



## News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 6 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. This edition is packed with updates from across the sector and our partners, including newly released training dates and details on bursaries and free places that may be available to support your development. We also bring you the latest from our *Cost of Living* project and *Local Places for Nature* programme, along with key news and opportunities to support your work in local communities.

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## News



We held another hugely successful Innovative Practice Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground near Builth Wells on Wednesday 2 July 2025. Read our Press Release on our website: [Innovative Practice Conference - One Voice Wales](#)



**Further  
information**

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Our Colleagues at NALC have created a superb document titled Local Councils explained - We encourage everyone to take a look.

IMPORTANT - the document is for member Councils only and must NOT be shared with anyone else.

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## Consolidation of Planning Law in Wales - Publication of Draft Planning (Wales) Bill

A draft version of the Planning (Wales) Bill and supporting draft Explanatory Notes has been published ahead of formal introduction to the Senedd, which is anticipated to be in September. This is to support you, Members of the Senedd and other interested in planning law to start to become familiar with the proposed structure of the Bill. [The draft Bill and supporting documents can be found here](#) - [Draft Planning \(Wales\) Bill: overview](#) | [GOV.WALES](#)

It is important to note that this is **not** the final version of the Bill or Explanatory Notes, nor is this a consultation or informal scrutiny stage for this work. It will be for the Senedd, following introduction of the Bill, to undertake the formal scrutiny and you will be able to contribute to that at that stage.

We have also published a cover document which explains the status of the Bill and Explanatory notes, why we are publishing them at this time and provides useful information on how to navigate the Bill etc. This document also highlights planning related matters that may be of interest such as changes to terminology, structure and definitions.

If the Senedd passes the Bill, guidance will be prepared to help planning stakeholders prepare for the Act coming into force.

If you would like to learn more about how that scrutiny takes place and how you can contribute, please contact [planningconsolidation@gov.wales](mailto:planningconsolidation@gov.wales)



### Child Poverty Strategy for Wales – Lived Experience Engagement Exercise

Every three years the Welsh Government reports on progress against its Child Poverty Strategy for Wales. The next report is scheduled for December 2025. As part of the progress report we have committed to include lived experience evidence to help show how we are delivering against the aims and objectives of the strategy.

The progress report will also include:

- A **monitoring framework** to report on regular and robust population level data on a range of child poverty indicators to provide insight on impact and direction of travel on the outcomes for children and young people.
- A **policy progress report** to provide a detailed update on the impact of specific policies, actions and associated outputs, in delivering progress against the five objectives, five priorities and 19 commitments of the strategy.

### Capturing Lived Experience

Evidence from people with lived experience of poverty provides important information about how policies and actions are making a difference for children, young people and families at a household and community level.

Welsh Government want to ask people with lived experience three key questions that will establish whether there have been any changes in the last three years that have impacted on people, what barriers people face and what could be done in the future to make a difference to people's lives.

### Engagement

We are seeking your help in gathering this information. We are offering short-term grant funding to support opportunities for discussions with children, young people, parents, families and communities across Wales, to ensure their insights, views and concerns are reflected in the progress report due for publication in December 2025.

Funding of up to £4995 per organisation is available to third sector, or community groups or organisations which specialise in supporting, engaging or working with people with protected characteristics and/or children and young people who have experience of poverty. Protected characteristics can include, but is not limited to, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality.

If you are interested in applying for this funding, please contact us at:

[TacklingPovertyAndSupportingFamilies@gov.wales](mailto:TacklingPovertyAndSupportingFamilies@gov.wales) for an application form, specifying whether you will target those with protected characteristics and / or children and young people specifically.

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## Call for proposals on transformational adaptation solutions

[Details](#)

This MACC funding call aims to catalyse transformational climate adaptation across the UK by supporting innovative, place-based adaptation projects. To maximise project outputs, the fund is intentionally designed to foster collaboration between businesses, policymakers, local authorities, public bodies, health and care organisations, community groups and NGOs. A strong emphasis is placed on inclusivity and the creation of scalable, practical solutions.

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## Available to view on the One Voice Wales Website:

### Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils

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One Voice Wales has published model arrangements to help Councils run effectively and meet their statutory obligations. We also circulate statutory guidance and other guidance.

We keep these arrangements under regular review, helping Councils to maintain a sound governance framework.

Click on the the link to see the wealth of documents that are available

For further  
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### Practice Development Notes:

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One Voice Wales has created Practice Development Notes - simple guides to help Councils understand key annual tasks and provide advice on other council activities.

