

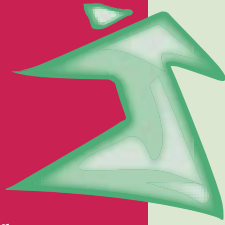
**GWEMI**

Serving the Christian Voluntary Sector in Wales

# Information *Leaflet*

*An invitation for you to be  
involved in shaping the future  
of our Nation*





# GWEINI

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Gweini is Welsh for 'To Serve' and this is our raison d'être: We were established in October 1999 by CARE for Wales, Cornerstone Church Swansea, Evangelical Alliance Wales and Tearfund. Gweini seeks to serve the Christian voluntary sector throughout Wales where there are needs for the voluntary sector. We aim to help the Church to take its place in shaping the growth of the voluntary sector in Wales.

Gweini is a movement you can be part of and an organisation you can help build. You can become a Member or a Friend by completing and returning the form attached or available on the web site. You can make a difference and work out your faith in love. I ask you to consider joining us to help shape the future of our Nation.

Julian Richards  
President of Gweini

## What Gweini can do for you

We can help to meet your needs as you work in the voluntary sector and to enable you to: -

- serve people, **not waste time** talking, finding information or doing wasteful administration.
- be **effectively represented** at all levels of government giving you the chance to influence policy at Local and National level.
- **network** with people working in the same field in a national network that is already up and running.
- **be informed** of what you need to know to get the work done.

## MissionStatement

Gweini...

**Serving the Christian Voluntary Sector:**

- Representing... to all levels of government
- Networking... locally and nationally
- Informing... about funding and best practice



- **Web site**  
[www.gweini.org.uk](http://www.gweini.org.uk)  
  
(where you can add a link to your own web site).
- **'Gweini Post'**  
regular e-mails packed full of up to the minute information.
- **'Gweini News'**  
our news broadsheet.
- **Fundraising advice**  
including help on where to find information on grant trusts and European funds.
- **Success stories**  
to help and inspire you
- **Conferences**  
providing expert input from leaders of the Christian Voluntary Sector.
- **Resources**  
our insightful and helpful book, 'Taking our Place', is now available on CD-ROM. Full details are available on the web. Also on the web is the report, 'Faith in Wales: Counting for Communities', a landmark report providing detailed information on the £102million annual contribution made by all Faith Communities to the Welsh economy. Full Audit and ancillary reports are available on the web-site.

**"Gweini is providing an important service to the Church as it seeks to be salt and light to our nation. Join Gweini and make a difference."**  
Rev Aled Edwards, Cytun



## How Gweini Works

Gweini exists for no other reason than to support people serving their communities. The whole structure works on a volunteer basis, avoiding financial constraints in order to act freely and effectively.

## The Council of the Christian Voluntary Sector in Wales

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## At the Local level

### • Local Gweini Councils

are there to cover each Local Authority. They have a democratic structure and are comprised of leaders in the Christian voluntary sector who direct and facilitate the three key aims of representation to each Local Authority, networking, and to obtain and share information.

### • Local Gweini Forums

support the Local Gweini Council by working in particular areas of concern. They have a great amount of autonomy, but work with the Council to achieve the three key aims. A local Gweini Council will normally begin with one or two Forums - the numbers will be extended as decided by the local Gweini leaders.

## At the National level

### • Gweini National Board

has the same structure as the Local Councils. It is there to network, share information and represent at the national level and is assisted by experts in different policy and leadership areas.

### • Gweini National

**Council** is there to guide the whole movement. It has a democratic structure with room for representatives from each of the local Gweini's. Experts also assist it. It deals with national issues under the remit of the Welsh Assembly, Westminster, Europe or the U.N

## Founding Together Organisations

- Evangelical Alliance Wales
- CARE
- Cornerstone Church Swansea
- Tearfund



www.care.org.uk



## What is a 'Together Organisation' and how can we become one?

Together Organisation are Denominations, Churches or Christian Voluntary Organisations who seek to input significant experience and/or resources to help both themselves and Gweini achieve their mission in Wales. Please ring us for further details on how you may join.

## Council of Reference

Lord Anderson of Swansea;  
Dr. John Bushell;  
Stephen Crabb M.P.;  
Councillor Mike Day;  
Rt. Hon. Earl of Powys;  
Janet Ryder AM

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