



# Top tips for developing Welsh Language volunteering opportunities



Can you offer volunteers the opportunity to be supported by a member of staff through the medium of Welsh? If you do not have the capacity in your organisation think about making a Welsh speaking partnership across a few projects to offer this.



Contact your local Menter Iaith for support for your organisation. This can include networking to advertise Welsh speaking volunteering opportunities.

Let volunteers and your service users know who in your organisation speaks Welsh, this can be done by wearing a badge or lanyard. Display signs that show the use of Welsh is welcomed.

Have a discussion with your volunteers during induction to discover if they speak Welsh. Encourage them to use their Welsh during their volunteering.

Make links with local organisations to share knowledge and experience.



Think about your current volunteering opportunities; how you could develop roles that include the speaking of Welsh – Welsh speaking essential, Welsh speaking desirable, or to attract those who are learning.



Develop volunteering application process and management paperwork/documents bilingually.

Use your social media platforms to communicate bilingually with Welsh speakers.



Your service users may benefit from your organisation actively recruiting Welsh speaking volunteers. Find out who speaks Welsh to see if they would enjoy a Welsh speaking volunteer or more materials available in Welsh. Perhaps you can find a volunteer to help translate some of your messages for services users.

Advertise your volunteering opportunity bilingually.

## Useful links:



**WCVA**  
<https://wcva.cymru>



**Mentrau Iaith**  
<https://www.mentrauiath.cymru/?lang=en>



**West Glamorgan Volunteering Support** is a multi-agency project creating shared resources to develop the knowledge, management and coordination of volunteers and volunteer involving organisations across the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot areas. It has been funded through the Welsh Government Volunteering Recovery Fund.

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Neath Port Talbot Council, Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Swansea Council, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service and West Glamorgan Regional Partnership.

**For more information visit:**

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