

# Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

## 7. Finding and getting money

### 7.3.1 Accounting for volunteers' time in funding applications



Volunteers' time as a financial asset has gained in importance with funders. The value however, varies from fund to fund.

The following list of rates has been compiled as a guide to the value some funders place on volunteer time.

The **Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings** (2008) recommends for UK full time, not including part time £11.87, part time £7.49.

The **Arts Council of Wales** usually allows £50 a day for labour, £100 a day for skilled labour and technical services, and £300 per day for professional services.

The **Big Lottery Fund** doesn't put a financial value on volunteers' time as they do not ask for match funding but applicants should refer to the relevant guidance material for the programme they are applying to.

The **Heritage Lottery Fund** has issued guidance on the costing of the value of voluntary input into projects, when assessing the contribution from these sources as partnership funding for lottery applications. It suggests: professional services – up to £350 a day; skilled labour - £150 a day; unskilled labour - £50 a day.

**Sports Wales** gives no precise figure but expects organisations to be able to justify any costings given eg voluntary labour on building work is expected to be professionally managed and certified.

**Environment Wales** allows £6.50 per hour or £260 per 40-hour volunteer week.

**European Structural Funds** accept volunteers' time as match funding. Hourly rates claimed must relate to the type of work undertaken and all costings must be justified.


**Countryside Council for Wales** will accept voluntary labour as an eligible cost of a project but this must not exceed the actual cash expenditure on the project. They allow £6.25 per hour for unskilled labour (£50 per day), £12.50 per hour (£100 per day) for skilled labour and £37.50 per hour (£300 per day) for professional services.

**Volunteering in Wales Fund** does not put a monetary value on volunteering but pay legitimate out-of-pocket expenses.

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