

**Eirwen  
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**20 year's  
experience of  
the voluntary  
sector in Wales**

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**Eirwen has experience of working within a wide range of voluntary organisations in Wales. She has worked in both paid and voluntary capacities and at all levels. She is a skilled and successful trainer, facilitator and researcher who works with organisations on a freelance basis. Eirwen is able to work through the medium of Welsh and works with associates on larger projects.**

**Areas of particular expertise:-**

**Volunteering** — Policy and practice development including the interface between volunteers and paid staff

**Welsh Language** — Developing Language schemes, language awareness training.

**Mentoring** — Setting up mentoring schemes. Eirwen is herself a trained work based mentor.

**Research** — Quantitative and qualitative research, feasibility studies.

**Newsletters** — Writing, editing, layout, production.

For more information visit website [www.eirwen.org.uk](http://www.eirwen.org.uk)

**Biography**—Born and brought up near Cardiff and educated in a Welsh medium school and Exeter University, Eirwen returned to Wales in the early 1980s and has been involved in various aspects of the voluntary, community and Arts sector ever since.

As a volunteer her experience ranges from setting up and working in the local playgroup to chairing the management committee of a large all-Wales organisation. As an employee of organisations of all sizes, she has undertaken all the tasks related to the day to day running, including policy development, research, funding applications and promoting good practice in a range of settings.

**Eirwen is also involved in the Arts and works as a professional storyteller; she brings a highly creative approach to her work.**

## **Employment**

### **NIACE Dysgu Cymru (National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education in Wales)**

Developing work in Wales on the Older and Bolder project to improve provision of learning opportunities for older people and encouraging participation

- Research and development
- Funding applications
- Promotional activity - informing central and local government
- EFQM Excellence Model - quality champion

### **Interlink - the County Voluntary Council in Rhondda Cynon Tâf**

Working as part of the management team with particular responsibility for volunteering:-

- Setting up and managing a volunteer bureau and a volunteer mentoring scheme
- Organisational development
- Research project on learning opportunities in the voluntary sector
- Writing, editing, layout and production management of the newsletter
- New Deal, Communities First
- Event management
- Promotional activity - leaflets, press relations, presentations, events

### **Children in Wales - Plant yng Nghymru**

Policy and practice development with organisations working with children young people and their families

- Newsletter production
- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Research (using SPSS)

### **Pengwyn Services**

Market Research - Variety of research tools

## **Freelance work - a varied sample**

Co-author of the revised version of WCVA's "As Good as Our Words" a guide to developing a Welsh Language Scheme for voluntary organisations

Grant Assessor

Supporting the development of a Welsh Language Scheme

Course organiser for training the trainers to deliver an OCN accredited community learning programme

Training Volunteer Mentors to work with young people and children

Training for Communities First staff and community members

Event organising and promotion

Researching and writing Funding Applications

Outside Wales:-

Facilitating a focus group to establish an "Empowerment Curriculum" i.e. skills necessary to allow individuals to contribute to consultation about decisions that affect them

## **Voluntary work**

Current:-

Member of the Board of Management of St Donats Arts Centre

Volunteer Mentor for WCVA's Magic of Mentoring project

Committee member small Arts organisation

Past

Chair of Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin (National Association of Welsh Language Playgroups) Executive Committee - plus other voluntary roles with MYM

Volunteer mentor for young people

