



# Community Development News

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Welcome to this, our December edition of  
Community Development News

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

- Identifying local needs, interests,  
opportunities, rights and  
responsibilities.
- Planning, organising and taking  
action.
- Evaluating the effectiveness and  
impact of the action.

This newsletter is a virtual network, sharing  
information and ideas. If you have any  
information, articles, photos, etc. to  
contribute, please e-mail

[banoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:banoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) .

The next newsletter will be available in  
March, and a closing date for contributions  
is 22 February.



Send us your contributions for  
Community Development News at  
[banoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:banoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

## Vale Community Venue Guide – will yours be included?

A new community venue  
guide is being produced  
which will highlight the  
impressive range of  
places that are available  
for hire for activities from  
children's parties to  
events, meetings, leisure  
activities and training for  
local people. The free  
guide will be available in  
March 2008 and is being  
produced by the Vale of  
Glamorgan Council.

People who help to run  
community venues need to  
complete a simple question-  
naire, which will be entered  
into a prize draw, offering  
£100 worth of vouchers for  
the winning community  
venue.

Questionnaires are  
available in many local  
venues including Vale  
libraries, leisure centres,  
community learning  
centres, and the Civic  
Offices in Barry.

Forms can also be  
downloaded from  
[CommunityEnterpriseService@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityEnterpriseService@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)  
or further information  
received by calling 01446  
733034.

The closing date is 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 2008, but every-  
one is urged to make an  
early New Year's  
resolution and get it in  
before Christmas!

# Vale Woman of the Year Awards

Do you know a very special woman who has made a difference to the lives of other people? Is there a woman out there who has had a positive impact on the local community?

If so, now is your chance to make sure that she receives the recognition she deserves.

In celebration of International Women's Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008, the Vale of Glamorgan Council is organising the Vale's very own 'Woman of the Year Award'. To qualify, that special woman must live in the Vale, agree to be nominated and fit one of the award categories:

- Community woman of the year – for women involved in local community activities
- Businesswoman of the year – for women who run their own business or who have made a difference within a business
- Sports volunteer of the year – for involvement in developing sport
- Public servant of the year – for the dedicated women who deliver our public services
- Carer of the year – aimed at women who care for others
- Learner of the year – for those involved in developing their skills and knowledge
- Young achiever of the year - aimed at young women aged 16 – 24
- Woman returner of the year – for those returning to work after a break from employment



Nomination forms are available from libraries and community centres and are also available to download from [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/valewomanoftheyear](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/valewomanoftheyear)

A gala awards evening will take place on International Women's Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March. As well as announcing the winners of all eight categories, an overall Vale Woman of the Year will be selected.

## Dates for your diary: 'Getting to Know You' events

**Following on from the success of the first 'Getting to Know You' event in May, a second one was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

It once again gave people representing various community groups and projects in the Vale the chance to meet, promote what they do and share ideas.

It was nice to see many new faces alongside the people who had attended the first event.

Everyone said how really useful and enjoyable they had found the event and were pleased that it was something that was happening on a regular basis.

The Christmas 'Getting to Know You' is being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am-12.30pm at Barry Community Enterprise Centre – everyone is welcome to come along and start the festivities with a cuppa and mince pie!

Don't forget to bring any information you have about your group to share with others. For further details or to confirm a place please contact Gail on 01446 733034.

Other dates for Getting to Know You networking events:

5th March 2008  
4th June 2008  
10th September 2008



*Getting to know you –  
speed dating for  
community groups*

## Rainbow Project – Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan

Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan is a charity that works with and for people with mental health problems. Wherever you live in the Vale of Glamorgan you will be close to one of our Mental Health Resource Centres which provide:

- social activities shaped by the people who use the service;
- information on a wide range of issues and resources;
- assistance in helping people get the help and support they need from other organisations;
- support for people developing the skills, experience and confidence they need to find fulfilling occupations.

### Where are the centres?

Tynewydd Centre, 29 Tynwydd Rd, Barry, CF62 8HB

Tel. 01446 746191

email: [admin@mindinthevale.org.uk](mailto:admin@mindinthevale.org.uk)

Doves Centre, 56 Windsor Rd, Penarth, CF64 1JJ

Tel. 02920 350330

email: [helenmind@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenmind@hotmail.co.uk)

Rainbow Project, 29 Crawshay Drive, Llantwit Major, CF61 2LH

Tel. 01446 796416

email: [the\\_rainbow\\_project@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:the_rainbow_project@tiscali.co.uk)

Work experience opportunities are also offered at Travellers in Mind Café and Catering, Barry Railway Station, Broad St, Barry, CF62 7AE.  
email: [admin@travellersinmind.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:admin@travellersinmind.eclipse.co.uk)

The Rainbow Project has a new partnership with the Maes Glas Community House at MOD St Athan. This project provides information, support and a resource for service families (and civilian families where space permits) to meet in a warm, friendly unchallenging environment to pursue areas of mutual interest.

There is a free coffee morning at Maes Glas on Tuesday mornings 9.30am - 11.30am, providing information on emotional and mental health issues.



# New worker for Gibbonsdown

Gibbonsdown has a new community development worker, Michelle Sullivan.

The Communities First programme aims to tackle problems and help to improve living conditions in areas that need it most. It seeks to improve the community to make it a better place to live, through the efforts and involvement of local people.

Michelle will work with local residents and community groups to develop projects, activities and training opportunities that will create better opportunities and a better environment to live, work and play for the residents of the Gibbonsdown estate.

She will also be working with residents to identify what services are under-provided in the area and work with other agencies such as the Council to improve services in the area.



Michelle is based at the Aberaeron Close offices in Gibbonsdown.

