

## **TVA News Bulletin** **August 2018**



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## **Home Office**

### **Home Secretary launches the Early Intervention Youth Fund**

The Early Intervention Youth Fund has been launched today by the Home Secretary to support projects which steer young people away from violent crime.

The Home Office is providing up to £22 million of funding over the next two financial years (2018/19-2019/20) to support communities in tackling serious violence. The Home Office is inviting bids from Police and Crime Commissioners, working in partnership with their community safety partnerships or local equivalent.

The Early Intervention Fund is a key commitment in the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, which makes clear that tackling serious violence requires a 'public health' approach involving partners across a number of sectors such as education, health, social services, housing, youth services, and victim services. The Strategy places early intervention at the heart of our approach and the new Fund aims to provide early intervention and prevention support to help steer young people away from serious violence. More information on the Fund, including details of how PCCs can bid, is available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-intervention-youth-fund>

You are  
**Invited!**

The Cartrefi Co-op Club

Every Wednesday

6-8pm

Greenway Social Club

6 Greenway Drive

Griffithstown

Pontypool

NP4 5AZ

**£2.50 ENTRY**

Join us for games, music, bingo, arts & crafts,  
chat & chips, and MORE!  
New activity every week.

Starting Wednesday 27th June 2018

GreetingsIsland.com

## Torfaen Residents' Survey

Whether it's investing more into making the borough cleaner and greener, supporting vulnerable people in the community or improving the standards in our schools, we're committed to making Torfaen a better place for our residents.

And with budgets under more and more pressure it's really important we understand what people's experiences and expectations are from their local council.

We always get told that surveys don't matter or nothing happens as a result of what we're told but that's not the case.

Over the past year the results of the residents survey have been used to help inform decisions we have taken and enabled us to judge whether our services are meeting people's expectations. So please spare a few minutes to have your say.

Click [here](#) for Torfaen Residents' Survey





## Turn the Town Pink



To improve the service to patients with all breast conditions ABUHB are building a 'Centre of Excellence' at Ysbytty Ystrad Fawr Hospital. It is planned that every breast care patient, male or female, has the best possible state of the art care when they come to the unit; as well as a good experience of the environment they will be in.

Due for completion by late 2020, the new unit will provide the best facilities for patients. These will be: dedicated diagnostic, treatment and counselling rooms, designed to enable faster diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care.

'The Friends of the ABUHB Breast Unit' are made up of breast cancer survivors, who have been through the breast service and feel passionate about having an improved service. The new environment will provide dignity and the respect they deserve.

We are turning Torfaen Pink on October the 17th this year. Will you help us to fundraise for our vital charity in 2018? This will allow us to provide an improved holistic service for patients, and will complement the existing good work and innovation of the Breast Service team.

If you can help please contact:

**Emma Wilkins Fundraising Manager for Breast Services:**

[Emma.Wilkins5@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Emma.Wilkins5@wales.nhs.uk)



## 'Turn the Town Pink'



**'Can you help us 'Turn Pink' for the New Breast Care Centre at Ysbytty Ystrad Fawr?'**



**We are inviting local businesses, individuals and community groups to come together to hold a charity bake sale, plan a pink party or join one of our exciting fundraising events that will provide the best possible environment for patients a "Centre of Excellence".**

**For More Information Contact Emma Wilkins on 07970880031 email [Emma.wilkins5@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Emma.wilkins5@wales.nhs.uk)**



# HELP WITH NHS HEARING-AIDS

Do you wear an NHS hearing aid?

Drop into our volunteer hearing aid clinics

- new batteries
- cleaning and using advice
- new ear mould tubing
- information on hearing loss

## Age Connects Torfaen

The Widdershins Centre, East Ave, Griffithstown,  
Pontypool NP4 5AB

1st Wednesday of the month - 10am-12pm

For more information call 01633 234390



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HEAR IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Audiology Volunteer Service

Poster expires Sept. 2019

## British Red Cross First Call Service

The British Red Cross First Call service is delivered free of charge to service users in Torfaen and we currently have capacity within our team to take on referrals.

Our dedicated, caring and trained team of staff and volunteers can offer practical support such as:

- Shopping
- Prescription collections
- Light housework
- Dog walking
- Help with paperwork
- Travel to hospital appointments

We also offer telephone support to provide emotional support.

**Please note we do not provide personal care or administer medication.**

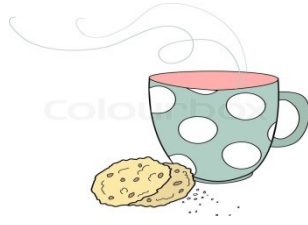
This is a free service within the county of Torfaen and can support the client for a maximum of 12 weeks. We can help create an action plan which will deal with the challenges each individual is facing to enable them to live independently.

