sector and volunteering in Wales.

Our Values

People and communities work together through the third sector to address the issues they care about – in their own community or environment, or across the world. We believe that a strong and active third sector:

- Builds resilient, cohesive and inclusive communities
- Gives people a stake in their future through their own actions and services
- Creates a strong, healthy and fair society
- Demonstrates the intrinsic value of volunteering and active community involvement

In our own work we are determined to demonstrate:

- **Diversity** – being accessible to all
- **Fairness** – being open and consistent
- **Integrity** – being honest, and upholding the independence of the third sector
- **Accountability** – being ethical, responsible and responsive
- **Partnership** – working with all those who help to achieve our vision
- **Sustainability** – making a positive impact on people, communities, and the planet and its resources

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Cover photo: WINNER of WCVA's member photography competition, **Tenovus Cancer Care:** Our Goodnight Walk is a mass participation event that gives people the chance to light up the night to help us be there for more cancer patients and their loved ones. The sponsored walk through Cardiff at night time helps us raise vital funds to keep our free Support Line open 365 days a year, so no-one has to cope with cancer alone. Information on Tenovus Cancer care can be found here: <http://www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk>

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The year in brief

783

young people awarded 100-hour certificates by Millennium Volunteers



400

received 200-hour certificates



5,040

people volunteered through projects funded by the Volunteering in Wales Fund giving a combined

467,151

hours to help others in their communities

1,692

organisations supported by the Enterprising Communities project

67

social enterprises created



73.5

gross jobs created exceeding target of 25

191

training courses delivered to

2,008

participants



94%

'good' or 'excellent' rating



645

participants supported to enter employment through Engagement Gateway



15,039

enquiries responded to from the sector

76
referrals received by Better Bids



£11,142,654

secured by organisations using our advice service



99%
satisfaction rating

£1.5 million+

investments approved through social investment funds such as Communities Investment Fund and Micro Business Loan Fund

520

projects supported by Wales Africa Community Links



651

people enabled to volunteer to take part in international activities

18,943
DBS checks carried out



99%

completed within two working days of the DBS alert



4,054

views of our YouTube videos



9,724

total minutes of watched footage



£4,396,527

awarded to the sector in funding



277

interns successfully placed by Explore programme

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Chair's report



It is both an honour and a significant responsibility to take on the chair of a national organisation with an 80 year history and a remit to provide leadership, excellent support and an influential voice for the third sector and volunteering in Wales.

I am conscious of the legacy of stability and a track record of delivery which is

reflected in the content of this annual report, but also of the need for change.

As chair, my first priority has been to work with the Board and Chief Executive on reshaping the governance and structures by which we can better represent the interests of the sector. This will provide a clear distinction between the functions of governance and sector representation, with a smaller board based around the skills and experience needed to fulfil the governance function.

It is also a recognition of the critical importance of the effectiveness of Boards and their crucial role in providing the accountability and building the public trust required if the sector is to fulfil its role in leading change.

At our last annual conference, the Minister for Public Services set out an agenda for 'sharing power and responsibility with our communities', stressing 'community control and participatory democracy', and reminding us that in Wales we have been 'pioneers in community engagement'.

These principles are now embedded in legislative requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations and Social Services and Wellbeing Acts. This is an opportunity and a challenge for the sector to move beyond business as usual, to mobilise civic action beyond usual suspects, enable more community led enterprise and above all to collaborate to bring joined up solutions.

I believe the future challenges will require fundamental change across public, private and voluntary sectors. We cannot afford to continue to work separately, nor believe that any one organisation or sector has the solution for complex, long term problems. WCVA has a long history of being at the forefront of leading change and I look forward to working with you to provide leadership, support and voice to champion positive social, economic and environmental development.

Peter Davies OBE, Chair

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Chief Executive's report



Four guiding principles provided a useful framework for my first few months as Chief Executive.

Firstly, governance; as the national umbrella body for the third sector in Wales it is vital that we demonstrate best practice. By undertaking a robust review we held a mirror up to the way

WCVA is governed and with support from members have revised our Board of Trustees. The review presented the opportunity to revisit our membership engagement and wider links with the sector. This will continue as a key focus going forwards.

