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Dear Rhodri

European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010): Details of Welsh projects approved to mark the Year

I am writing in response to the following action point that was raised at the meeting on 17 November 2009:

- Witnesses to provide the Clerk with a note on Welsh project proposals once these have been approved by the European Commission in January 2010

Details of the successful bids have now been received and the attached annex provides a summary of the organisations that have successfully bid for funding under the "Regional Activities" category. In Wales the Bevan Foundation were successful in bidding for £25,441 of funding to stage a conference to encourage the exchange of solutions to poverty and to produce short films to document the experiences of people in poverty.

As well as the activities run by the Bevan Foundation, Wales will also benefit from the funding allocated to provide technical support to awareness raising activities for the year, funding for a Welsh launch event and funding awarded to run Thematic Programmes of Local Activity across the UK. Under the Thematic Programmes Wales will profit from activities run by Community Links (Working Age Theme), Mentoring and Befriending Foundation (Severe Multiple Deprivation Theme), Save the Children (Child Poverty Theme) and Community Service Volunteers (Older People Theme).

The Welsh launch event, that will begin awareness raising activities for the Year in Wales, will be held shortly (possibly next month) and a number of other awareness raising events are also being planned in Wales, including a joint conference arranged by Children in Wales and the WLGA. Further details of these events will be published on the Welsh Assembly Government's website www.assemblywales.org as they become available.

Yours sincerely

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Successful Bids for Call for Proposals

We are pleased to announce the successful bids for our Call for Proposals exercise. Below is a list of the successful organisations for each Strand and where relevant, the region and the theme.

Regional Activities

Regional Activities	
Region	Successful Organisation and Description of Activity
London	<p>London Voluntary Sector Training Consortium (LVSTV) -Small NGO established to help voluntary and community sector organisations to provide high quality training/ services by and for socially excluded groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Series of events, including Spark in the Park to showcase successful on-the-ground practice and to engage with those experiencing poverty. More than 700 participants will be people experiencing poverty, who will be encouraged to voice their experiences and life stories <p>Contact Ray Phillips Tel: 0845 262 2006 email: rayp@lvstc.org.uk</p>
Scotland	<p>Poverty Alliance - Membership group of grassroots, community and voluntary organisations and individuals facing poverty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Making a Difference: Stories from the fight against poverty In Scotland: Project to raise awareness of the 'reality' of poverty from perspective of those who experience it. Three 10-minute documentary films focussed on young people & poverty, adults and older people. 36 people experiencing poverty will be directly involved in the film-making. <p>Contact: Peter Kelly Tel: 0141 353 0440 Email: Peter.kelly@povertyalliance.org</p>
Wales	<p>The Bevan Foundation – a Welsh think-tank and research charity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tackling poverty and social exclusion in Wales – Conference to encourage the exchange of solutions to poverty, and to ensure the voices of those most affected are heard by policy and decision-makers. A 10-minute film documenting the views and experiences of people experiencing poverty, along with a book and dedicated website. People experiencing poverty will be involved in the production of these materials. <p>Contact: Victoria Winckler Tel: 01495 356702 Email: victoria.winckler@bevanfoundation.org</p>
Northern Ireland	<p>Save the Children Northern Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Participatory research with family members and young people experiencing poverty, with findings feeding-in to a conference designed to engage policymakers and decision-makers. Outcomes will constitute a World Apart exhibition touring Northern Ireland during the autumn. Over 100 people experiencing poverty will be directly involved, many of them children. <p>Contact: David Simpson Tel: 028 9043 1123 Email: d.simpson@savethechildren.org.uk</p>
1) Yorkshire & Humberside and (2) North West	<p>Church Action on Poverty (CAP), a national ecumenical society, committed to tackling poverty in the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Listening campaign enabling 270 individuals with direct experience of poverty to share their experiences. In-depth participatory research looking at the impact of poverty on 20 low-income families. 12 'hearing events' and 2 follow-up regional events using findings to identify policy responses. <p>Contact: Niall Cooper Tel: 0161 236 9321 Email : niallc@church-poverty.org.uk</p>
East England of	<p>Social Firms UK - support organisation for the Social Firm sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Bursary scheme for people experiencing poverty to participate in a conference to educate others about the potential of Social Firms and the social enterprise model. Key objective is for strengthened links between the private sector, social enterprises and individuals facing barriers to labour market due to disability and disadvantage. The Bursary scheme will enable an additional 75 people experiencing poverty to attend. <p>Contact: Sally Reynolds Tel: 01737 763790 Email: sreynolds@socialfirms.co.uk</p>