If you require any further resources/information or wish to make a referral please do not hesitate to contact the First Call team on 01633 833753 or [firstcalltorfaen@redcross.org.uk](mailto:firstcalltorfaen@redcross.org.uk)



**British  
RedCross**

# My Generation Free Course 'feeling better together'



My Generation is a free programme to help those of us over 47 look after our wellbeing, together. You can find out about staying mentally well while enjoying activities and spending time with others. Each Topic is for one hour followed by one hour fun activity

My Generation covers the following topics over the eight weeks:

Week 1: Exploring helpful and unhelpful thinking

Week 2: Exploring and managing stress

Week 3: Exploring feelings and emotions - part one

Week 4: Exploring feelings and emotions - part two

Week 5: Exploring loss, grief and renewal

Week 6: Exploring relaxation and mindfulness

Week 7: Exploring problem solving

Week 8: Exploring connections

**Where:** CMIG Upper Cwmbran School, Upper Cwmbran Road,

Cwmbran NP44 1SN

**When:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**What time:** 2pm

**Contact:** [sian.jannetta@torfaenmind.co.uk](mailto:sian.jannetta@torfaenmind.co.uk)

# UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL MEDIA

## Benefits and Pitfalls

Monday, 10th September 2018

1pm - 3pm

at Torfaen Voluntary Alliance, Pontypool



Social Media can have a great positive impact on your organisation, allowing you to reach a new audience and engage with partners. It can help save time, money and effort in communicating while plugging you into new networks and conversations. However, there are pitfalls which can have a negative impact on your organisation if used without boundaries.



The session will:

- ◊ explore the numerous options available
- ◊ look at different social media platforms
- ◊ provide the information required to choose what will work best for you and your organisation
- ◊ touch on social media policy
- ◊ provide guidance on how to protect your organisation, staff and volunteers



To book a place please contact us on  
01495 742420 or [info@tvawales.org.uk](mailto:info@tvawales.org.uk)

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## Children and Families Strategic Partnership Board

Invitation from the Greater Gwent Health Social Care & Wellbeing Partnership - The Independent Sector/Third Sector Engagement Event is now live to register and secure your place.

This is the second workshop to further discuss engagement with the Independent and third sector with the Children and Families Strategic Partnership Board.

Topics to discuss will include:

- Children with complex needs
- Early intervention and commissioning.

Please click on the link to register your place;

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/independentthird-sector-engagement-workshop-tickets-48365064209>

Further information: Natasha Harris Tel: 01495 761691/ 07966 880260 Email: [Natasha.Harris@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:Natasha.Harris@torfaen.gov.uk) [www.torfaen.gov.uk](http://www.torfaen.gov.uk)

## Children in Wales Annual Conference 2018 (supported by NCPHWR)

3rd October 2018, 10am – 4pm, *Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff*

Children in Wales Annual Round Table Conference, *The Whole Child: The importance of getting it right.* #CIW2018WholeChild

Children can experience uncertainties, adversity, poverty and trauma. The ability to adapt well, cope better and thrive despite these challenges is a crucial aspect of their lives. The Children in Wales Annual Round Table Conference will provide opportunities to consider current research and practice that takes a 'whole child' approach to improving resilience in childhood. This will include integration of services and the crucial role of the third sector.

**For more information visit:** <http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/item/children-wales-annual-conference-2018/>

## Welsh Youth Parliament

An exciting opportunity has arisen for young people aged 11 -18 who live in Wales. The Welsh Youth Parliament is a completely new way for young people to have their say on the things that matter to them in Wales.

