



Press release for immediate release

Open Doors at DVSC

As the membership body for volunteers, voluntary and community groups, third sector organisations and social enterprises in Denbighshire, [DVSC](#) is taking part in UK wide celebrations for Volunteers Week culminating in The Big Celebration on the 12th June with a host of events and activities. *(For more details of the full range of events see p 4-5 below)*

Helen Wilkinson, DVSC's Chief Executive commented: "It is just over a year since I joined DVSC as its new Chief Executive. The events and activities we are involved in this year are more numerous and more varied than last year's celebrations and show our commitment to actively including as many people as possible in this series of celebrations. We are looking forward to showcasing through social media, and our new website, www.denbighshirevolunteers.net the amazing and inspiring stories of volunteering. We are highlighting the work of these dedicated #DenbighshireVolunteers and invite community members to join us and get involved in our activities".

We will be running a social media campaign and Shout out for all [#DenbighshireVolunteers](#). We will start on June 1 by celebrating the volunteer contribution of Sharon Scholfield of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service who contributed vital volunteer hours and her design skills to develop a new logo and friendly identity for DVSC's Open Doors Club which meets every Friday, 1-3pm at the Naylor Leyland Centre in Ruthin. Sharon's volunteer story will be featured on DVSC's new website, www.denbighshirevolunteers.net which is explicitly targeted at engaging citizens of Denbighshire in volunteering. DVSC is actively encouraging anyone and everyone in Denbighshire who has volunteered to share their tales of inspiration, and we will celebrate them as part of our social media campaign.

The Open Doors Club, is volunteer led and meets weekly offering a friendly place where people can come and have a cup of tea and benefit from advice and support. Open Doors will host two Volunteer themed information and support sessions during this period, the first on Friday 2 June, and Friday 9 June, 1-3pm at the Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin.



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Notes to Editors

About DVSC

Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council, [DVSC](#), the County Voluntary Council operating in Denbighshire. Our mission is to promote, support, and develop volunteers, voluntary organisations and the third sector in Denbighshire and North Wales.

DVSC works closely with North Wales CVCs, and is a member of the Wales Association of County Voluntary Councils ([WACVC](#)) which in partnership with the Wales Council of Voluntary Associations ([WCVA](#)) forms the partnership that makes up [Third Sector Support Wales](#).

For further information contact Helen Wilkinson, DVSC's Chief Executive, helenw@dvsc.co.uk 01824 702 441 or 07957 684 079

Follow us on twitter [@DVSC Wales](#) and like our [#DenbighshireVolunteers](#) Facebook page

Open Doors Case study

Open Doors is volunteer led and run by Wayne and Lavinia, both of whom received support and advice through DVSC's highly successful Active Inclusion Job Club.



Barbara receiving her first digital inclusion certificate

Over time, we realised that what was needed was not so much a job club but a support network for people to help themselves and each other in taking the next step in their lives, whatever that may be. Wayne and Lavinia, and the DVSC team put their heads together and decided to launch the Open Doors Club. So alongside support in CV building and Job Searches we now offer advice and help to find volunteering placements, information about further learning opportunities and IT help as part of DVSC's commitment to the Digital Inclusion Charter.



Wayne & Lavinia

Both Wayne and Lavinia are Digital Champions and are there to help people get on in an increasingly digital world whatever their age. Wayne and Lavinia provide one to one training and support and participate in DVSC team meetings and training.



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Barbara, one of the members of Open Doors, came after her daughter started attending and has started her digital inclusion modules with Lavinia. The most frequent request comes from people who have received a new phone/tablet but are unable to make the best out of it.

Anyone is welcome to bring their own equipment and we will work with you to help you fully understand and use it. We can also help you set up social media accounts and guide you through getting the most from them.

