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3. Working with others

3.9 Wales' International Development Network

Overview

This information sheet provides contacts and details of networks and organizations active in international development across Wales' Third Sector, as potential sources of advice, support or partnership.

A separate information sheet in the series *(7.4.15 Finding and Getting Money: Funding for International Projects)* details sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with international projects, community links and exchanges with the 'global south'.

Government

Welsh Government 'Wales for Africa' Programme
www.walesforafrica.org

'Wales for Africa' is a small programme through the Office of the First Minister, supporting government and civil society action on Welsh international affairs with a focus on sustainable development and contributing to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These include many initiatives listed below.

UK Department for International Development (DfID)
www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID

DfID have a number of funding, information and support programmes of interest to the third sector.

Civil Society

Wales Africa Community Links (WCVA)
and UN Gold Star Community Awards
www.walesafrica.org

WACL support development of quality community partnerships between Wales and Sub-Saharan Africa, to deliver projects impacting on Health, Youth, Livelihoods, Environment and Social Harmony. Through WCVA, the scheme provides grant funds, advice and expertise, information, networking and events, underpinned by good practise and recognition of the 'UN Gold Star Communities Award'.

WACL brings together organisations such as:

- PONT Mbale Link
- Hay2Timbuktu
- Dolen Ffermio
- Cyfeillion Sankwia Friends
- 115 community link initiatives in total

SMIDOS – Small & Medium International Development Organisations
www.smidos.com

SMIDOS provide 121 training and consultancy support to small-medium IDOs in Wales engaged in international development projects, and also work with WAG and DfID in organisation of major networking events bringing together theinternational sector. The SMIDOS Network includes organisations such as:

- Bees for Development
- Hope for Grace Kodindo
- Money for Madagascar
- 50 organisations in total

Wales Civil Society MDGs Task Force

The MDGs Task Force is facilitated by WCVA, and acts as a) a reference group bringing together 20 civil society organisations to develop initiatives contributing to the MDGs; and b) scrutiny for WCVA international projects. MDGTF brings together organisations such as:

- WCVA (Wales Council for Voluntary Action)
- One Voice Wales (Community Councils)
- British Council Wales
- 20 organisations total

Welsh Centre for International Affairs
www.wcia.org.uk

WCIA organise events, talks and activities to promote world peace, human rights and international understanding. WCIA also act as the Welsh umbrella for UNA, the United Nations Association, and peace and justice groups throughout Wales.

International Agencies in Wales

Oxfam Cymru
www.oxfam.org.uk/cymru/

Oxfam Cymru focus on campaigning, advocacy, media and public education and awareness raising on issues of global poverty, as well as running a domestic poverty programme in Wales.

Amnesty International Wales
www.amnesty.org.uk/wales

AIW provides a focus and support for human rights campaigning activities and events in Wales.

Save the Children Wales
www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/9070.htm

SCF Wales fundraise for international projects, and also run domestic campaigning, advocacy and support programmes on child poverty in Wales.

British Red Cross in Wales
www.redcross.org.uk/branch.asp?id=490

BRC are engaged in international humanitarian appeals and education work.

DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Wales

Contact through *Oxfam Cymru.*
The Wales DEC is convened whenever there is a major international disaster, to coordinate the Welsh response of humanitarian agencies.

Faith based Intenational Agencies

Christian Aid Wales
www.cymorthcristnogol.org.uk/aboutus/who/christianaidinwales/about_us.aspx

Christian Aid Wales supports local Christian Aid committees to work with churches, communities, schools, youth organisations and individuals in Wales to fight international inequality and overcome poverty.

CAFOD Wales
www.cafod.org.uk/uk

CAFOD works with the Catholic community in Wales to raise funds and awareness of global poverty and injustice through parishes, schools, and networks.

Tearfund Wales
www.tearfund.org/Volunteering/Regions

Tearfund support a network of Christian activists and prayer groups in Wales and worldwide to take action on poverty, including 'connecting churches'.

International Volunteering

UNA Exchange
www.unaexchange.org

Coordinating hundreds of volunteering placements in Wales and across the world, UNA Exchange promotes and supports international understanding, cultural exchange and community development whilst enabling volunteers' personal growth & development.

International Learning Opportunities (ILO) Scheme
http://wales.gov.uk/psmwsubsite/psmw/personaldev/ilo/;jsessionid=LlLbLsZbgYZh04nW6sL2GpJ62yGTvxv172GrC41yQm5kSfRnNLyy!-1614394458?lang=en

Provides professional learning placements for public sector workers on African projects.

Sectoral Networks

Fairtrade Wales
www.fairtradewales.com

FTW support the growth of the Fairtrade movement in Wales, leading Wales' Fairtrade Nation campaign, working with traders and on procurement, and supporting in working towards Fairtrade status:

- Over 70 Fairtrade Towns groups
- Over 400 Fairtrade schools & universities
- Fairtrade workplaces and faith groups

NHS Wales for Africa Health Links Network
www.walesforafricahealthlinks.wales.nhs.uk

The NHSW4A Links network aim to facilitate a co-ordinated and effective approach supporting the global health agenda in Wales, bringing together:

- National Public Health Service and Wales Centre for Health
- THET (Tropical Health & Education Trust)
- Gwent Ethiopia Health Link
- 20 organisations in total

Engineers for Overseas Development (EFOD)
www.efod.org.uk/home.php?page_id=22

The Cardiff branch of EFOD brings together professionals from 12 different civil engineering companies in Wales.

Cyfanfyd – the Development Education Association for Wales
www.cyfanfyd.org.uk

Cyfanfyd is a national membership organisation working to promote education for sustainable development and global citizenship (ESDGC) in Wales through global youth work, lifelong learning and formal school-based education.

Environment: Rainforests 'Size of Wales' Project
www.sizeofwales.org.uk (from May 2010)

RSoW, through WCVA, is developing partnerships across Welsh civil society, government and business, towards a collective vision to conserve an area of tropical forest 'the Size of Wales' across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Diaspora and country focuses links

Sub-Saharan African Advisory Panel

Contact through SMIDOS
Established in 2009-10, the SSAAP are a panel of African individuals drawn from a diversity of backgrounds across Wales, to offer advice, guidance and expertise to organisations working in African development.

Dolen Cymru – Wales Lesotho Link
www.dolencymru.org

Dolen Cymru is dedicated to creating life changing links between Wales and Lesotho in fields of education, health, faith and civil society. Celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2010, DC support a wide range of community groups and individuals across Wales, as well as managing a Lesotho Teacher Placement programme.

Wales Somaliland Link
www.walessomaliland.org

WSL supports the South Wales diaspora and wider communities to contribute towards development initiatives in Somaliland through developing partnerships and links between communities, schools and civil society organisations.

ABESU Wales Zambia Link
www.abesu.org.uk

ABESU is supporting cooperation between Wales based organisations and diaspora with links to Zambia.

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