



News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 9 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. This edition is packed with our regular update from our *Cost of Living* team and *Local Places for Nature* programme, along with key news and opportunities to support your work in local communities.

NEWS



I'm writing to you today on behalf of **laith mewn iechyd**, an NHS project led by CEDAR (Centre for Healthcare Evaluation, Device Assessment and Research), which ensures that NHS medical questionnaires are translated into Welsh. We then test these translations with the public and patients to make sure that they are clear, natural and easy to understand by Welsh-speakers across the country.

To do this successfully, we are always looking for volunteers to help us test the translations. Therefore, I was wondering whether you would be able to help raise awareness of our work and encourage more volunteers to take part in this work?

I have attached our information leaflet and poster to this email. Both of these contain a QR code, which can be used to sign-up to our secure database of volunteers. I was wondering whether you could:

- Share these attachments with any contacts (inside and/or outside your organisation), who might be interested in taking part
- Connect with us on social media (our Instagram handle is: [laithmewniechyd_gig](#)) and share our posts with your followers
- Take part yourselves, if it is something you are interested in helping us with.

Any support you can give us will make a huge difference and we would be hugely grateful for your help.

If you would like any more information about our work, feel free to send me an email. We would be very happy to arrange a chat or send further details to you.

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Leaflet (Welsh only)

Poster (Welsh only)



Play Wales E Bulletin

Link below to see the latest edition of Play Wales bulletin

Click to open Bulletin



NEW Two New Equality and Inclusion Grant Streams – Now Open!

1 Innovation and Partnership Working to Tackle Inequality and Promote Inclusion

\$ Total fund: £450,000

- Awards start at **£40,000**
- Ideal for **collaborative bids**, resource pooling, and intersectional support models.

2 Awareness and Engagement Grant

\$ Total fund: £750,000

Designed to fund awareness and engagement to promote equality and inclusion.
Two tiers available:

- **£2,000–£9,999:** For smaller scale initiatives
- **£10,000–£100,000:** For larger-scale initiatives.

 *Grassroots organisations can apply as collaborators with a lead third sector organisation (registered charity or company).*

Key Dates

- **Application deadline:** 16 November 2025
- **Successful applicants notified:** End December 2025
- **Project delivery period:** Until 30 September 2026

Get Involved

To support applicants:

- All guidance and resources are on a **dedicated webpage:** [Apply for funding under the equality and inclusion grant programme | GOV.WALES](#).
- **WCVA** and **CVCs** can offer support with funding applications :[Third Sector Support Wales](#).
- **Workshops** will be held to offer further information - details to follow.

This is a unique opportunity to help shape the future of equality in Wales. We invite you to apply for funding to support your work in advancing equality, inclusion, and human rights.

 Visit [Apply for funding under the equality and inclusion grant programme | GOV.WALES](#) for full details and application guidance.

A wealth of information can be found on our 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 information

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Practice Development Notes:

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We hope that Councils continue to find our Practice Development Notes helpful. Each Note is reviewed annually. Updated versions can be seen on the link referred to. We also welcome suggestions for future Practice Development Notes.

[View Practice development Notes](#)

One Voice Wales Training Dates:

Councillors wishing to attend training modules please contact your clerk who will book you on to the relevant session.

[Click here to view dates](#)

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.

Welsh Government Jobs



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:

[Deputy Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales - Welsh Government \(Cais\)](#)

Closing date for the above appointments is 26/09/2025 at 16:00.

[Appointment of Vice-Chair to Powys Teaching Health Board - Welsh Government \(Cais\)](#)

Closing date for the above appointments is 03/10/2025 at 16:00.

Save the Date

SLCC & OVW Joint Event 2025

Managing a Changing Environment

Join us for an engaging virtual conference on Wednesday **12 November 2025**, exclusively for

One Voice Wales Annual National Conference

Wednesday 1 October

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

clerks, local council employees and councillors in Wales, proudly hosted by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW).

With the timely theme 'Managing a Changing Environment', this event will explore how you can navigate evolving challenges in local governance.

Attendees will hear insights from Rob Smith, SLCC Chief Executive, and Lyn Cadwallader, OVW Chief Executive, as well as benefiting from practical training insights and expert-led sessions on employment, biodiversity and planning, including updates from Planning Aid Wales.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and strengthen your role in shaping resilient and sustainable communities.

<https://www.slcc.co.uk/event/slcc-ovw-joint-event-2025/>

already submitted motions for debate.

[Agenda-Conference-1-October-2025.pdf](#)

[Bilingual Flier National Conference 2025 A4.pdf](#)

One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

Cost of Living Crisis Project News:

Grant and Funding Newsletter

The latest edition of our newsletter is now available and full of useful links

**Grant and Funding
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Social Impact Assessment – Coming Soon

One Voice Wales has commissioned a national **Social Impact Assessment** to better understand and evidence the vital role that community and town councils have played in supporting residents through the cost-of-living crisis. This independent research will explore the types of support councils have provided, who has benefitted, the challenges councils have faced, and where further support is needed.

The assessment will also look at the reach and impact of the **One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Project**, including the tools, information, and collaboration opportunities provided to councils since 2023.

This is a key opportunity to raise the profile of the sector, influence Welsh Government, and make the case for future investment.

We'll be inviting all councils to take part in a short survey this autumn – your input will be essential to ensure your work is recognised.

Please contact us at colc@onevoicewales.wales or follow us on [\(11\) One Voice Wales Cost Of Living Crisis Forum | Facebook](#) for more information.

Local Places for Nature News:

One Voice Wales' Biodiversity Team has launched its brand-new Biodiversity Packages. These packages will help Community & Town Councils to create, enhance and restore nature on the doorstep and meet the statutory requirements under the Section 6 duty for biodiversity and ecosystem resilience.

Nature is struggling in Wales, Britain, and the world. Governments across the world, including here in Wales, have all made targets to protect and restore biodiversity, and we know that Community & Town Councils are key to realising those targets. That's why we've put together these free and easy packages to help you get started.

To read about the 10 packages we offer, follow this link: [Biodiversity Packages - OVW](#).

We are also hosting a webinar on Thurs 25 September 19.00 – 20.00 to introduce the new biodiversity team, our targets, and how we can help you, and to run through each of the packages. This is your opportunity to hear from us what we offer and ask us questions directly.

To sign up to the webinar, follow this link: [Bio Packages Webinar – OVW](#).

We look forward to working with you.

The Biodiversity Team.

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KEEP WALES TIDY ORCHARD PACKAGES

Our FREE Orchard Packages are perfect for bringing people together through nature.

Create an outdoor hub filled with fruit trees, bulbs and habitat boxes! Keep Wales Tidy are offering FREE Community Orchard Packages for organisations who are looking to create a small community orchard, where people of all ages can come together.

A dedicated Keep Wales Tidy officer will help you to plan and construct growing areas, and support you in planting, looking after and harvesting your new crops.

Apply now

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