East Midlands	<p>One East Midlands –the umbrella charity for VCOs in the East Midlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A series of local festivals where people experiencing poverty can voice, share and record their experiences. Follow-up meetings to address emerging themes and report-backs at subsequent grassroots meetings. A Poverty Convention to share records and outcomes with policy-makers and practitioners. Over 400 people experiencing poverty will be involved, and many will be encouraged to record their experiences. <p>Contact: Rachel Quinn Tel: Email: RachelQuinn@one-em.org.uk</p>
West Midlands	<p>Birmingham City University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A 'Seeing is Believing' tour of grassroots projects and services, with the participation of policymakers, representatives of VCOs and people experiencing poverty. Follow-up events including drama performances by people experiencing poverty. More than 300 people experiencing poverty will be directly involved. <p>Contact: Morag MacDonald Tel: 0121 331 6305 Email: morag.macdonald@bcu.ac.uk</p>
North East	<p>One North East – the North East Regional Development Agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 5 local focus days linked to EY2010 priorities enabling people experiencing poverty to get their voices heard by policymakers. Each event will attract up to 150 people, the majority of which will have direct experience of poverty. <p>Contact: Kim Smouter email: kim.smouter@northeastengland.eu</p>
South East	<p>Commission for Rural Communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Rural Exclusion Seminar, considering the causes and complexities of poverty and social exclusion in rural areas. Seminar will includes interactive elements including online voting and virtual partnership working. Several people experiencing poverty will act as representatives of their wider communities at subsequent events. <p>Contact: Graham Russell Tel: 01242 534072 Email: graham.russell@ruralcommunities.gov.uk</p>
South West	<p>Centre for Local and Economic Strategies – a small charity aiming to improve the effectiveness of local groups, agencies and government in areas of social and economic inequality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A 2-day <i>Future City Game</i> in 3 local areas with residents of local communities, local government representatives and NGOs to identify challenges facing areas and solutions to these challenges. This innovative engagement mechanism will enable 120 people with direct experience of poverty and social exclusion to participate and express their views. <p>Contact: Sarah Longlands Tel: Email: sarahlonglands@cles.org.uk</p>
Thematic Programmes	
Theme	Successful Organisation and Description of Activity
Child poverty and social exclusion	<p>Save the Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Inspiring Change: a support programme for grassroots and community organisations working with children in the 10 most deprived areas of UK. Supporting young people to run 'change' projects to the benefit of their communities, whilst learning new skills. Over 300 children and young people experiencing poverty and social exclusion will be directly involved in the activities which will benefit both themselves and at least 3,000 others through their actions. <p>Contact: Louise Worlidge Tel: 020 7012 6400 Email: l.worlidge@savethechildren.org.uk</p>
Working-age poverty and social exclusion	<p>Community Links - a charity working with local communities, children, young people and adults in East London.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 5 awareness-raising events, action packs and briefing materials. A free training programme for people experiencing poverty leading to a programme of self-organised events across UK. A participative research programme, with outputs to present positive images of people experiencing poverty. National 'best practice' competition and awards ceremony. A programme of "Dialogue" meetings and "Policy" meetings. A minimum of 500 people experiencing poverty will actively

	<p>participate and/or receive training.</p> <p>Contact: Aaron Barbour</p>
Multiple Deprivation and those who are most at risk of poverty and social exclusion	<p>Mentoring and Befriending Foundation –the national charity promoting mentoring and befriending as solutions to exclusion and isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Campaign to highlight the power of mentoring and befriending in helping people to escape poverty, exclusion and isolation. Reach for this programme is over 7,000 people, most of which will be people experiencing poverty; 600 will be directly involved in developing and delivering the campaign. <p>Contact: Steve Matthews Tel: 0161 787 3843 Email: steve.matthews@mandbf.org.uk</p>
Older People and poverty and social exclusion	<p>Community Service Volunteers - a volunteer and training organisation working with people at local community level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A programme of activity to raise the profile of the positive contribution that older people make to their communities, and the value of volunteering to support the quality of life of older people who receive support from volunteers. To reach more than 4,000 older people. 60 people will be trained as specialist volunteer 'networkers', <p>Contact: Tamara Flanagan Email: tflanagan@csv.org.uk</p>
Technical Assistance	
	<p>Community Service Volunteers</p> <p>Will support the National Implementing Body by managing a Stakeholder Communications Group, supporting stakeholders by assisting with publicity, communications materials and activities. Providing key co-ordination in the preparation of monitoring and evaluation for the Year</p> <p>Contact: Tamara Flanagan Email: tflanagan@csv.org.uk</p>