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Last chance! Register for gofod3 - biggest third sector event in Wales

With just one week to go until **gofod3** - the biggest third sector event in Wales - WCVA is urging charity workers to register today for FREE to make the most of its flagship event, which provides a platform for over 700 professionals and volunteers to discuss the latest issues facing charities in Wales, including Brexit.

For the first time ever, **gofod3** will have the company of the First Minister, Mark Drakeford, who will be making his first appearance in front of the third sector since taking office. He will use the opportunity to introduce a session on Brexit and its impact on charities and voluntary organisations, just one week before the UK is due to leave the European Union.

The First Minister Mark Drakeford said:

'The WCVA's event gofod3 offers charities, social enterprises and other voluntary sector organisations the opportunity to come together to discuss the big issues which affect them and review how best to overcome them.'

'We remain committed to recognising and promoting the third sector and provided more than £6m to Third Sector Support Wales in 2018-19 to maintain a joined-up third sector approach, helping the sector to flourish.'

The First Minister will also visit **gofod3**'s interactive exhibition space, comprising the public, private and third sectors. This is where **gofod3** visitors relax in between a busy schedule of talks, masterclasses, panel debates and workshops, with appearance from the likes of Cerys Furlong (Chwarae Teg) and Julia Unwin (Former CEO of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation).

gofod3 is unique to Wales, and as we approach Brexit and potentially a new way of working, WCVA is this year throwing a spotlight on the valuable work of charities and social enterprises across Wales and encouraging smaller charities and social enterprises to make the most of this FREE event. If you volunteer or work in the sector, this event is for you!

While some of the more popular sessions are nearing capacity, attendees should not be deterred, as some last-minute places are expected to become available on the day. To register go to: www.gofod3.cymru.

**For more information, please contact Simon Dowling
on 0300 111 0124.**

Notes to editors

- **gofod3** is taking place on 21 March 2019 in Cardiff City Stadium, 8.15am – 5pm.
- **gofod3** is the largest third sector event in Wales with over 70 sessions, over 60 exhibitors, and over 700 attendees anticipated.
- The event will offer a range of speakers, masterclasses, panel debates and workshops. As well as an interactive exhibition space this year **gofod3** will host a never seen before photography exhibition profiling some of Wales' most inspiring individuals.
- Speakers at **gofod3** include:
 - Rt Hon Mark Drakeford AM, First Minister of Wales
 - Cerys Furlong, Chief Executive, Chwarae Teg
 - Mrs Uzo Iwobi OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Race Council Cymru
 - Jane Hutt AM, Deputy Minister
 - Julia Unwin CBE, Former CEO of Joseph Rowntree Foundation
 - Joe Saxton, Founder and Driver of Ideas, nfpSynergy
 - Clare Delargy, Senior Advisor, Behavioural Insight Team
- Full programme details: www.gofod3.cymru
- WCVA is the national membership organisation for the third sector in Wales. Our vision is for the third sector and volunteering to thrive and improve well-being for all. We do this by *influencing, connecting and enabling*.

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