

Age Alliance Wales

*working together to support older people in Wales.
cydweithio i gefnogi pobl hŷn yng Nghymru.*



Welcome to the 15th Age Alliance Wales e-newsletter - June 2015

Where possible, briefings will be bi-monthly, so if you have an item you would like included in the next newsletter, please send it to Mal Andrews before September 1st.

Age Alliance Wales Activity

Last month we circulated our report from the Networking Event in March to all health boards, CVCs and local authorities across Wales. We received a positive response from the Welsh Government and CVCs, who are keen to meet with AAW to discuss how to implement the report's recommendations. We are now setting up meetings with regional groupings of CVC chief officers and will keep you updated on progress. You can download the report from our [website](#).

Recently, AAW representatives met with Lisa Dunsford, Deputy Director for Integration Policy and Delivery at Welsh Government. Lisa is keen to involve AAW in the development of the statutory guidance for regional partnership arrangements. (See section 9 of the Social Services Act). An invitation has been extended to all AAW CEO contacts to attend a meeting with Lisa to discuss what should be included in the guidance. The meeting is taking place on July 3rd, 2pm at Welsh Government offices in Cathays. If you would like to attend, please let Mal or I know asap.

During May and June, Representatives from Age Cymru and RNIB Cymru gave oral evidence to the Health and Social Care Committee regarding the Regulation and Inspection Bill and Eligibility Criteria. Our written responses can be downloaded via the [website](#).

Mal and I have been updating the AAW website – the new site will have a new, fresher look which is user friendly and simple to navigate. The content will remain unchanged. We plan to launch the website along with AAW's 2015 which has now been finalised and will be circulated shortly.

Dates for diary:

CEO Summit - 25th September, Action on Hearing Loss

Pierhead Event - October 20th

Rachel Lewis
Age Alliance Wales Manager

INFORMATION

Carers Wales

Please see the link to our recent Carers UK/Age UK research on older carers. Although the research basically covers England the issues are the same

<http://www.carersuk.org/for-professionals/policy/policy-library/caring-into-later-life>

the stats for Wales are :

Area	All people aged 85+	Provides no care 85+	Carer 85+	1 to 19 hours 85+	20 to 49 hours 85+	50 or more hours 85+
Wales	63,133	57,324	5,809	1,594	768	3,447

Care & Repair Cymru

Care & Repair win awards; Helping older people to live in warm homes

Care & Repair are delighted that we have received two awards recognising our work supporting older people in Wales to live in warm and comfortable homes.

Care & Repair Cardiff have won an Energy Efficiency Best Practice Award for their Affordable Warmth Casework Service and Gaynor Ashley, a caseworker for Care & Repair Powys has won an NEA 'Heat Heroes' award. - See more at:

<http://www.careandrepair.org.uk/news/2015/04/27/care-and-repair-win-awards-helping-older-people-to-live-in-warm-homes/#sthash.zpiLZtsr.dpuf>

Care & Repair Doctoral Research Project Gets the Go Ahead

Congratulations and a big welcome on board to Joanna Wolton as the Doctoral Research student for the 'Community Linkagent Project' relating to Care & Repair agencies. She has just achieved her ethics standard which allows her to act for Swansea University as a research student. Given many of the headline messages from social policy and Welsh Government strategy relating to Housing, Health, Social Services and Primary Care, around a community-based social model of Healthcare and public service integration, this is an exciting opportunity. – See more at:

<http://www.careandrepair.org.uk/news/2015/04/27/care-and-repair-win-awards-helping-older-people-to-live-in-warm-homes/>

Care and Repair Cymru (cont'd)

Care & Repair funding announcement

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty has announced £6.037 million funding for Care & Repair in Wales during 2015/16

Commenting on the funding announcement, Chris Jones, Chief Executive of Care & Repair Cymru said “we are very pleased to see the Welsh Government’s continued recognition and support for Care & Repair in Wales. The £6m announced by Welsh Government for this year is good news for Care & Repair Agencies who spend the money on front line services for older people, and also use the money as a springboard to lever in other funding for even more front line services and to support innovation and partnership working” - See more at:

<http://www.careandrepair.org.uk/news/2015/05/28/care-and-repair-cymru-welcomes-funding-announcement/#sthash.qVVSDgkK.dpuf>