Secondly, innovation; the third sector often leads the way in which people and communities contribute to and create change in civic society. I want WCVA to assist the third sector to identify and trial new ways of doing things – from digital participation to making the most of new legislative and policy opportunities to increase participation and engagement that is so important to ensure that people's voices are heard and responded to.

Thirdly, evidence and impact; as an organisation providing support to the third sector it is vital for us to demonstrate the difference we make. It is also important for us to encourage the third sector to produce not only quantitative but also qualitative examples of our work. Encouraging people to tell their own stories is often the most powerful way to put our message across. The impact that volunteers make is one of the most inspiring aspects of our work.

Fourth, collaboration; WCVA is a membership organisation and we engage with partners across the third, public and private sectors in Wales, the UK, Europe and beyond. We work best when we are clear about our role and purpose. I want to ensure we play to our strengths and do not duplicate the work of members or partners. By reinforcing collaboration we will be more effective as WCVA and as a united sector.

Finally I would like to formally record some special thanks. Phil Jarrold, who as Acting Chief Executive led WCVA for most of the year. Phil retired after 18 years with WCVA. Lindsey Williams also retired as Director of External Services after more than 30 years working for WCVA. Both colleagues made a significant contribution to the organisation and the sector.

Win Griffiths OBE and Margaret Jervis MBE DL served as Chair and Vice Chair and their governance of and support for WCVA and the sector was invaluable over a significant period of time.

Peter Davies OBE as Chair, all trustees and advisors provide excellent strategic oversight and guidance. WCVA staff have delivered excellent work with commitment relevant to the sector we serve.

Sadly Doug Morris passed away in June 2015. Doug had worked with WCVA as Finance Manager and after retiring joined the Board of Trustees as Treasurer, and latterly as Advisor to the Board on property related matters. His knowledge and support will be missed by the Board, staff and the wider sector.

And my final goodbye this year is to Marjorie Dykins OBE, who served as WCVA Chair between 1994 and 2000. One of the first women to work as an industrial chemist in the 1940s, Marjorie played an invaluable role in the third sector on both a local and national level.

Recently I met a volunteer who said 'it is a privilege to be involved'. I echo her sentiments. It is my privilege to introduce my first annual report as Chief Executive of WCVA.

Ruth Marks MBE, Chief Executive

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Active citizens

We have continued to promote the benefits of volunteering and the achievements of our one million plus individuals who give up their time to take on a wide range of activities throughout our communities.

This year, an extra 727 volunteering opportunities were added to the one-stop-shop website for volunteering opportunities, volunteering-wales.net, offering a total of 7,751 opportunities.

This year's projects funded through the Volunteering in Wales Fund recruited 5,040 volunteers who contributed 467,151 hours to helping others in their communities. This was an increase from just under 400,000 hours last year. And our Millennium Volunteers (MV) youth volunteering scheme saw 783 young people claim a 100-hour certificate, with 400 receiving the 200-hour certificate. Now there are over 70 MV partners offering young people the opportunity to recognise the hours they are contributing through the MV award, with almost a fifth of 50-hour MV certificates awarded for sport or activity-related volunteering.

Our volunteering work extended its reach to another continent, as the Wales Africa Community Links project supported 520 projects and enabled 651 volunteers to be involved with international activity. And finally, we continued to champion the UK quality standard for good practice in volunteer management with 16 organisations reaching the Investing in Volunteers Standard.

Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau renew their Investing in Volunteers Award

2014 represented ten years of the Investing in Volunteers Award, the UK quality standard for organisations that involve volunteers. And this year, Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau achieved renewal of their IIV Award.

Bureau Manager Kerry Crosfield said: 'We decided to undertake the process of the Investing in Volunteers Award to ensure that we were continuing to follow the policies and procedures that we put in place to support our valuable volunteers.'

'Their contribution makes a huge difference to ourselves and our local community and we are delighted that our commitment to providing quality volunteer opportunities has been demonstrated by us achieving this award'.





