Wales Third Sector Research Network

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Resources

Members of VSSN have recently received their copies of the latest issue of the Network’s journal, Voluntary Sector Review, published by The Policy Press. The lead article is designed to initiate a critical discourse about what its author, Antonin Wagner, calls ‘intermediate organisations’. You could add your voice to the debate by posting a response on this VSSN email list.

If you are not already a VSSN member, why not join at www.vssn.org.uk/members/join so that you receive your own print copy of VSR as a membership benefit, at a considerable discount compared with the cost of the journal to non-members?

A discounted personal subscription rate has also recently been agreed for members of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTER). See http://www.portlandpress.com/pcs/journals/journal.cfm?product=VSR to subscribe online.

Please encourage your institution’s library to take out a subscription if it has not already done so. Remind them that VSR continues to be available as part of a package of TPP journal subscriptions.

The contents of volume 3 number 3 are:

Research articles
Antonin Wagner ‘Third-sector’ and/or ‘civil-society’: a critical discourse about scholarship relating to intermediate organizations
Gemma Carney, Tony Dundon & Aine Ni Leame ‘Protecting the most vulnerable’ in an economic crisis: a participatory study of civil society organisations in Ireland
Peter Alcock, Jeremy Kendall & Jane Parry From the third sector to the Big Society: consensus or contention in the 2010 UK General Election?
Alasdair Rutherford The ‘ins’ and ‘outs’ of working in the UK voluntary sector
Andri Soteri-Proctor & Pete Alcock Micro-mapping: what lies beneath the third sector radar?

Practice papers
Hannah Lambie-Mumford & David Jarvis Building better neighbourhoods? Insights into the contributions of local-level faith-based organisations
Gayle Munro & Fleur Bragaglia Who determines what is ‘ethical’? Some challenges of research governance within the voluntary sector

There are also policy and book reviews.

Links to the abstracts will shortly be available from http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/vsr.
Do submit your own work for consideration by the editorial team via the journal’s Editorial Manager website http://vsr.edmgr.com/. Academic articles (8,000 words), practice papers and policy reviews (both 2,000 to 3,500 words) are equally welcome. All are, of course, subject to rigorous peer-review. Instructions for Authors can be found at www.policypress.co.uk/journals_vsr_nfc.asp.

Books for review, and suggestions of books to review, should be sent to Rob Macmillan, Book Review Editor, Voluntary Sector Review, Third Sector Research Centre, Park House, 40 Edgbaston Park Road, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2RT, UK, +44 (0)121 414 8975, r.macmillan@bham.ac.uk.

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**Event**

The next VSSN Day Seminar will be on **Tuesday 4th December 2012 in Cardiff**, 10.30am to 4.00pm. The seminar is hosted by Wales Council for Voluntary Action with WISERD - the Wales Institute for Social and Economic Research, Data and Methods.

**The programme:**

There is an exciting programme of presentations, exploring various boundaries between the sector and the public and private sectors, social movements and online campaigning, and the experiences of smaller and local organisations and groups:

* Amy Burnage (Birmingham University) “Social Movements in Digital Spaces: Experiences of online campaigning”
* Lindsey Metcalf (Liverpool University) “Changing roles and responsibilities of the voluntary sector: Experiences of local charity trustees”
* Alex Murdock (London South Bank University) “Transferring the compact principle? Exploring the emergence of a code of practice between the private and third sector”
* Rebecca Rumbul (Cardiff University) “Structurally Excluded? Structural embeddedness and voluntary sector competition for European Social Funds in Wales”
* Eileen Spencer (Age Concern North East Wales) “Lunch Clubs as a Sustainable Community Resource for Ageing Populations”

Full details of the day, including abstracts of the papers, can be found here: www.vssn.org.uk/events/day-conferences/item/342-day_conference_04-december-2012

**Booking details:**

Bookings are now being taken for the seminar - to avoid disappointment please book your place as there will be limited space available.

If you wish to attend, please complete the booking form on the VSSN website (http://www.vssn.org.uk/events/item/328) before 26th November 2012.

The cost is £30 for VSSN members and £60 for non-members. Concessions are £20 and are available to those VSSN members who are without institutional support (i.e. those without access to conference/travel budgets). The fee for the day covers morning coffee, a
buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a small contribution to VSSN funds. Participants, including presenters and chairs, to register and pay for the day as VSSN is a network whose main funds come from members’ subscriptions.

On completion of the booking form you can pay online via Worldpay’s secure service. Alternatively you can pay by cheque or direct transfer (just indicate this on the online form and we will send you an invoice). Receipts will be issued on receipt of payment.

If you are not a member of VSSN you are welcome you to join from the same booking form, and will then be eligible for the member’s price of £30. Membership fees include the annual subscription to VSSN’s journal Voluntary Sector Review (latest edition introduced above), more information can be found at: http://www.vssn.org.uk/members/benefits-of-membership

If you have any enquiries about the event, or if you have any difficulties registering, please contact us at: bookings@vssn.org.uk.

WISERD 2013 Conference Call for Papers
25-26 June 2013 at University of Glamorgan Conference Centre.

This is a reminder to send your abstract of no more than 500 words for papers and posters for both themed and open presentations.

The conferences attract colleagues from across the academic, policy, public, private, and third sectors in Wales; and have become established as one of the most important events in the social science calendar. WISERD will accept proposals from both academic and non-academic colleagues. An abstract is required for everyone presenting a paper or poster presentation.

The themed sessions are as follows:

Health & wellbeing
Education
Environment
Labour markets
Innovations in research methods
Identity

In terms of open sessions, the programme for the conference is intended to reflect the research interests and priorities of the social science and policy sectors within Wales, the UK and internationally. As such, all topics will be considered for inclusion within the conference programme.

To submit an abstract, please fill in a proforma and send it to wiserd.events@cardiff.ac.uk. The deadline for abstracts is 14 December 2012. All submissions will be considered by the WISERD conference planning group and presenters will be informed of their decision by 25 January 2013. If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact the WISERD hub team at the email address above, or telephone 029 208 79338.
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