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North Wales and Ethiopia to benefit from medical exchange project

Glan Clwyd Hospital in North Wales and an Ethiopian Hospital in Hossana will be using medical exchanges to support and strengthen healthcare for the local population and surrounding communities.

The project, run by the Glan Clwyd Ethiopia Link and part-funded through [Welsh Government's Wales for Africa Grant Scheme](#), will use a train the trainer approach, building on previous work in the area.

Healthcare staff from Glan Clwyd Hospital will visit Hossana and run courses for Doctors, Nurses, Medical Students, Health Officers and IT staff. Courses include cardiology training, support for a Continuing Professional Development project and IT. Staff from Glan Clwyd Hospital will also gain valuable skills through working in a different environment and learn from experienced staff at Hossana Hospital.

This is one of twelve Wales-Africa projects that have been awarded funding through the Wales for Africa Grant Scheme. Another successful applicant, Giakonda Solar Schools will also receive funding to support solar powered learning resources for schools in Southern Zambia.

Solar panel systems will be installed in three rural schools to power laptops, a computer, routers, a projector and LED lighting. Electronic learning resources will be accessible offline and this will benefit teachers in other schools and members of the wider community.

The grant scheme, administered by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), enables community groups and organisations throughout Wales to access funding for small-scale Wales-Africa projects that have a positive impact in Africa and at home in Wales.

The first round of funding has just been awarded to projects around four themes: health, sustainable livelihoods, lifelong learning, and climate change and environment.

Funding has been allocated to an exciting array of different projects; from a nurse buddying scheme, mental health and wellbeing, maternity care, pre hospital care and community first aid, to bee-keeping and planting and protecting 50,000 trees.

First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones said:

‘The scheme will fund a wide variety of exciting projects from across Wales that are seeking to make the world a better place. It shows Wales’ commitment to the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and our contribution towards improving the lives of communities living in some of the most challenging environments. I wish the best of luck to all the successful projects.’

The twelve successful projects will work across North, South and mid Wales and across a range of African countries including Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Uganda, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, and Tanzania.

The Wales for Africa Grant Scheme is expected to open for applications again in October for small grants between £500 and £4,999. Applications for grants between £5,000 and £15,000 are anticipated to re-open in Spring 2019.

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Notes to editors

- The Wales for Africa Grant Scheme is a flagship initiative of the Welsh Government’s Wales for Africa programme. The scheme enables community groups and organisations in Wales to access funding for small-scale projects that contribute to Wales’ delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and deliver benefits to Wales and Africa. The grants scheme is administrated by WCVA with final funding decisions made by Welsh Government. Up to £230,000 is available per year, with an annual minimum of £50,000 dedicated to health activities.
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