The Prefab Clothing store

How Cardiff YMCA benefitted from the Volunteering in Wales Fund

Funding from the Volunteering in Wales Fund allows Cardiff YMCA Housing Association's PreFab Clothing to provide volunteering opportunities to homeless people and those who have experienced long-term unemployment. They do this at the YMCA's 'PreFab Recycling Centre' and 'PreFab Clothing' charity shop, both in Cardiff.

Donated clothing is recycled and 'upcycled' to create new items to be sold in the shop. Every volunteer is given an opportunity to gain new skills and employment experience in each aspect of the Prefab projects – for example, managing and recycling clothing donations, creating new products from recycled materials, and working in a retail environment.

The VWF grant enables the organisation to employ a project manager and senior recycling operative.

The project has recruited a further 90 volunteers in Year 2 (2014/15) who have contributed a total of 8,678 volunteering hours. Volunteers recruited in Year 1 have contributed an additional 6,496 hours in 2014/15

The volunteers recruited contributed 15,174 hours, resulting in 13 of them moving into full-time employment, and 12 part-time, as a consequence of the skills and experience they gained, while another eight took up further education places.

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A thriving third sector

Despite continuing tough times for non-profit organisations our support has enabled Wales' third sector to thrive and meet challenges head on.

We've continued to offer advice from our funding, volunteering and research teams and specialist support from our policy officers, Criminal Records Unit and Legal Services Officer.



15,039
enquiries
responded to
from the sector

This year we responded to 15,039 enquiries and whether it's support like this from our Helpdesk team, sharing our expertise, or through our tailor made training and events, we've been helping the sector to shine at a time where these amazing groups are needed more than ever.

We've also been offering services to support trustees such as seminars, a free helpline and bespoke support and training. We've awarded over £4m in funding and over £1.5m in social investment funds including from our Micro Business Loan Fund for the third sector, and our policy and research work has both created a dialogue between the third sector and Welsh Government, and demonstrated the scope and importance of the sector in Wales.

Joanie Speers, board member of Cambrian Heritage Regeneration Trust.

Trustee training was 'perfectly pitched'

Our Legal Services Officer, Anna Bezodis, led bespoke training for Cambrian Heritage Regeneration Trust at the Trust's Llanelly House venue, which they have restored and set up as a popular tourist attraction in Llanelli.

The aim of the course was to revisit the roles and responsibilities of a trustee board, and set out how to establish and maintain good governance when running a charitable company, with specific consideration being given to changing and expanding the role of the trust in developing a trading arm.



Joanie Speers, Trust board member, said:

'It was perfectly pitched in both the content and manner of delivery. I have been to many governance sessions and have organised several myself, but yours was by far the best.'



Social investment loan helps Anglesey community save its village pub

An Anglesey community has saved its village pub by forming a social enterprise and securing the funding to keep it going.

New social business Bryngwran Cymunedol Ltd bought the lorwerth Arms in Bryngwran with the aid of a social investment loan provided by WCVA and SMEs finance specialist, Finance Wales.

The group has been running the pub on a voluntary basis since August 2014 and took out the loan to acquire the business from pub company Punch Taverns.

It will now trade as a free house, supplied by Holyhead independent drink wholesaler Joseph Keegan & Sons, and be run both by and on behalf of the local community as a not for profit enterprise.

Bryngwran Cymunedol Chair Nev Evans said: 'It's fantastic news and a great relief to save a real community asset at the heart of the village. Ever since we first took it on as a lease, the reaction locally has been tremendous. The place has great potential to add to the life of the village.'



Better Bids support leads to funding success for WCADA

With guidance from Better Bids, the Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction successfully secured £498,778 to deliver a project that will help participants improve their engagement with treatment, sustain their recovery and lead to more fulfilled, confident, substance free lifestyles.

With the support of Better Bids, WCADA produced an application which was well planned with clearly evidenced need, realistic and achievable outcomes, comprehensive monitoring proposals, and good consideration of sustainable development and an exit strategy.

WCADA Chief Executive, Karen Ozzati, said: 'We found the review meetings useful to build up a good relationship first and to gain insight into what was required under the different sections. Better Bids also provided feedback on the application as it was completed. The follow-up review and suggestions on our document as we progressed through the application was speedy and extremely useful.'