View Practice development Notes

### One Voice Wales Training Dates:

#### Modules available in the next few weeks

01/07/2025 Chairing Skills - Module 10

01/07/2025 The Council Meeting - Module 5

02/07/2025 Local Government Finance - Module 6

02/07/2025 Well Being of Future Generations Act - Module20

03/07/2025 Information Management - Module 15

07/07/2025 Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25

07/07/2025 Code of Conduct - Module 9

07/07/2025 Local Government Finance , Advanced - Module 21

08/07/2025 Understanding the Law- Module 4

08/07/2025 New Councillor Induction

10/07/2025 The Council Meeting- Module 5

10/07/2025 Managing Your Staff - Module 18

[Click here to book](#)

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## **JOBS**

### **Vacancies within Community and Town Council Sector:**

#### **Vacancies:**

As part of annual membership, One Voice Wales offers member Community and Town Councils the opportunity to advertise sector-related vacancies, such as Clerks, Responsible Financial Officers, and other staff roles.

[Further Information on vacancies](#)

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## **Welsh Government Jobs**



If you are looking for a new career then a job in the Welsh Government is a great place to start.

A career in the Welsh Civil Service offers you:

- the opportunity to make a difference to people's lives in Wales
- learning on the job and good career development opportunities

- flexible working hours and comprehensive benefits

There are a number of different ways to join the Welsh civil service.

### Further Information

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## Specific roles Welsh Government would like highlighted

### Public Appointments

The Welsh Government is committed to improving the diversity of public appointments in Wales.

The [Welsh Government Anti-racist Wales Action Plan and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for Public Appointments](#) sets out a vision and actions aimed at supporting delivery of this key Ministerial priority for Wales.

We are keen to work with our external partners to build a pipeline of individuals who are interested in applying for a board position.

To view the latest advertisements for public appointments in Wales, please visit:

[Appointment of Non-executive Board Chair - Creative Wales - Welsh Government](#)

[Appointment of Non-executive Member - Creative Wales - Welsh Government](#)

**Closing date for the above appointments is 14/07/2025 at 16:00.**

[Independent Member \(Finance\) to Cardiff & Vale University Health Board - Welsh Government](#)

[Independent Member \(Third Sector\) to Cardiff & Vale University Health Board - Welsh Government](#)

**Closing date for the above appointments is 15/07/2025 at 16:00.**

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### Team Manager Business Support

**Salary range or pay band:** SEO - £45,974 to £54,431

**Work Pattern:** Full time (application are welcome from people who work part time, as part of a job share or who work full time)

**Directorate:** Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)

**Branch:** Business Support team / Support Services

**Location:** Pan Wales

Closing date: 08/07/2025, 16:00

[Team Manager Business Support - Welsh Government](#)

Contact point for further information: **Penny Aubrey** [CIWHR@gov.wales](mailto:CIWHR@gov.wales)

For further details:

[Work for us](#) | [Care Inspectorate Wales](#)

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## Save the Date

### Extraordinary General Meeting

**Wednesday 3 September**

All Councils in Wales are invited to attend (more details to follow). We will be discussing the new Constitution. Please can clerks inform us of who the representative for the Council will be and the reserve rep

### One Voice Wales Annual Conference

**Wednesday 1 October**

Join us for a round up of the year's achievements at One Voice Wales. Councils and Area Committees have already submitted motions for debate.

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### 2026 Community Governance Qualification

Starting February 2026, this flexible distance-learning programme helps councillors and officers develop advanced skills in local decision-making and community leadership. Financial support may be available through the Welsh Government and SLCC Educational Trust bursaries.

**Click for full prospectus and details to enrol**

**More  
Details**

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# One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

## Cost of Living Crisis Project News:

### Supporting Wellbeing in a Cost of Living Crisis

Thursday 10 July 10am - 12pm

This webinar will showcase how Community and Town Councils can support wellbeing during the cost of living crisis, with practical ideas to reduce isolation and build resilience. Featuring insights from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner and Tom Moses from Together for Change, and will highlight real-life examples from Crymych Town Council and St Davids City Council and their Community Wellbeing Plans.

[Zoom link for Webinar](#)

[Register for Webinar](#)

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## Summer Holiday Support for Families Survey Request for Information - Summer Holiday Free Food

We are currently mapping support available to families over the upcoming school summer holidays and would be grateful for your input. If your community or town council is planning any projects that provide free food to families during this period — or if you're considering doing so — we would appreciate it if you could complete a short survey.

The survey takes no more than **5 minutes** and will help us understand what support is being offered.

[Survey Link](#)

Even if you are not running a project, please let us know by completing the relevant question in the survey. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your plans further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your time and continued support for families in your community

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## Local Places for Nature News:

One Voice Wales are holding events to celebrate **Wales Nature Week 2025**.

Click on each event below for more information:

[A Visit to Meadow Street Community – Pontypridd](#)

7.7.25 @10.30am

[Celtic Wildflowers Specialist Wildflower Nursery Tour – Swansea](#)

8.7.25 @10am

[Denbighshire Tree and Wildflower Nursery Tour – St Asaph](#)

10.7.25 @10am

[Find out More](#)

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Have you signed up to Audit Wales's Newsletter ?

Follow this [Link](#) to their homepage where you can then sign up to a very informative newsletter .

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