

**Third Sector Support: raising aspirations in
young people and adults**

***‘Encounters’ and ‘experiences’ – the value of
volunteering***

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- Third Sector Support Wales
- Opportunities for raising aspirations – encounters and experiences



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Third Sector Support Wales is a network of support organisations for the whole of the third sector in Wales.

19 County Voluntary Councils (CVCs)

National support body, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

Our shared goal is to enable the third sector and volunteers across Wales to contribute fully to individual and community well-being, now and for the future



We have four pillars of activity that make up our universal offer, these are:

- Volunteering
- Good governance
- Sustainable funding
- Engagement and influencing

TSSW develops active and involved citizens by enabling more people and communities to benefit from volunteering by

- Administering and promoting grant schemes
- Promoting good practice and innovation in volunteering
- Information, guidance and connecting organisations with specialist support
- Volunteering Wales digital platform – www.volunteering-wales.net
- Events, promotion and recognition
- Networks, learning and development



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The voluntary sector in Wales offers several opportunities;

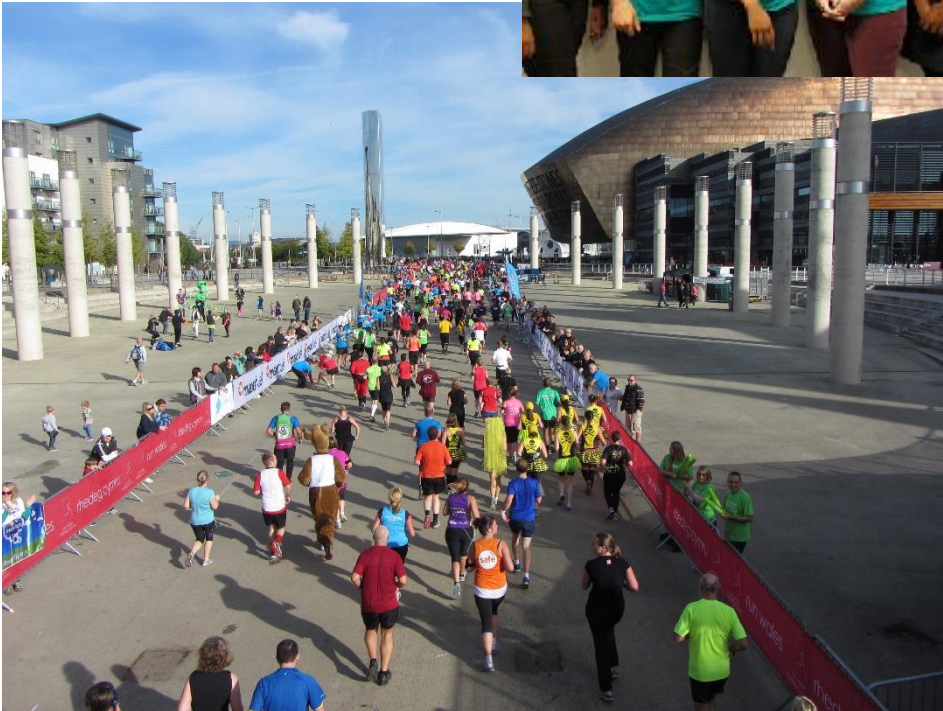
As a place to receive a service, access learning or have an experience

As a place to volunteer

As a place to work

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Voluntary sector as 'a place to receive a service or have an experience'



Voluntary sector as 'a place to volunteer'



28% of adults volunteer either formally or informally in Wales

In 2017/18, 23% of young people aged 11-16 had volunteered

22% males / 24% females

Vast range of types, places and approaches to volunteering

Voluntary sector as ‘a place to volunteer’ for children and young people



Popular reasons for young people to volunteer are ‘to help the community’, ‘to help them to get into uni/college/job’ and ‘to make a difference’

Opportunities for children and young people to volunteer are growing – there are valuable ‘encounters’ and ‘experiences’ available

The new curriculum offers opportunities to bring education and the community together



Voluntary sector as ‘a place to volunteer’ for working age adults



For those new to work – build employability skills and positive relationships

For returning to work – build confidence and capacity

For career progression – build skills, experience, confidence, contacts

For career change – give it a go, build contacts

Voluntary sector as ‘a place to volunteer’ for older adults



For changing career in later life

For preparing to change approach to work

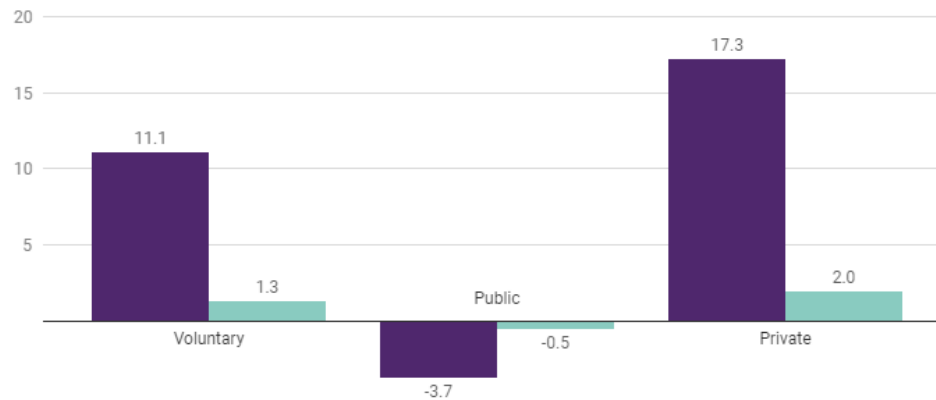
For changing priorities

For semi / full retirement

The voluntary sector workforce has grown by 11% since 2010

Percentage change in number of employees by sector, 2010 to 2018 (% of sector workforce)

■ Percentage change, 2010-2018 ■ Average yearly growth, 2010-2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

The voluntary sector workforce is growing

In Wales, the workforce was at 8% in 2017

Many voluntary sector organisations in Wales offer work experience, work placements and internships

A way in to the sector for many is to volunteer

Sophie, a volunteer's story



Providing a constant supply of high quality work experience, internships or volunteering opportunities

Matching the needs of the sector with the needs of initiatives and programmes

Confidence and capacity of organisations to engage with individuals which require support

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