The WCADA Reds and Blues teams at the Street Football League in Swansea, along with world champion freestyle footballer – and WCADA patron – Ash Randell (pictured balancing the ball).



WCVA training helping improve communication and impact in the public sector

Through the award of a small contract, WCVA training staff were able to help staff working for the Family Information Service in Wales develop a more targeted approach to marketing the vital services they deliver to families in Wales.

Our team delivered two separate courses in marketing in Rhyl and Cardiff in March 2015 which benefited 21 members of staff. During the course, participants were able to refocus on what their service offered, their key marketing messages and how they would plan their future marketing.

95 per cent of participants rated the training good or excellent, with participants commenting:

- 'Great training, really informative.'
- 'Enjoyed the relaxed, personal delivery - competent, confident trainers.'



Commenting on the training, Lucy Akhtar, Welsh Government's Senior Manager in Family Support, said:

'I know that staff valued the training and are considering their marketing strategies as a result. It is great to see how skills and knowledge from the third sector can be utilised to support public service provision.'

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Achieving change

Our work in supporting the sector to achieve positive change for communities and individuals around the country has continued to excel.

We've worked with Welsh Government and sector partners to help combat poverty by, for instance, facilitating the Third Sector Anti-Poverty Taskforce, tackling educational underachievement through the Third Sector Learning Champions Group and providing loan finance to sector organisations through our Communities Investment Fund. We've also helped the sector deliver jobs, assisting over 1,700 Engagement Gateway participants gain a qualification and enter further learning or training, and 645 participants into employment.

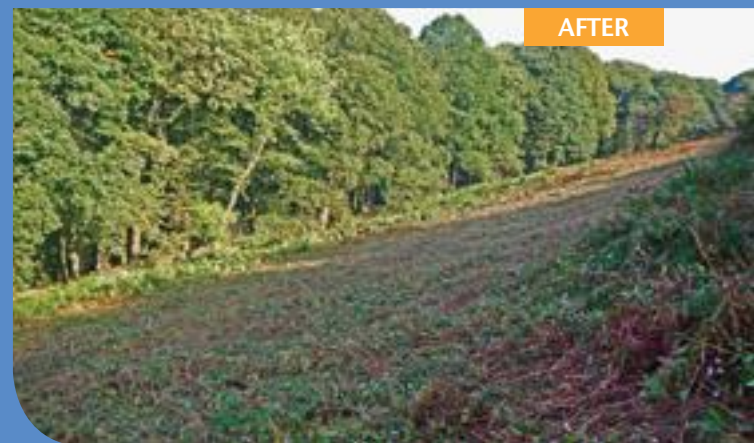
Elsewhere, we've worked to support organisations hoping to benefit from future European Structural Fund programmes, continued our work to transform public services in Wales through championing 'putting people at the centre' (sometimes known as co-production) and, through Environment Wales, have helped fund sector organisations aiming to tackle climate change.

Environment Wales funding weeds out problems

The Glamorgan Rivers Trust's 'Repel Invaders' project seeks to permanently remove invasive weeds from river corridors. The group received £8,082 of funding in 2014 through Environment Wales to target the Nant Iechyd, a migratory fish spawning stream in the Dimbath Valley, which was infested with Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed.

Twenty four volunteers contributed more than 540 hours. All benefited from increased health and wellbeing through working in the outdoors, social inclusion and informal and formal training, and four received City and Guilds qualification in the use of pesticides.

The project cleared nine kilometres of river bank and approximately two kilometres of neighbouring paths, improving access to the watercourse and encouraging local species to recolonise.





ILM placement helps Sally's future burn brightly

Sally Crees of Pontypool found work after taking part in Torfaen Council's 'Second Success' scheme, an employability project for the over-50s and those with work-limiting conditions, which is funded through WCVA's Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) programme, part-financed through the European Social Fund. ILM supports third sector organisations and social enterprises to offer three-month supported employment to people in Wales.

Sally was offered a placement at Eve Victoria Candles in Pontypool, where she manufactures and packages diffusers and candles. She attended first aid and health and safety courses in the workplace, and was offered a permanent role when the placement ended.



