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## Vale Women of the Year

### Awards 2008

Women from all sectors of the Vale of Glamorgan community have been honoured at an inaugural awards event held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Barry Memorial Hall.

The awards night celebrated International Women's Day and was hosted by BBC Wales presenter Jason Mohammad (left).

There were eight categories, the largest number of nominations being received for **community woman of the year**. The top three had all given many years of their time to supporting community activities in



ers UK and also a member of the Local Health Board.

Irene has given great support to older people and the issues they face and is involved with the Vale Housing Federation, the Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys Voluntary Organisation and Fair Oaks

Sheltered Accommodation.

The overall winner was Denny White, who works for the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Waste Management Team and was nominated under the **public servant of the year** category.

They were all thrilled to be nominated and truly enjoyed the experience at the gala event on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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their areas.

The winner was Audrey Porter who has worked voluntarily for more than 30 years to fundraise and help a wide range of individuals and groups in the Llancarfan community. Joint runner ups were Olive Brown and Irene Gannon both from Dinas Powys.

Olive has been dedicated to caring for people for many years. She is a founder member of the Vale branch of Car-



**Woman Returner of the Year** – Roya Rashedi, *centre*. Runners up were Beverley Lennon, *second left* and Elaine Harvey, *far right*.



**Carer of the Year** – Ann Daniel, *third left*. Runners up were Marje Foan, *second left* and Jill Silvester, *far left*



**“the event has highlighted some wonderful stories of women in the Vale”**

# Vale Woman of the Year

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Other categories were

**Sports Volunteer**

Winner: Gwynedd Lingard  
Joint runner ups: Linda Rees and Eunice Lamb

**Carer**

Winner: Ann Daniel  
Joint runner ups: Marje Foan and Jill Silvester

**Learner**

Winner: Christine Prangley  
Joint runner ups: Norma Green and Elaine Jones

**Businesswoman**

Winner: Sian Fox  
Joint runner ups: Bee Milbourne and Tiona Williams

**Public servant**

Winner: Denny White  
Joint runner ups: Sian Vaughan and Julie Williams

**Woman returner**

Winner: Roya Rashidi  
Joint runner ups: Elaine Harvey and Beverley Lennon

**Young achiever**

Winner: Rachael Jeffery  
Joint runner ups: Olivia Rabjohns and Amy Reddaway

Representing the awards steering group, Edwina Vaughan said: "This really exciting event has highlighted some wonderful stories of the activities of women in the Vale. These awards enable us to acknowledge the vitally important role women play in shaping our area. There was a great response and I would like to congratulate all of the nominees for the part they have played in our local community."

"We are very grateful for the support of the Council, the Welsh Assembly Government and organisations who have sponsored individual categories, Hydrofitness, the Vale Women's Business Network, Newydd Housing Association, Barry College, Little Inspirations Day Nursery Ltd, Vale Learning Network, Aberthaw Power Station -npower and BTCV Enterprises.

Thank you also all of the people who have taken time to nominate women from 16 to 80 years plus, ensuring they are recognised and valued."



**Sports Volunteer of the Year** – Gwynedd Lingard, *second left*. Runners up were Eunice Lamb, *centre*, and Linda Rees, *far left*.



**Young Achiever the Year** – Rachael Jeffery, *fourth from left*. Runners up were Olivia Rabjohns, *second from right*, and Amy Reddaway, *second left*.



[See all photographs of winners and runners up here](#)

# Who does what, and where?

## All Wales survey to create a map of who's doing what and where in Community Development (CD) across Wales

If you carry out Community Development work, whether paid or do this voluntarily, full or part time and haven't already completed a questionnaire, we want to know about it.

[Click this link](#) to download a copy of the survey; available in both English and Welsh.



## Getting to know you

In the past couple of weeks there have been not one but two 'Getting to know you' events held for people who help run local community groups and projects.

The events (also known as speed dating for community groups!) are a very informal way of exchanging information and sharing ideas.

The first one took place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Albert Road church hall in Penarth as part of the celebrations for Adult Learner's week. As a special treat there were plenty of things for people to try such as jewellery making, watercolours and encaustic art (surprising what you can do with an iron!). As well as 'grass root' community groups local police and



voluntary organisations joined in the fun. It was the first time a session had been held at Penarth and everyone thought it was a great idea and would like to have more.

For more information contact Gail Hughes, Community Enterprise Development Officer, telephone: 01446 733034 or email: [gjhughes@vaelofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:gjhughes@vaelofglamorgan.gov.uk)

# Students to exhibit their work proudly

## 25 June 2008 - Palmerston Centre

Admission is  
FREE and  
refreshments  
are available.

The annual art exhibition at Palmerston Centre will be held on the evening of Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30. The exhibition will be open to visitors on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Students who have been attending adult education classes throughout Barry over the past three terms will be exhibiting their work and there will be a huge variety of work on display including paintings and drawings, photographs, pottery, glass, patchwork and quilting, card-making, decoupage, scrap booking, jewellery, sugar-craft and upholstery,

If you have ever considered taking up an adult education course but didn't really know which one to choose this is an ideal opportunity to come along and see what it's all about.

The tutors will be on hand to discuss the courses and answer any queries and staff will be available with information about new courses starting in September.

Admission is FREE and refreshments are available.

For more information contact  
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