

Age Alliance Wales

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



Welcome to the eleventh Age Alliance Wales e-newsletter - October 2014

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 December 3rd

AGE ALLIANCE WALES DIARY DATES

November 11th - Welsh Language Commissioner (10am-1pm)

As part of the Welsh Language Commissioner's role under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, the Commissioner's officers will hold a **free** training session for Age Alliance Wales members on November 11th at Care and Repair Cymru, 2 Ocean Way, Cardiff CF24 5TG

The training will offer practical solutions and advice to enable organizations to plan, develop and deliver bilingual services to the public in Wales.

It will cover:

- Setting the context: Welsh language awareness training focussing on the linguistic needs of older people
- The current legislative context
- Assessing your organization's current bilingual provision
- Specific advice regarding Welsh language considerations within health and care settings; recruiting Welsh speaking staff and volunteers; bilingual websites and social media; holding bilingual events
- Preparing an action plan for developing bilingual services

It will be tailored to the needs of Age Alliance Wales, and the Commissioner welcomes suggestions from members about for further topics to be included.

The course is suitable for policy officers, managers and trustees.

If you have any suggestions for future information sessions that will be of interest to AAW members, please forward them to Mal;
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INFORMATION

Care & Repair

Care & Repair team up with Foundations Independent Living Trust to help older and vulnerable stay gas safe in their homes

Care & Repair Cymru announced that it has teamed up with The Foundations Independent Living Trust (FILT) who have scaled up its partnership with the Gas Safe Charity to provide essential maintenance and repairs to the homes of older and vulnerable people.

FILT Chair, Baroness Kay Andrews, said: *"this funding will provide much needed support to many vulnerable and older people across the UK. I am delighted that we are working with Care & Repair Cymru in Wales to provide essential support to keep people safe and warm in their homes"*.

The Gas Safe Charity funding has been awarded to coordinating charity FILT, as part of a two-year programme and will be used to address the replacement, repair and servicing of dangerous, faulty or insufficient gas appliances and installations that put the safety of older and vulnerable people at risk.

The Gas Safe Chair of Trustees, Gordon Lishman, explained: *"Working in partnership across England, Scotland and Wales will help put in place preventive services that directly address the risks of death, injuries and illness caused by dangerous gas work and appliances. The scheme will also help to promote gas safety awareness across the UK."*

Chris Jones, Chief Executive of Care & Repair Cymru said: *'This is a huge boost to our capability to help those in need. We are looking forward to working with our partners to identify those most in need and enable us to make people safe and warm in their homes'*

For more information or to contact your local Care & Repair Agency in Wales call 0300 111 3333 or visit www.careandrepair.org.uk

Carers Wales

Carers may be left in the lurch by new public planning legislation in Wales

Carers Wales responds to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill, which was introduced on 7 July 2014.

The purpose of the Bill is to strengthen existing governance arrangements for improving the well-being of Wales to ensure that present needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Bill will put Local Service Boards and well-being plans on a statutory basis and will aim to simplify the requirements for integrated community planning.

It is the third piece of Welsh legislation that will cover strategic planning for carers since 2010.

Carers Wales is concerned that the Bill will further dilute existing legal duties on Health Boards and Trusts in Wales in the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2010. The Measure – which came into force in 2012 – for the first time ever provided a clear joint planning mechanism with health as the lead agency to work with partners to develop local information strategies to ensure carers receive appropriate information and advice.

The detail of the strategies include amongst other things: identification of carers, the provision of information, training of front-line staff, engagement with GPs and consultation with carers.

The Bill is in its first stage Committee process at the National Assembly for Wales and we have put together a response from Carers Wales to the Committee; visit www.carersuk.org/wales/policy/policy-library to see the detailed response.

NIACE updates popular resources for older people in care

NIACE has published updated versions of its popular resources - [Learning for Older People in Care Settings](#) - in light of policy changes and key research conducted in this area.

The [Learning for Older People in Care Settings resources](#) - commissioned by BIS - include updated examples of practice and two new films ([Open Age](#) and [Hammerson House](#)) to raise awareness of the benefits of learning for older people, their carers and families. They also encourage and support public, private and voluntary sector care providers to extend and enhance learning opportunities for older people in care settings

Emily Jones, NIACE Research Manager, said:

"People in the UK are living longer than ever before. While life expectancy is increasing, healthy life expectancy is not increasing at the same rate. People are spending longer living with conditions that seriously affect their quality of life and current trends in lifestyle related diseases will also increase the need for care. The cost to our health budgets will be enormous and a huge strain on the

NIACE Cymru

Launch of the Festival of Dangerous Ideas

[Chapter Arts Centre](#), Cardiff

3rd November 2014. 9-11am

NIACE Cymru would like to invite you to the launch of the first ever 'Festival of Dangerous Ideas' in Wales.

As the current economic situation presents serious challenges with drastically reduced budgets, now more than ever is a crucial time to think innovatively about sustainable ways to deliver public services such as education. This campaign is the first of its kind in Wales, and aims to stimulate ideas and debate about the future delivery of education and training. The campaign will be running from the 16th-27th February with a call for individuals and organisations to take part in thought provoking activities, challenging assumptions about the traditional way we learn and educate.

We are delighted that Julie James AM, Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology will be joining us on the day and delivering the closing remarks

If you would like to register for this Launch, please contact emma.harris@niace.org.uk who will send you a booking form.

Age Cymru

Winter Celebration Grants

Age Cymru is Wales' largest and leading charity for older people.

Our mission is to improve life for older people.

41,000 over- 65s in Wales say they are often or always lonely.

This why this year we're offering a limited number of grants to older people's groups across Wales to organise a get-together for potentially vulnerable older people during the winter months.

We're providing these Winter Celebration Grants as part of our annual 'Spread the Warmth' campaign.

From lunch clubs, to older people's forums, to sheltered housing schemes, and more – if you're involved with a group that works with older people, you can apply for one of these Winter Celebration Grants.

To request an information pack about Age Cymru's 'Spread the Warmth' Winter Celebration Grants which explain how you can apply for a grant, please ring 029 2043 1555 or email kathy.lye@agecymru.org.uk



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