'Everyone has been so helpful, and the support has continued throughout the placement.'

WISH Project helps learners budget

Our Engagement Gateway programme, part financed through the European Social Fund, helps fund employability programmes for disadvantaged and economically excluded people across Wales.

One of these is Llanelli Women's Aid's WISH Project which, among other schemes, runs a workshop titled Maintaining a Tenancy With Budgeting.

A range of learners have benefited from this course, saying:

- 'I loved every minute of it. I hated school and I thought I would hate this but I love it. I can't wait to do the next course and Amanda my tutor was fantastic. She was kind and understanding and didn't make me feel silly whatever I asked her.'
- 'I found my confidence and feel very proud of myself!'
- 'I learnt so much and I want my children to be proud of me and know that education is important.'



Two learners with their certificates from the Budgeting workshop.



Grants

The charity administered 11 (2014: 13) grant schemes during the year and grant payments were made to 536 (2014:541) organisations.

Grants / Schemes	2015 Number of grants paid and repaid	2015 Value of grants paid/ (repaid) £	2014 Number of grants paid and repaid	2014 Value of grants paid/ (repaid) £
Communities Investment Fund	7	51,134	6	61,758
Communities First (grants returned)	-	(1,720)	-	-
Infrastructure funding – CVCs	19	2,694,853	19	2,754,426
Wales Africa Community Links	26	70,725	31	63,874
Volunteering in Wales Fund	64	799,539	76	966,660
Supporting Sustainable Living grant scheme	6	47,131	15	230,619
Environment Wales	147	861,382	106	859,254
Biodiversity grant fund	-	-	1	1,379
Interreg	7	823,841	6	566,337
Infrastructure funding – volunteer centres	19	1,200,628	19	1,249,173
BIG Wales Volunteering Project	-	-	19	434,026
GwirVol	85	747,161	93	814,905
Partnership Council	35	112,625	33	112,327
Gateway – Covergence Area	121	3,441,194	117	3,084,680
	536	10,848,493	541	11,199,418
Match funding income and expenditure included		1,760,249		Nil



Through the use of Animal Assisted Activities, and the culture of a working farm project, Lylac Ridge enhanced people's skills within the labour market and developed a range of activities to promote basic working ethics that most employers would value. Lylac Ridge received European social funding through WCVA's Engagement Gateway project.

Procured contracts

The charity administered 7 (2014: 6) procured contract schemes during the year.

	2015 Value of contracts paid £	2014 Value of contracts paid £
Intermediate Labour Market - Convergence Area	874,740	2,099,665
Intermediate Labour Market - Competitiveness Area	269,632	1,070,476
Climate Change	17,250	43,125
Health and social care	7,500	-
Making the Connections	1,135,319	1,251,608
Community Economic Development	1,275,674	1,190,062
Gateway - Convergence Area	30,940	265,873
Gateway - Competitiveness Area	-	(27,027)
	3,611,055	5,893,782
Match funding income and expenditure	902,763	969,247

And the winners were...

Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards 2015

Our Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards attracted 127 nominations and we presented 17 winners from all over Wales with awards in six categories. Once again, we were proud to have the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty to sponsor our event at the Pierhead in Cardiff Bay.

Trustee category

David Weston

International category

Lucy Humble

Joanna Clay

Adult category

Rhys Llewellyn Williams

Jim Cowie

Pam Allinson

Hugh Griffith Roberts

Dylan Walters

Group category

Siop Dewi Community Shop

The Garnwen Trust

Greenbank Busy Bees

Green category

Mike Price

Warren Davies

Young volunteer

Shannon Brandon

Elan Môn Gilford

Daniel Matthews

James Kelleher

Third Sector Awards Cymru 2014

The Third Sector Awards Cymru, supported by Class Networks, is an annual scheme that recognises Wales's most admired and effective voluntary organisations, and is continuing to highlight creative projects year on year. The 2014 awards attracted over 80 nominations with Jason Mohammad presenting the winners and runners up at a gala dinner in January.

