

Media release

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Trustees' Week supporting stronger charities through good leadership

Over the week, a packed programme of events will take place helping to ensure that Welsh charities are governed by the best possible leaders.

Trustees' Week is an annual celebration taking place between 13 and 17 November, and along with a calendar of events across the country aimed at making the sector better equipped to attract and retain informed and capable trustees, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is drawing attention to the range of extra support it provides for both organisations and their boards.

Ruth Marks, WCVA Chief Executive said: 'Trustees' Week is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the great work that trustees do and to highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference. It also allows WCVA to remind our members just how much support we provide to enable this.

'We are also proud to be part of the steering group of umbrella organisations which reviewed the original version of the charity governance code, and the new, bilingual code is available at www.charitygovernancecode.org and www.wcva.org.uk.

'WCVA took an active role during the consultation period on the new code, hosting an event led by the Rosie Chapman, Chair of the steering group. The updated code has been written "by the sector for the sector" and is endorsed by the Charity Commission. It is an essential tool that supports all third sector organisations to demonstrate high standards of governance and undertake continuous improvement in this vital area for public trust and confidence.'

WCVA and [Third Sector Support Wales](#) partners are planning a series of events to mark the week and to show the importance of good governance at board level. Here are some of the events:

- **13 November 2017, Cardiff - Trustees' Week launch event**

[PWC](#) are launching the week with a breakfast event in collaboration with WCVA and Cynnal Cymru, showcasing the great work of trustees and highlighting opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference. This session will give you valuable insights into how the work of charity Trustees is not only crucial to the charities they support but a vital link between the third sector and private sectors; employers and their employees.

- **17 November 2017, Cardiff - The effective Chair/CEO relationship**

The relationship between the Chair and the CEO is critical to the good governance of an organisation. WCVA is running an event with the Association of Chairs, ACEVO and Blake Morgan exclusively for Chairs and Chief Officers of third sector organisations in Wales. The event will look at how to create and maintain an effective working relationship, as well as how to spot the warning signs and take action when problems in the relationship occur. The event will also provide an invaluable opportunity to network with Chairs of other organisations in Wales.

- **Third Sector Support Wales Engagement Events**

The events will look at the latest regional and national developments in relation to governance and feature talks on the new [Charity Governance Code](#) and PQASSO, the quality mark for the third sector.

- 14 November 2017 (9.30am-12.30pm), Baglan Community Church, Baglan, Port Talbot
- 16 November 2017 (9.30am-12.30pm), Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Colwyn Bay, Conwy
- 8 December 2017 (9.30am-12.30pm), Crundale Community Hall, Crundale, Pembrokeshire

To book your free place on the above events please e-mail eventsadmin@wcva.org.uk

Mair Rigby, WCVA Safeguarding and Governance Manager said: 'WCVA offers a wide range of support to trustees. We've created an interactive governance health check for trustee boards to use. It's a self assessment toolkit and is a great resource to help you ensure your organisation is as well governed as it can be. It can also assist boards of any size to demonstrate their good governance to funders, beneficiaries and stakeholders.

'We also have an online publication entitled [Faith and hope don't run charities \(trustees do\)](#), written specifically for trustees, offering practical guidance to help boards deal with their management responsibilities, including strategic planning, being accountable for the development of the organisation, managing people and finances, and making decisions in the interest of the voluntary organisation.'

WCVA offers a host of resources to help trustees, including [information sheets](#) and [publications](#) covering a variety of topics. Further information on Trustee roles can also be found on the [Charity Commission](#) website.

There is a page on www.wcva.org.uk featuring information on what WCVA and the CVCs are doing for Trustees' Week, other events around Wales, along with links to resources for trustees.

<p>For more information please contact Lynne Reynolds or Simon Dowling on 0800 2888 329. WCVA website www.wcva.org.uk</p>

Notes to editors:

- WCVA is the national membership organisation for the third sector in Wales. Our vision is for the third sector and volunteering to thrive and improve well-being for all. We achieve this by influencing, connecting, and enabling.
- Third Sector Support Wales is a network of support organisations for the third sector in Wales. Our shared goal is to enable the third sector and volunteers across Wales to contribute fully to individual and community well-being, now and for the future.



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