Telephone: 01446 732406

[mesullivan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:mesullivan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

## Charter for Rural Communities published

The final report from the Carnegie Commission for Rural Community Development has been published.

The report has been produced after extensive consultation with rural communities across the UK and Ireland, and was launched in Wales at the Royal Welsh Show in July. See the report at

<http://rural.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications>

## Vale Centre for Voluntary Services – Funding Fair 2008

Are you a voluntary or community group serving the Vale of Glamorgan? Would you like information, advice and guidance on available funding programmes? Then make a note of the following in your diaries:

**VCVS Funding Fair 2008**  
**Tuesday 4th March 2008**  
**11.00 am to 4.00 pm**  
**The Gladstone Room**  
**Barry YMCA – the HUB**  
**Court Road**  
**Barry**

Come along and meet many of the major national and local funding organisations in Wales who will be on hand to provide you with expert advice. For more information and to register your interest in attending please contact Dave Edwards, VCVS Development & Funding Officer on 01446 741706 or e-mail: [dave@valecvsv.org.uk](mailto:dave@valecvsv.org.uk)

### Living in Wales 2006

The Living in Wales Survey is a major continuous household survey for Wales commissioned by the Welsh Assembly Government. The link below gives some background information on the 2006 survey, provides a list of the topics covered as well as some initial statistics for 2006.

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/housing-2007/hdw200707191/?lang=en>

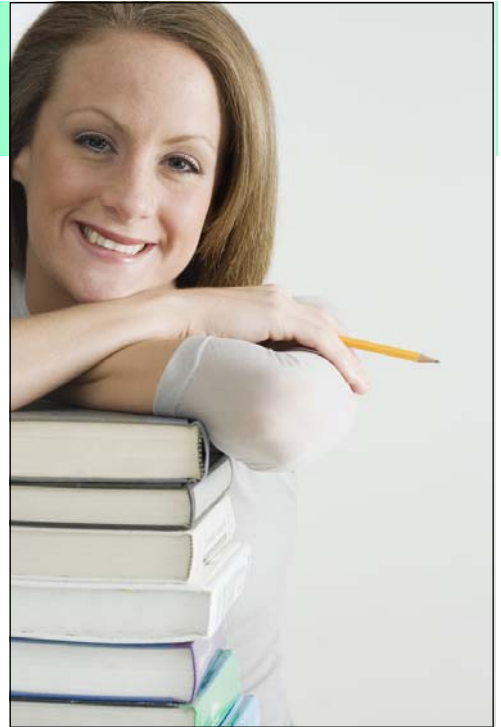
### Tenant Participation Strategy for Wales

The Tenant Participation Strategy for Wales which was written by a task and finish group comprising Assembly Government officials and representatives from local authorities, housing associations and tenant organisations and published in March this year. You can download this document from:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/strategy/strategypublications/strategypubs/1370859/?lang=en>



# Mobile Library Services for Homes and Sheltered Housing Complexes



Our two mobile libraries, Swallow (SW) and Kingfisher (KF), have recently introduced some new stops that increase the number of nursing and residential homes and sheltered housing complexes visited throughout the Vale. Members of the public who live in the vicinity are welcome to make use of these stops too. Both vehicles are fully accessible and carry a good selection of books in standard and large print and talking books on cassette and CD.

Here is the list of days and times – please note that visits are every other week. We are always on the lookout for new stops and welcome suggestions from members of the public and organisations who would welcome the service in their neighbourhood or establishment. Copies of the full Mobile Library Timetable may be obtained from Andy Griffiths at Mobile Library HQ, Printmet, Sully Moors Road, Barry CF64 5RP. Tel: 01446 740688. Email: ADGriffiths@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

<b>Week One:</b>	<i>Weeks commencing December 3, 17 &amp; 31; January 14 &amp; 28; February 11 &amp; 25; March 10 &amp; 24; April 7 &amp; 21; May 5 &amp; 19 and June 2, 16 &amp; 30</i>	
Monday	12:45-1:15	Crawshay Court, Llantwit Major (KF)
Tuesday	2:55-3:15	Gwyn James Court, Penarth (KF)
	3:25-3:45	Redlands Avenue, Penarth (KF)
	3:55-4:25	Morel Court, Penarth (KF)
	2:40-3:40	Hanover Court, Barry (SW)
Wednesday	10:25-10:55	Ty Dewi Sant, Penarth (SW)
	11:00-11:30	Oak Court, Penarth (SW)
	2:15-4:15	Salisbury Road, Barry (KF)
	4:20-5:00	Sunrise Res. Home, Porthkerry Rd, Barry (KF)
Thursday	10:20-11:00	Philippa Freeth Court, Barry (KF)
Friday	9:30-10:00	Arthur Davis Court, Barry (SW)
	10:05-10:35	Brecon Court, Barry (SW)
	4:10-4:40	Springbank Nursing Home (SW)
<b>Week Two:</b>	<i>Weeks commencing December 10; January 7 &amp; 21; February 4 &amp; 18; March 3, 17 &amp; 31; April 14 &amp; 28; May 12 &amp; 26 and June 9 &amp; 23</i>	
Tuesday	4:00-5:00	Opposite Island View Home, Friars Road, Barry Island (KF)
Thursday	10:05-11:00	Opposite Ty Dyfan, Barry (SW)
	11:15-12:00	West Walk, Barry (SW)
	2:00-2:30	Near Proctor Close, Peterswell Rd, Barry (SW)
	4:00-5:00	Cwm Talwg Car Park, near Gwenog Court, Barry (SW)
Friday	10:00-10:30	Old Post Office Care Home, Leech Moor Cross (KF)