Whether you need to tidy a CV, get online or just want to come and have a cup of tea and find out about what opportunities are available within your area just pop in, or if you want further information email Emma Gray, Volunteering and Wellbeing Development Officer (Active Inclusion lead) emmag@dvsc.co.uk or call 01824 702441

DVSC Events & Activities Volunteers Week – The Big Celebration (1st – 12th June 2017)

Thursday 1st June	Ruthin School ‘Celebration of Youth Volunteering’ 6pm	
Friday 2nd June	#FridayFeeling – ‘Open Doors’ – Develop Skills & Meet New People – Come along and join in the #Friday Feeling at DVSC Volunteer Centre Offices, Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin LL15 1AF 1 - 3pm	Ysgol Clawdd Offa, Prestatyn ‘Celebration of Youth Volunteering’ 6pm
Monday 5th June	Celebration of the creative work being done in Learning Disability in North Wales: ‘We Can’ Exhibition – Come and view the powerful photographic images of the ability and potential within everyone. Touching video of the ‘Immersive Spaces’ project, working creatively with young people with profound disabilities. DVSC Volunteer Centre Offices, Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin LL15 1AF. Drop in! 11am – 3.30pm. (refreshments provided)	
Tuesday 6th June	Rhyl Talking Point Volunteer Event, Rhyl Library – Enjoy supporting people? Want to gain some new skills? Want to make a contribution in your community? Come and meet staff from DVSC, North Wales Women’s Centre, Age Connects, TAPE, British Red Cross, Action on Hearing Loss, NEWCIS, and many more! - 10am – 12pm (drop in)	
Wednesday 7th June	DWP Volunteer Event, Rhyl Job Centre – Find out how you can volunteer in your local area and sign up! 10am – 2pm (drop in)	



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Thursday 8th June	'Sunny Rhyl Litter Pick' #DenbighshireVolunteers – Come and join DVSC, Denbighshire Learning Partnership & Keep Wales Tidy for a fun filled few hours sprucing up the local area – Meet at Rhyl Pavilion Car Park at 11am (event runs till 1pm).
Friday 9th June	#FridayFeeling – 'Open Doors' – Develop Skills & Meet New People – Come along and join in the #Friday Feeling at DVSC Volunteer Centre Offices, Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin LL15 1AF 1 - 3pm
Monday 12th June	#DenbighshireVolunteers Big Celebration Event , DVSC Volunteer Centre Offices, Naylor Leyland Centre, Ruthin LL15 1AF – 1.30 - 3.30pm

For more information on any of the above events, please contact:

01824 702 441 or email: office@dvsc.co.uk

www.denbighshirevolunteers.net

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If you are not able to attend one of our events, you can still be involved. We will be running a social media campaign through [Facebook](#) and twitter, @DVSC_Wales to promote Volunteers Week and to do a Social media Shout out for all those #DenbighshireVolunteers who have made a difference in the last 12 months. So please take part in this campaign.

There are a number of ways in which you can contribute directly to this social media campaign.

- You can share information about our events and activities as widely as possible through social media, your contacts and your website
- You can send us information about your events and activities and we will share your information through our networks, social media and websites.
- You can share your own volunteering story on our new website, or you can share your story about how the work of volunteers benefits your group, organisation or society for the better – <http://denbighshirevolunteers.net/share-your-story/>
- You can also spread the word and encourage people who have volunteered that you know to share their stories on our website, <http://denbighshirevolunteers.net/your-stories/>.



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- And finally, if there are volunteers who have made a real difference to your voluntary and community group or organisation over the last year you can nominate them for a Celebratory Shout out by emailing - office@dvsc.co.uk providing name, contact details, and why (in no more than 250 words) their voluntary efforts deserve to be celebrated. If you have a photograph of them to share all the better or you can fill in the form on our website here - <http://denbighshirevolunteers.net/share-your-story/>

So please do join us in celebrating **#DenbighshireVolunteers** in whichever way you can and if you have an idea or a suggestion for how we can raise the profile of volunteers, and volunteering in Denbighshire during this period (and beyond) do let us know.