



Prosperity for All and the Volunteering Wales Grants 2019/20

What counts?

Improving access to volunteering for people of all ages and from all parts of society

This guidance is designed to help applicants understand more about the Prosperity for All priorities and how organisations can contribute towards these through the development and delivery of high quality formal volunteering projects that recruit, support, train and place new volunteers.

To read the full strategy please click on this link:

[Prosperity for all – the national strategy](#), 2017

Grant priorities

The Volunteering Wales Grants for 2019/20 will support volunteering projects where they contribute towards achieving outcomes in one or more of the following priority areas:

Priority 1: Early Years (0-7 year olds)

Priority 2: Housing

Priority 3: Social Care

Priority 4: Mental Health

Priority 5: Skills and Employability

Each priority is outlined below with a brief overview and suggestions for the types of activities that could be considered in the context of a volunteering project.

Priority 1: Early Years (0-7 year olds)

An individual's experiences in childhood play a significant part in shaping their future and are critical to their chances of going on to lead a healthy, prosperous and fulfilling life.

In the context of volunteering, this could include the following;

- a) activities through which volunteers or beneficiaries support children to reach their full potential with regards to their development, being protected, accessing education, having a relationship with their parents or by enabling children to express their opinion and be listened to.
- b) activities that improve outcomes for children which have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's). These are traumatic events that affect children growing up, such as suffering childhood malnutrition, living in a household affected by domestic violence, substance misuse or mental illness

Priority 2: Housing

The bedrock of living well is a good quality, affordable home which brings a wide range of benefits to health, learning and prosperity.

In the context of volunteering, this could include the following;

- c) activities which support volunteers or beneficiaries to improve their living conditions
- d) activities that raise awareness of initiatives to improve an individual's home environment
- e) activities that support people that are, or are at risk of, homelessness

Priority 3: Social Care

Compassionate, dignified care plays a critical part in strong communities, ensures that people can be healthy and independent for longer, and is a significant economic sector in its own right.

In the context of volunteering, this could include the following;

- f) activities which support volunteers or beneficiaries, in particular older people, to lead more independent lives

- g) activities which contributes towards preventing families from being disconnected and /or helps families to develop, improve or maintain positive relationships
- h) activities or engagement opportunities for children or young people which are looked after
- i) activities which support vulnerable volunteers or beneficiaries to access volunteering, work, training, education, housing and physical and emotional support.

Priority 4: Mental Health

One in four people in Wales will experience mental ill health at some point in their lives, getting the right treatment at an early stage, coupled with greater awareness of conditions, can in many cases prevent long term adverse impacts.

In the context of volunteering, this could include the following;

- j) activities which support volunteers or beneficiaries to have improved understanding of mental health and/or reduce stigma regarding mental health conditions
- k) activities which support volunteers or beneficiaries to improve their managements of mental health conditions
- l) activities which improve an individuals' access to receiving a diagnosis or professional support for a mental health condition
- m) activities for volunteers, beneficiaries or the wider community that aim to improve mental health

Priority 5: Skills and Employability

The better people's skills, the better their chances of getting fair, secure and rewarding employment, and the stronger the skills base is in Wales, the more chance we have of attracting new businesses and growing existing ones to improve prosperity.

In the context of volunteering, this could include the following;

- n) training for volunteers or beneficiaries which builds skills and / or employability
- o) activities which build skills amongst volunteers or beneficiaries for employability and/or education
- p) activities which helps volunteers or beneficiaries to access, or stay in work, by building skills, confidence or access
- q) activities of volunteers or beneficiaries which builds skills amongst existing staff to improve their ability to do their current roles better or improve their skills for future roles