Care & Repair support Electrical Safety First to help older people live safely

Care & Repair Cymru has secured £10,000 of funding from Electricity Safety First, to support the electrical safety of older people, through Care & Repair agencies across Wales. This funding will go directly to support older people at risk; funding electrical safety checks and subsequent repairs or replacements of electrical equipment. - See more at:

<http://www.careandrepair.org.uk/news/2015/04/20/a-shock-to-the-system-care-and-repair-support-electrical-safety-first-to-help-older-people-live-safely/#sthash.Falyo2AB.dpuf>

RNIB Cymru

Wales Vision Strategy Conference

The World Outside in 2030

Wednesday 17 June 2015, Marriott Hotel Cardiff

10am – 4pm

Join us at the Wales Vision Strategy Conference to find out how you can make a difference to people with sight loss. The conference this year is free of charge and has been designed with you in mind. There will be constructive conversations with policy influencers and experts from across Wales discussing the important legislative developments in planning, transport and equality.

You will leave the conference with a clear understanding of what it is like to navigate the world if you have sight loss and what needs to be done ensure people are not cut off from the world.

RNIB Cymru (cont'd)

As well as workshops with colleagues from across Wales, you will also hear first hand from people with sight loss and find out more about the cutting edge developments and emerging technologies that will help to make our environments inclusive.

There will be an expert panel in the afternoon chaired by Sarah Rochira, the Older Peoples Commissioner.

About Sight Loss

Every day in Wales three people start losing their sight. Over fifty per cent of all sight loss is avoidable.

It is predicted that by 2050 the number of people with sight loss in the UK will double to nearly four million.

Nearly half of blind and partially sighted people feel 'moderately' or 'completely' cut off from people and things around them.

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Welsh Language Commissioner—Training Hyfforddiant Comisiynydd y Gymraeg

Hyfforddiant Darparu Gwasanaethau Dwyieithog

“Da iawn, gwerth chweil” – sylw gan un o'r mynychwyr

Dyma'r ail sesiwn hyfforddiant gan swyddogion Comisiynydd y Gymraeg i aelodau Cynghrair Henoed Cymru. Roedd yn gyfle i drafod manteision y Gymraeg i elusennau a'u defnyddwyr gwasanaeth a chyflwyno ymchwil diweddaraf gan y Comisiynydd ar y pwnc. Aeth pawb oedd yna ati i ddechrau cynllunio'n ymarferol a chreu Cynllun Hybu'r Gymraeg ar gyfer ei sefydliad nhw.

Mae gan y Comisiynydd holiadur i hunan asesu eich defnydd presennol, a chynllun hwylus sy'n caniatáu i chi osod targedau er mwyn cynyddu dros amser. Os nad ydych chi'n defnyddio'r Gymraeg ar hyn o bryd ond eisiau gwybod mwy am sut i fynd ati, neu'n gweithredu cynllun iaith Gymraeg ac eisiau ei ddiweddarau, gall yr holiadur a Chynllun Hybu'r Gymraeg fod yn ddefnyddiol iawn.

Am wybodaeth bellach am Gynllun Hybu'r Gymraeg a'r holl gymorth a chyngor sydd ar gael gan y Comisiynydd, ewch i'r wefan: www.comisiynyddygyymraeg.org/hybu neu cysylltwch â [Carys Morgan](#) i drefnu sgwrs.

Welsh Language Commissioner—Training (cont'd) Hyfforddiant Comisiynydd y Gymraeg

Developing Bilingual Services: Training Session

“Looking forward to moving ahead with things” – attendee feedback

This was the second training session for Age Alliance members by the Welsh Language Commissioner. It was an opportunity to discuss the advantages of the Welsh language for charities and their service users, and to present the Commissioner’s latest research on the topic. Attendees then went on to start planning and develop a Welsh Language Progress Plan for their organisation.

The Commissioner has an online questionnaire to assess your current use of the Welsh language and a template progress plan so you can set targets to increase your use over time. If you’re not currently using the Welsh language and want to know more about doing so, or if you have a Welsh language scheme or policy that needs updating, the questionnaire and Welsh Language Progress Plan is a useful tool.

For more information about the Welsh Language Progress Plan and the support and advice available from the Commissioner, visit the website:

www.welshlanguagecommissioner.org/hybu or contact [Carys Morgan](#) to arrange a meeting.



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