



One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Project Update

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Project Update:

What has the project been doing?

- We have hosted a number of events which have been well attended:

Webinar: Older Persons Engagement & Services. We hosted a webinar which was attended by representatives of the Older Persons Commissioner Office.

Annual Conference: had a stand at the annual conference which provided an opportunity to talk with members and it generated a lot of interest in the project.

Councils Connect: Budgeting, Grants & Precept Setting. We had over 100 councillors and clerks attend this session; this is an area of high importance to councils on how they can access funding. Raising precepts was discussed and the importance of consultation and communication with residents to inform where precepts are spent. Paul Egan and Mike Theodoulou supported the session.

Webinar: Meals That Matter: Empowering Councils to Address Food Poverty. The webinar included a presentation from Laura Haines-Burke, the Community Food Members Lead for FareShare Cymru. Bangor City Council and Coedpoeth Community Council.

Resources from these webinars are available on the website

Presentations also made at Larger Councils Meeting and at the SLCC/OVW Joint Conference on November 20th

Notified councils of £1.5m Welsh Government funding for Warm Hubs, encouraged community and town councils to apply for this via Local Authority. Feedback from some councils that they have applied and been approved for some small grants.

- **We have been producing case study videos, toolkits and information.** Everything is available in Welsh & English versions:

Guide to Community Transport

Guide to Youth Engagement & Services

Guide to Organising a Community Event

Guide to Older Persons Engagement & Services

Guide to Funding, Grants and Precepts

Blaenavon Case Study

Cwmaman Case Study

Posting regular information onto the facebook forum including grant information; colc team activities; shout out to a community or town council project. [\(1\) One Voice Wales Cost Of Living Crisis Forum | Facebook](#)

Upcoming events:

Webinars:

6th December : Keeping Communities Warm. How can councils help?

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4iyHjnfNR1W50_rUjWJapQ

15th January: Food Security – a joint webinar with Rachel Carter, Local Places For Nature Officer

6th February 10am-12 :Achieving Through Others

Booking links and information will be emailed out and will also be available on facebook forum.

Future Plans:

Requesting feedback on the project from One Voice Wales staff through a Review & Develop meeting and also plan to hold a similar meeting with councils in the New Year. The purpose of the session is to review achievements and challenges of the past year and to collaboratively identify areas for development over 2025. If your council would like to be part of this process then please contact the Cost of Living Crisis team on colc@onevoicewales.wales

Webinars 2025

January: Food Security featuring Professor Tim Laing in association with the Local Place for Nature Project

February: Achieving with Others: How councils can collaborate to deliver Cost of Living Crisis support and initiatives.

Produce case studies with other councils to identify their good work:

Cwmbran case study – supporting older persons

Caernarfon Case study – childrens clothing project (shop)

Pembrey & Burryport case study – meals on wheels

Available Resources:

Facebook Forum

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/costoflivingcrisisforum>

Presentation One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdIXHJKZ2i4>

Webinar recording: Is the Cost of Living Crisis Over?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmahDDwgbps>

Webinar recording: Community Transport

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FixdiP8n2Q8>

Webinar recording: Youth Engagement & Services

[Youth Engagement Webinar](#)

Webinar Recording: Older Persons Engagement & Services

[Older Peoples Engagement and Services Webinar - September 2024](#)

Recording of Councils Connect Session: Funding, Grants & Precepts

[Funding, Grants and Precept Setting - Webinar October 2024](#)

Case studies:

The Singing Strummers – Prestatyn Town Council

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZO9YFGaF2g>

Warm Hub – Prestatyn Town Council

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUm4afFTABg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkdmJAtuSNc>

Prestatyn Case Study

<http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/OVWeb/UserFiles/Files/Cost%20of%20Living/Prestatyn%20Town%20Council%20Case%20Study.pdf>

Blaenavon Case Study

[Blanaevon Town Council Case Study](#)

[Blaenavon Town Council Befriending Film Club](#)

Cwmaman Case Study

[Cwmaman Community Fridays Video English](#)

Guides/Toolkits

[Guide to Community Transport](#)

[Guide to Youth Engagement](#)

Guide to Organising a Community Event:

<http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/OVWeb/UserFiles/Files/Thinking%20of%20Organising%20a%20Community%20Event.pdf>

[Copy of Guide to Older People Engagement & Services](#)

[Guide to Funding, Grants |& Precept Setting](#)