

Where to begin looking for funds in Wales

Introduction

Finding funding in Wales, is not too far removed from finding funding in England, as the opportunities to be had by searching through the Charities Commission website (<http://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/>) apply to both countries.

Likewise, see the guide to using 'Funding Central' on our website, where many of the charities listed are also open to organisations from Wales.

With this in mind we will focus on two principle groups that can help you develop your search for grant funding, these organisations are:

- Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)
- Welsh Government

Used in conjunction with the research skills that you have learnt at the 'Fund your church...' training day or gleaned from the pages of the 'Guide to funding your church', knowledge of these organisations will further enhance your ability to create sustainable income streams.

Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

Website: www.wcva.org.uk

The WCVA is free for you to use and provides a wealth of local and regional funding information. If you follow the link to the website above and click the 'funding' tab at the top of the page, it will lead you to a 'search option' that can be broken down by region.

This is only one fragment of what this website can do for you, like no other site in the UK at the moment it provides all the information that you need to be able to develop additional income streams for your centre, church or group service.

There is a wealth of advice around fundraising, organising community events as well as corporate giving, alongside downloadable resources and information about training events in your area.

Welsh Government

Website: <http://gov.wales/funding/grants/?lang=en>

This link, to a designated Welsh Government site is quite unique because, not only does it provide you with links about grants in your area, but it also has a 'business finance locator'.

Churches that may have a business running alongside their charitable work, or perhaps are considering setting something up to provide an income, will find this interesting.