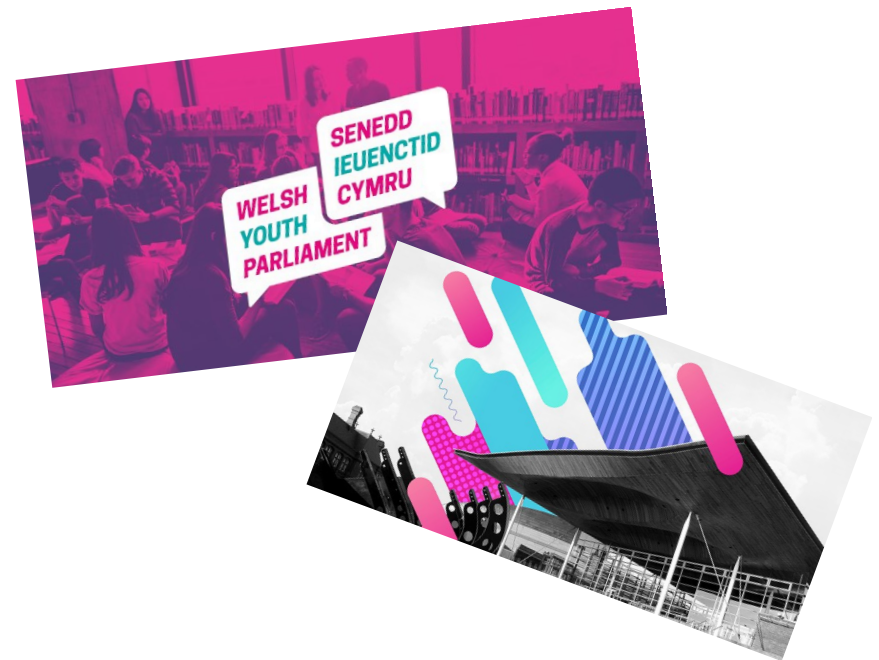
### Key Dates

Voter registration: 28 May 2018 - 16 November 2018. Follow the link to register to vote! <https://www.youthparliament.wales/vote/>

Apply to be part of the Welsh Youth Parliament: 3 September 2018 - 30 September 2018. Interested in standing for election to represent your area? If so, complete the online application form here: <https://www.youthparliament.wales/stand/>

Elections: 5th November 2018 - 25 November 2018. Check in to see who is standing for election in your area and cast your vote.

Election results: Announced in December 2018



## Monmouthshire Housing Association Volunteering Opportunities

MHA is a Social Housing Landlord that provides low rental homes throughout Monmouthshire. We offer our tenants more than housing. We deliver community related projects & provide help & advice with employment and skills development. MHA embraces volunteering & offers its tenants a range of opportunities to increase their skills and experience and enhance their CVs. These range from construction trades such as plumbing, carpentry & labouring to office based work including IT support & also finance, customer service or the chance to volunteer on one of our Community Investment initiatives.

\*\*\* If you're an MHA tenant and want to learn new skills via volunteering contact us now! \*\*\*

We work on a needs led basis so the placements can be short or long term.

Let us know what you are interested in doing & when you are able to do it and we will do our best to find it for you.

**Please Note :If you are not an MHA tenant we may still be able to help.**

## Volunteers wanted for Torfaen community radio station - No experience needed.

Vitalize Radio is the radio station for Torfaen. We are looking for individuals eager to learn all about Radio, and perhaps present their own show LIVE on air. We are an internet based radio station, where you can listen to us on our website, via the mobile app and many other ways.

If you're interested in becoming a presenter, helping us out on social media including Facebook and Twitter, or writing a blog for us on TV, Local News, Gaming, or anything else... we'd love to hear from you.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

### Friends of Pontypool Town Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help us with various tasks and role at future events.

We meet every 1st Tuesday of the month, all welcome contact us to find out more.

Event Organisers - Come along and find out a little more about how you get involved with our events.

Stewards Required - Make sure visitors are safe and know where they are going.

Media/Promotion - Distribute poster and flyer in local area. Possibly getting involved with Social Media

Photographers - Can you help take pictures at our events and instantly post on Facebook.

Musicians/Bands - Are you an upcoming musician or band that would like some publicity and experience. Come along and play at one of our events.

Litter Pickers - We organise one Litter Pick a month, all welcome to come along.

### Driver's Mate

The Furniture Revival is a social enterprise specialising in the reuse and recycling of household furniture, electricals and paints with the aim of alleviating poverty in its operational areas whilst supporting individuals to increase their skills through the social enterprise to support employability locally.

Our Trust covers an area of South Wales that includes Caerphilly, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and the City of Newport. We collaborate with other Trusts in Wales to offer a Wales wide service as Groundwork in Wales.

### Crime Prevention Panel Member - Torfaen

A Crime Prevention Panel comprises of local willing volunteers from a variety of backgrounds who have an interest in creating communities who care and are passionate about creating a better place to live, work and play.

The Panel brings together local residents who foster a community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems, promoting crime prevention and crime reduction.

The Panel meets regularly to discuss crime reduction initiatives and are able to raise issues with the Police. They will discuss and agree a way forward to deal with specific issues. Panel members attend public events throughout the year to offer free advice on home and property security, as well as personal safety.

**For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact the Volunteering Team on 01495 742420**