The Class award for best communications

Communities 2.0 Winner

Dementia Friends Winner

WWF Cymru's Welsh Wish\ Runner-up

Dymuniad Cymru

Calan DVS Runner-up

The environmental award

FareShare Cymru Winner

Cardiff YMCA Housing Association Runner-up

Draig Tex Runner-up

The health, social care and wellbeing award

Gofal y Ddolen Community Winner

Support Service

The Ash Wales Filter Project Runner-up

Neuro Therapy Centre Runner-up

Spice Runner-up

The award for good governance

Calan DVS Winner

NewLink Wales Runner-up

Tai Pawb Runner-up

The award for innovative fundraising

Merthyr Tydfil Housing Association Winner

Youth Group

Inner Wheel District 15 Runner-up

Xcel Bowl Runner-up

Award for the most admired organisation

Ethnic Youth Support Team (EYST) Winner

Taking Flight Theatre Company Runner-up

Time to Change Wales Runner-up



Pictured: Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Rhys Llewellyn Williams, and Ruth Marks, Chief Executive WCVA

Over the past decade, Rhys Llewellyn Williams has shown hundreds of people across the UK that they can live a fulfilling life with a spinal cord injury. Paralysed from the chest down after breaking his neck mountain biking 14 years ago, the 36-year-old from Cardiff volunteers as a wheelchair skills trainer at national spinal injuries charity Back-Up, teaching people to be more independent after paralysis.



Pictured: Third Sector Awards Cymru host Jason Mohammad with Shehla Khan (EYST Manager), Rocio Cifuentes (Director of EYST) Momena Ali (EYST Chair)

Swansea-based Ethnic Youth Support Team (EYST) was set up in 2005 by a group of ethnic minority young people to fill a gap in provision for young BME people aged 11 to 25 and provide a culturally sensitive and holistic support service to meet their needs.



Leading Wales Awards

(WCVA is part of the Awards consortium)

Lindsay Bruce, Chief Executive Officer of NewLink Wales, won the Leading Wales Award for Leadership in the Voluntary and Not for Profit sector, supported by the Fairwood Trust.



Lindsay Bruce with Barry Hitchcock from the Fairwood Trust

'Watching our organisation thrive after coming so close to closing down and seeing the team develop with everyone contributing to our sustainability has been such a privilege. I believe in what this organisation does for people and would have been absolutely gutted to see it go. The sheer hard work and effort needed throughout this time was collectively our biggest challenge. At the end of the day, seeing people achieve their own recovery goals and being part of that because we are still here far outweigh any of the challenges we have had to overcome as an organisation.'

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WCVA Board members and advisers

President

Glenys Kinnock

Vice Presidents

Tom Jones OBE

Margaret Thorne CBE DL

Chair

Peter Davies OBE

Appointed

Thursday, 27 November 14

Win Griffiths OBE

Resigned

Thursday, 27 November 14

Vice Chair

Margaret Jervis MBE DL

Resigned

Thursday, 27 November 14

Eurwen Edwards OBE BEM

Treasurer

C Mair Gwynant

Appointed

Wednesday, 11 February 15

Chad Patel

Resigned

Wednesday, 11 February 15

Chief Executive

Ruth Marks MBE

Trustees

Philip Avery

Louise Bennett

Cherrie Bija

Pamela Boyd

Rocio Cifuentes

Peter Davies OBE

Walter Dickie

Richard Edwards

Appointed

Thursday, 10 April 14

Amanda Everson

Appointed

Thursday, 27 November 14

Paul Glaze

Eirwen Godden

Resigned

Thursday, 27 November 14

C Mair Gwynant

Efa Gruffudd Jones

Resigned
Appointed

Wednesday, 21 May 14
Thursday, 27 November 14

Simon Harris

Sioned Hughes

Dilys Jackson

Resigned

Thursday, 27 November 14

Trustees (continued)

Helen Mary Jones		
Liza Kellett	Resigned	Thursday, 9 October 14
Judy Leering		
Moira Ann Lockett		
William George Lockett	Appointed	Thursday, 27 November 14
Harold Martin	Appointed	Thursday, 27 November 14
Salah Mohamed		
Barbara Natasegara MBE		
Catherine O'Sullivan		
Chad Patel		
Martin Pollard		
L Mair Stephens		
Anne Stephenson	Resigned	Thursday, 27 November 14
Hilary Stevens	Resigned	Thursday, 27 November 14
Fran Targett OBE		
Janet Walsh		
Catriona Williams OBE		
Michael Williams	Resigned	Thursday, 27 November 14
Thomas Michael Williams MBE	Resigned	Thursday, 27 November 14
Pauline Young MBE		

