



CEREDIGION UPDATE *February* **2016**

News and Developments

Welcome to the Ceredigion update...

SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL SERVICES THIRD SECTOR GRANT 2016 – 19.

The purpose of the new grant is to support Welsh Ministers' priorities of a new and equal relationship between people and practitioners; early intervention and prevention; transforming the way people's needs for care and support are met.

The All Wales Forum is delighted to announce that they have been successful in their grant application which not only allows the AWF to continue with their current work but to look at the new, much needed, 'All Together Now' project. A partnership with the Alzheimer's Society, Cartrefi Cymru and Cardiff and Vale parents federation. There are four strands to this project:

Family Foundations - work with younger families

Building strong communities - working age families

Ageing well - older families

Communicating well together - a national communications project.

The project will look at things like respite, moving into community living, social enterprises, dementia care, etc. through joint working with Carers and the organisations across Wales.

The success of the grant application is a huge achievement for those involved in its submission. I also see it as a clear expression of support for the core aim of the AWF 'To bring a national voice and recognition to parents and carers of children and adults living with LD in Wales', by the WG. I believe this grant reaffirms that the WG acknowledges the positive role the AWF has played and will continue to play as the national body for family carers.

Turning Point has launched a new health toolkit, written and developed by a dedicated team of nurses aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of people with learning disabilities. This is a very good reference document of just over 100 pages, meant to be used as and when required. It will be of benefit to both carers and professional's.

Turning Point's Health Toolkit - *click on the link as this is well worth a look.*

Best wishes, Roger

DATES & EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Ceredigion Parents & Carers Forum Meeting

**Wednesday 16th March
2016 at 6.30pm**

**Feathers Royal Hotel,
Aberaeron.**

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Clynfyw Care Farm

Indoor mixed ability
foottie tournament.

Mon. 15th Feb. 10.30-3.00pm

Cardigan Leisure Centre.

Fundraiser for the Downs
Syndrome Association
Overly competitive play will
result in grumpy referees and
RED CARDS! Come to have
fun!!!!!! £10 per 5 person team.

**For More information call:
01239 841236**

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'Star Wars

'The Force Awakens'

For Families of children with
additional needs. **18th Feb.**

11am. Arts Centre Aberystwyth

**To book your FREE place or
obtain more information**

Phone 07738826510

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Ceredigion Autism Conference 2016

Old College, Aberystwyth

Celebrating World Autism

Awareness day Fri. 1st April.

Key Note Speakers: Robyn
Stewart and Sarah Hendrickx

**Details on how to book will
follow or give me a call.**

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Other News...

Carers Allowance – your questions answered

CONTACT a FAMILY have produced a new podcast mini-series to help answer some of your frequently asked questions about Carers Allowance. If you ever wondered who qualifies for Carers Allowance, if you'd be better off financially by claiming it or how your earnings or savings will affect your claim then this podcast is for you.

Family Information Service Ceredigion. When was the last time you had a look at the FIS website? Plenty of information and a 'What's On' section. You can also submit an event or news article for their FIS bulletins. Just get the information to them at fis@ceredigion.gov.uk by **midday on a Monday** and they will ensure the information is included in their next bulletin. When looking I noted that the Family Centres at Borth, Penparcau and Lampeter all cater for children with additional needs, this does include children with LD, (I've asked). Also out of term time they cater for children up to the age of 12.

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Welsh Government has published several Codes Of Practice and Statutory Guidance related to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. Local authorities, **must** follow the requirements contained within these documents (Click below link) Codes of Practise and Statutory Guidance.

CONSUTATIONS

(Hold 'control' and click on titles for links.)

BLUE BADGE SCHEME IN WALES

This consultation outlines the following proposals:
To include people with temporary mobility impairments within the eligibility criteria / proposals to streamline the application processes for some people who have previously been issued a badge / on proposals to improve enforcement in cases of abuse and misuse of the Blue Badge Scheme.

Ends 16/02/2016

IMPROVEMENT PLAN—OBJECTIVES 2016-17 CONSULTATION. Ends 25/02/16

Ceredigion County Council are seeking your views on the Council's priorities for 2016–17. They have 5 proposed Improvement Objectives for the forthcoming year.

TOGETHER FOR MENTAL HEALTH - DELIVERY PLAN 2016 - 2017.

Together for Mental Health was published in 2012. The proposed 2016-19 delivery plan is the second of three plan's which will support the strategy.

Ends 04/04/16

Survey: Is there a need for a mental health advocacy service for people over 50 in Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire?

(Click above to link to Surveymonkey.)

CEREDIGION PARENTS & CARERS FORUM

FACEBOOK GROUP. One of our members is looking to organise some playdates with families in the Aberystwyth area for her 14 year old Autistic son. Full details can be found on the Ceredigion Parents & Carers Forum Facebook Group page (Click this link.) Maybe you can help? If you have a child with a learning disability you are welcome to join the group.

Future Arrangements for WILG (Welsh Independent Living Grant.) Carers receiving the WILG, formally ILF, should have received a letter from the WG via the council. If you have not, then please contact either Heather Deal, Senior Finance Officer, County Council on telephone 01545 572607, or your Social Worker.

We are always looking to increase our Forum membership. Like to join? Just drop me a quick e-mail or give me a ring. Thank you.

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