

Community Involvement Grants

Here are some of the Community Involvement initiatives we supported in 2016/17

A grant was paid to CAIS and Change Step towards their work with ex-services veterans. The following feedback was received:

The advertising boards and leaflets have been extremely beneficial to our Change Step gardening service! Firstly, we commissioned a local veteran who owns ISM signs in Ellesmere Port to design and make the A-Boards for us.



The leaflets were then designed and printed promoting our service, and these have now been distributed widely. Please see the digital version of the leaflet attached.



The signs have made a big difference to our veterans working on gardening projects as they feel that the signs encourage members of the public to approach them with questions or 'banter' and that the boards also create opportunities for new service enquires. The service has really taken off and we now have a very busy bookings diary.



Two FCHA tenants in Swansea that are part of a local group received donations to go towards the group's activities.

Robin Savours with the help from the other guys living in the FCHA home received £80 to buy a new tea urn for the weekly coffee morning held in Gorseinon. They are so busy making teas and coffees it was a welcome gift. Clive and Robin would like to thank FCHA for their



First Choice were please to support the Vale Peoples First Conference , the theme this year was "Opportunities" - What have people with a learning disability accessed in the area to help them become more positive and confident and explored what can happen when accessing an opportunity goes wrong and doesn't work for people ? How can we overcome those difficulties? This was showcased through presentations, role plays, drama and dance. The members of Vale People First presented and led the whole day, which was attended by over 80 people, including Jane Hutt AM. Thanks to First Choice once again this year for their generous donation to assist us in delivering our 2016 Conference.

A weekly art workshop project in Powys which was set up by Cartrefi Cymru also received grant funding from the Association. The following feedback was received:

We were really happy with the turn out of the Christmas art taster session – there was around 15 people in total. Every one enjoyed getting stuck in to create felt robins, glitter Christmas tree decorations, paper chains and much more! The Christmas background songs created a festive atmosphere which kept a smile on everyone's face. With this session being a great success we have very high hopes for the start-up of our Art/Craft workshop in the New Year.



A grant was paid to a newly formed Wrexham Friendship Hub to fund newsletter publishing and venue hire costs for the editorial group. The following feedback was received:

The grant covers funding of a newsletter- paper, admin time, office hire and room hire for the friendship group that will edit and produce the Newsletter. The group is aimed at anyone in Wrexham County who has a disability. It is by definition a Pan Disability group. We are called Wrexham Connects. The idea of our group is NOT to be defined by our disabilities, but to harness our capabilities and passions to form new groups and events that we support ourselves. Our aims are not to be defined by what local services can offer but to create our own opportunities.

Since April 2017 two grants totalling £205 have been paid out.

This includes a grant paid to Mirus to assist funding for their 2017 Star Awards event. This event recognised achievements of Mirus service users, including the Association's tenants and their varying contributions within their communities. The following feedback was received:



Thank you for your kind and generous sponsorship towards our Mirus Star Awards Celebration. We found the day to be a huge success and I hope that you enjoyed it too.