Advisers

Douglas E Morris - Property Adviser	Resigned	Monday, 1 June 15
David Evans - Management Adviser		
Hanef Bhamjee OBE - Legal Adviser		

Secretary

Tracey Lewis		
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Trustees' statement

These summarised financial statements are a summary of information extracted from the statutory Annual Report and Accounts. They may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity.

As at 31st March 2015, the Charity held unrestricted reserves of £4.2million. A further £3.8million was held as restricted reserves, being funding received to carry out specific projects and activity.

The Trustees will seek to ensure that a financial strategy of prudence and care is pursued to ensure both the safeguarding of the charity's unrestricted reserves and the appropriate financial management of project finances to support the ongoing financial sustainability of the Charity.

For further information, the full Annual Accounts, the Report of the Independent Auditor on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from Tracey Lewis, Company Secretary or from www.wcva.org.uk.

The Annual Accounts were approved on 8 October 2015 and have been delivered to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies. The accounts have been audited by a Statutory Auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, who has issued unqualified reports on the full annual financial statements and on the consistency of the trustees' report with those annual financial statements. Their report on the full annual financial statements contained no statement under sections 498(2) and 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



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LOTTERY FUNDED



WCVA would like to thank the following organisations for their support:

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Carnegie Challenge
Centurion VAT
Class Networks
Charities Aid Foundation
CLINKS
Creative Loop
Cymdeithas Cyfieithwyr Cymru
Cymen
Enterprise
European Commission
Geldards
Heritage Lottery Fund
Hugh James
Keegan and Pennykid
National Waterfront Museum
Picture This
Pugh Computers
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Group statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2015

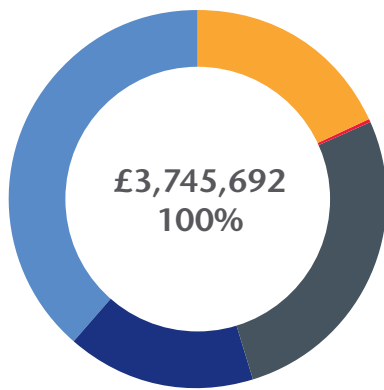
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Activities for generating funds	679,988	330,868	1,010,856	1,006,687
Investment income	14,251	130,967	145,218	151,926
Voluntary income	1,003,261	-	1,003,261	1,011,351
Incoming resources from charitable activities:				
Grants receivable	602,828	15,826,443	16,429,271	19,732,123
Expenditure recovered	1,445,364	-	1,445,364	1,462,068
Total incoming resources	3,745,692	16,288,278	20,033,970	23,364,155
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Costs incurred in generating funds	614,641	-	614,641	630,499
Investment managers costs	11,655	-	11,655	986
Charitable activities				
Governance costs	17,022	-	17,022	19,293
Pension finance income	(320,000)	-	(320,000)	(100,000)
Total resources expended	3,274,129	17,965,847	21,239,976	24,440,489
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	471,563	(1,677,569)	(1,206,006)	(1,076,334)
Transfer between funds in respect of defined benefit pension scheme	40,945	(40,945)	-	-
Other transfers	(220,817)	220,817	-	-
Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit pension scheme	(990,000)	-	(990,000)	3,270,000
Gain on revaluation of investments	11,655	-	11,655	986
Net movement in funds	(686,654)	(1,497,697)	(2,184,351)	2,194,652
Balances brought forward	4,888,306	5,310,939	10,199,245	8,004,593
Balances carried forward	4,201,652	3,813,242	8,014,894	10,199,245

