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Welcome to this, our first edition of
Community Development News

Lots of people are working towards better
communities in the Vale by:

- identifying local needs, interests, oppor-
tunities, rights and responsibilities
- Planning, organising and taking action
- Evaluating the effectiveness and impact of
the action.

This newsletter is the first of its kind here in
the Vale, and its purpose is to act as a virtual
network, sharing information and ideas. If you
have any information, articles, photos, etc. to
contribute, please e-mail
banoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk .

The next newsletter will be available in
September, and a closing date for contributions
is 24th August.



Send us your contributions
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The Genesis Project - New beginnings for parents and children

GENESIS will assist parents
and individuals to overcome
many of the barriers they
may face when wanting to
learn new skills, access
training and gain employ-
ment.

They can offer:

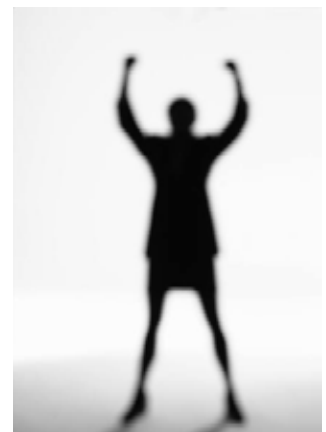
- free or subsidised child
care
- confidence building
- lots of local knowledge on
community events, training,

employment, lone parent
issues and life long learning

The Project is part fund by
European Social Fund and all
information is available in
Welsh

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Overcome the barriers

Job Shop Extra is on the move!

Job Shop Extra, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's job search support project offering free advice and guidance to local unemployed and unwaged people, is moving from its current base in 10 Holton Road to the Central Library in Barry.

The project will close in Holton Road on Friday 25 May and re-open on the first floor of the

library on Monday 4 June at 10am.

Our contact details will stay the same with telephone number 01446 709763. The range of services will not be affected either, with the experienced qualified staff continuing to offer assistance with CVs, application forms & letters and interview skills. Facilities available will include access to local newspapers and jour-

nals; access to telephone, fax and photo

copier; postage of applications and use of the computers for job search purposes.



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Job Shop Extra is on the move.

Newydd Housing

Improving the quality of life for our residents

Newydd Housing Association has seven constituted community groups now in operation throughout the Vale.

The common aim amongst these groups is to improve the quality of life for all residents living in the community.

These groups are:

- Thompson Street Estate Tenants and Residents Association
- Gwyn James Court Tenants and Residents Association
- St Baruchs Court Tenants and Residents Association
- Elis Fisher Court Social Club
- Phillip Freeth Social Club
- Arthur Davies Court Social Club
- Team Supreme - Young persons group operating in Maes yr Ysgol and Heritage Drive

Each group is run by volunteers living in the community with help and support on offer from the Newydd's Community Involvement Officer.



Each group has applied for, or has been awarded funding for a variety of projects tailored to address the individual needs of the communities in which they operate.

For more information, contact:

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Inspiring the rural Vale



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Examples of projects already funded:

- mobile cinema
- Llantwit Major Historical Society website & Cowbridge on Film DVD
- development funding for new festivals
- training for rural community groups including Cowbridge Physic Garden & St Athan Co-op
- new community halls

Creative Rural Communities helps communities in the rural Vale of Glamorgan (excluding Penarth, Barry & Llandough) acquire the knowledge and skills needed to take direct responsibility for their own regeneration and to realise their own ideas.

Assistance is available in two key ways:

Support- from identifying the communities' needs right up to seeing viable projects into fruition, including helping to set up new groups.

Funding- a number of different funding options could be

available to projects which fit the various criteria. Dedicated officers are also available to assist with identifying external funding sources.

All projects must:

- meet the needs of local communities
- involve and have the support of local communities
- provide added benefits to the area and meet the needs of those involved
- complement any activities already supported by other community initiatives

The following are available to groups in the rural Vale free of charge:

- use of a meeting room at Old Hall, Cowbridge (10 max)
- use of a community computer at Old Hall, Cowbridge
- loan of display boards for exhibitions
- variety of induction loop systems

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“take direct responsibility for your own regeneration and realise your own ideas”.

Choose Childminding

Childminding is a rewarding job for people who love working with children and want to provide home-based care and education for children from birth to 14. You'll be helping children to develop and sharing their successes as they grow.

Jan Harris is the Childminding Development and Network Coordinator and can be contacted on 01792 324454

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A rewarding career



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Skills towards employment

The 'Moving On' programme supports people in gaining skills, knowledge and confidence to plan for their future work, learning or community activity.

Skills and support for self-employment

Training and confidential 1:1 advice and guidance to plan for self employment in the future.

Community Enterprise Centre

The Centre supports and encourages community regeneration, with workshops and office space for rental, rooms to hire for meetings, events and training and a wide range of information available including job vacancies.

For further information please contact Gail Hughes Tel: 01446 733034



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The library that comes to you



The mobile library visits many playgroups, residential homes and some workplaces and always welcome suggestions for new locations

In recent months a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes in developing the mobile library service in the Vale of Glamorgan.

November 2006 saw the first major changes in the routes, bringing in 35 new stops and increasing the number of days the two vans are on the road. The final round of changes has just been rolled out, with the addition of five new schools in Barry and eleven more stops throughout the Vale.

Among the newest stops are:

- the residential caravan parks at Culverhouse Cross and Llanmaes;
- West Camp, St Athan;
- Welsh St Donats;
- Dyffryn Gardens

- the Communities First Language and Play Scheme at Aberaeron Close, Gibbons-down.

The mobile library visits many playgroups, residential homes and some workplaces and always welcome suggestions for new locations. We also attend various outreach events, such as the Scout Fete, Vale Show and the Gibbonsdown Family Fun Day.

Our two new vans are out on the road Monday to Friday and every other Saturday in Barry. The routes take in Penarth and Ogmere by Sea, Drope and Treoes and most communities between, offering a free service with a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction, a range of children's books, talking books and books in large print. Both



vans are also completely accessible, being fitted with step lifts and induction loops for those with hearing difficulties.

Members of Vale of Glamorgan Libraries may use their cards at any library including the Mobiles and there is no charge for joining if you live or work in the Vale.

Further information about the service, including the time of your nearest stop, may be obtained by contacting Andrea Griffiths, Outreach Officer, on 01446-740688
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Community Enterprise Service

The Vale of Glamorgan Council's Community Enterprise Service (based in the Lifelong Learning section) supports and encourages enterprise, skills, confidence and knowledge for individuals and community groups towards a better future for themselves and their communities.

Training, information, advice and support is available across the Vale through four programmes.



What's On

Just some of the courses available to people who help run community groups or projects

Health & Safety – one session on Monday 25th June, 9.30-3.30 at Barry Community Enterprise Centre.

Food Hygiene - one session on Wednesday 4th July, 9.30-3.30 at Barry Community Enterprise Centre

Above: People who help run community groups and projects in the Vale of Glamorgan celebrating their achievements at a certificate presentation held at the Mayor's Parlour, hosted by the Mayor. They has all successfully completed training provided by the Community Enterprise Service.



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Penarth Pier at sunrise by Julia Davies. Got a great digital photograph of the Vale which you'd like us to feature in this newsletter or on our website? If so, we'd love to see it.

Please email it to webcontent@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for consideration.