Group balance sheet

For the year ended 31 March 2015

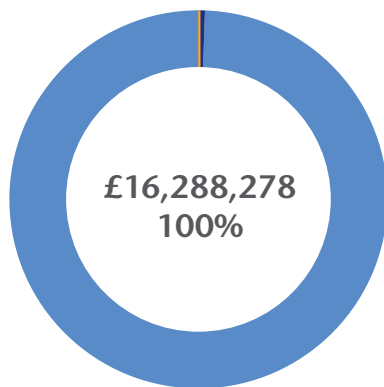
	2015 £	2014 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2,041,558	2,170,902
Current assets		
Investments	90,216	78,561
Debtors	202,047	136,344
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	3,137,945	2,070,011
Cash at bank	3,236,607	5,953,657
	6,666,815	8,238,573
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(503,479)	(610,230)
Net current assets	6,163,336	7,628,343
Total assets less current liabilities	8,204,894	9,799,245
Defined benefit pension scheme (liability)/asset	(190,000)	400,000
Net assets	8,014,894	10,199,245
Funds		
Unrestricted:		
General funds	2,891,652	2,988,306
Sustainable funds	1,500,000	1,500,000
Designated funds	-	-
Unrestricted funds (excluding pension (liability)/asset)	4,391,652	4,488,306
Pension (deficit)/asset	(190,000)	400,000
Total unrestricted funds	4,201,652	4,888,306
Restricted:		
In surplus - relating to property	918,120	972,128
In surplus - relating to long term loans awarded	3,137,945	2,070,011
In surplus - other	1,871,953	3,865,887
Funds in deficit	(2,114,776)	(1,597,087)
Total restricted funds	3,813,242	5,310,939
TOTAL FUNDS	8,014,894	10,199,245

Incoming resources (Unrestricted funds)



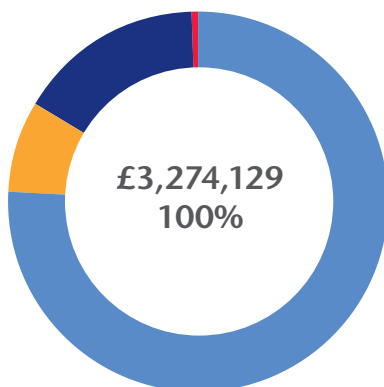
● Activities for generating funds	£679,988	18.2%
● Investment income	£14,251	0.4%
● Voluntary income	£1,003,261	26.8%
● Grants receivable	£602,828	16.1%
● Expenditure recovered	£1,445,364	38.5%

Incoming resources (Restricted funds)



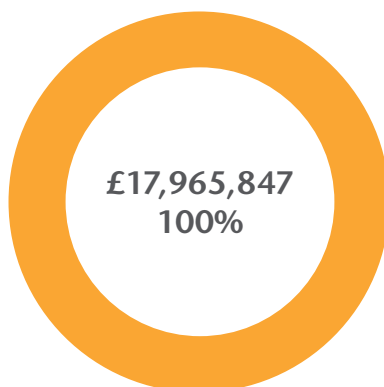
● Activities for generating funds	£330,868	2.0%
● Investment income	£130,967	0.8%
● Voluntary income	-	-
● Grants receivable	£15,826,443	97.2%

Resources expended (Unrestricted funds)



● Charitable activities	£2,950,811	90.1%
● Governance and pension costs	(£302,978)	-9.3%
● Costs incurred in generating funds	£614,641	18.8%
● Investment manager's costs	£11,655	0.4%

Resources expended (Restricted funds)



● Charitable activities	£17,965,847	100.0%
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Independent auditors report to the members of Wales Council for Voluntary Action

We have examined the summary financial statement of Wales Council for Voluntary Action for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprises the Group Statement of Financial Activities and the Group Balance Sheet.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 428 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual report in accordance with United Kingdom law.

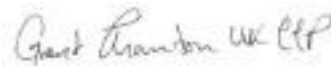
Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement within the Annual report with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of Section 428 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder.

We also read the other information contained in the Annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statement.

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 'The Auditors' Statement on the Summary Financial Statement in the United Kingdom' issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the company's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees report of Wales Council for Voluntary Action for the year ended 31 March 2015 and complies with the applicable requirements of Section 428 of the Companies Act 2006 and, and regulations made thereunder.



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