



Restarting Community Activities

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Who are we?

Interlink is a members-led charity that listens to and works alongside individuals, community groups and voluntary organisations to make a difference in local communities in and around Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Our Approach

We believe improving how people feel about themselves and their community is about everyone working together to build trust, respect and understanding. It's about working alongside people and communities, helping them build their capacity to lead, connect and have the power to influence and strengthen their communities. We work alongside local communities, starting with what the community already has – its people, buildings and land – to find out and take action on what matters to local people. We connect and work together with partners to have a greater impact.

Interlink has two main areas of work

Supporting community and voluntary groups – providing support to community and voluntary organisations

- We provide information, advice and support to community groups and voluntary organisations.
- We can access a wide range of support to get you the advice, training and funding you need.

Health and Wellbeing Advice – supporting individuals in the community

- We provide information, advice and support to individuals
- We work with community groups and voluntary organisations and partners, to improve health and wellbeing.

What will you do today?



Share your thoughts, concerns and any top tips!

Learn from others

Ask questions and get an answer (we may need to find out the answer!)

**This is new to us all –
there are no experts!
We learn from each
other
– please share what
you know!**

**Please try tyo avoid
sharing sensitive, or
confidential
information**

**What we share is in
confidence
– it is a safe place.**

Rules?



Who is in the room?



Who you are and
your role

What do you want
to get form today

What will we do today?

Introduce and discuss the recent guidance on community centres issued by Third Sector Support Wales (CVC in Wales and WCVA)

Discuss practical steps you may wish to take

Provide reassurance

Workout if you need further support

Why now?

Community Centres were only allowed to open for emergencies under the direction of the local authority. Currently if you provide a publically funded service, you will still require permission, for example, from RCTCBC.

If in doubt about what is a public service, the person running that service would need to check with the appropriate responsible person.

The advice is not clear but our advice is that it is now reasonable to plan to re-open community centres for community activities, if it is safe to do so.

Re-opening Village and Community Halls

2. Planning for re-opening 2.1. The COVID-19 Secure Guidelines: Trustees, managers and any staff need to be aware that the following 5 key points apply.

- 1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell**
- 2. Clean your hands often**
- 3. Respiratory hygiene 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'**
- 4. Regular cleaning of surfaces that are touched frequently**
- 5. Maintain social distancing where possible**

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OPEN ONLY WHEN AND IF YOU ARE READY AND IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

DO NOT RE-OPEN

until you have identified the necessary health and safety issues and established a plan to address them.

You are not obliged to re-open immediately and it would be unwise to do so unless you are confident it is safe and have written approval from your insurer.

Appendix A provides a checklist of tasks likely to be needed prior to re-opening, of which compliance with COVID-19 secure guidelines is just part.

Who is responsible?

The Committee will be responsible for the Hall and a risk assessment for the building and any activities it directly organises and is responsible for.

If the Centre is hired out, the hirer will be responsible for the activity and those who attend - in which case the Committee need to ask the hirer to complete a 'special conditions for hire' agreement (Appendix E) and risk assessment.

However, where more than one activity is taking place, the Committee need to take overall responsibility, for example, for shared areas, entrances, etc.

What do you need to focus on?

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- bookings
- vulnerable groups
- communal areas
- signage / posters
 - PPE
 - cleaning
- food preparation

TEST, TRACK and TRACE

- you should keep a list of all those using the Centre / Hall and be able to contact the organiser of each activity, who will need to be able to contact everyone involved (this would have to be included in the check list and risk assessment).

What do you need to focus on?

RISK ASSESSMENT

- See Example Risk Assessments (and posters).
- Prepare, Inform, Prevent, Recover Approach

CHECKLIST (Appendix A)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Appendix E)

Something for you to do ...



Everyone will be asked to join a chat room for 15 minutes:

- Please in turn spend 5 minutes discussing what you are planning to do and identify what are the main concerns / challenges that you face
- After everyone has had a turn to speak, agree 3 of the biggest challenges you face to feedback to the wider group.
- You will receive a one minute warning, you will be invited back to the main group.

Challenges

- **What 3 challenges did your group identify?**

- **What will help you to overcome the challenges you face?**
- **What tips can you share?**

What next...

- Only open or organise an activity if you feel confident it is safe to do so.
- Take a step-by-step to gradually build your confidence e.g. open up one day a week for one small group.
- Get help and advice.
- Keep any risk assessments up to date.

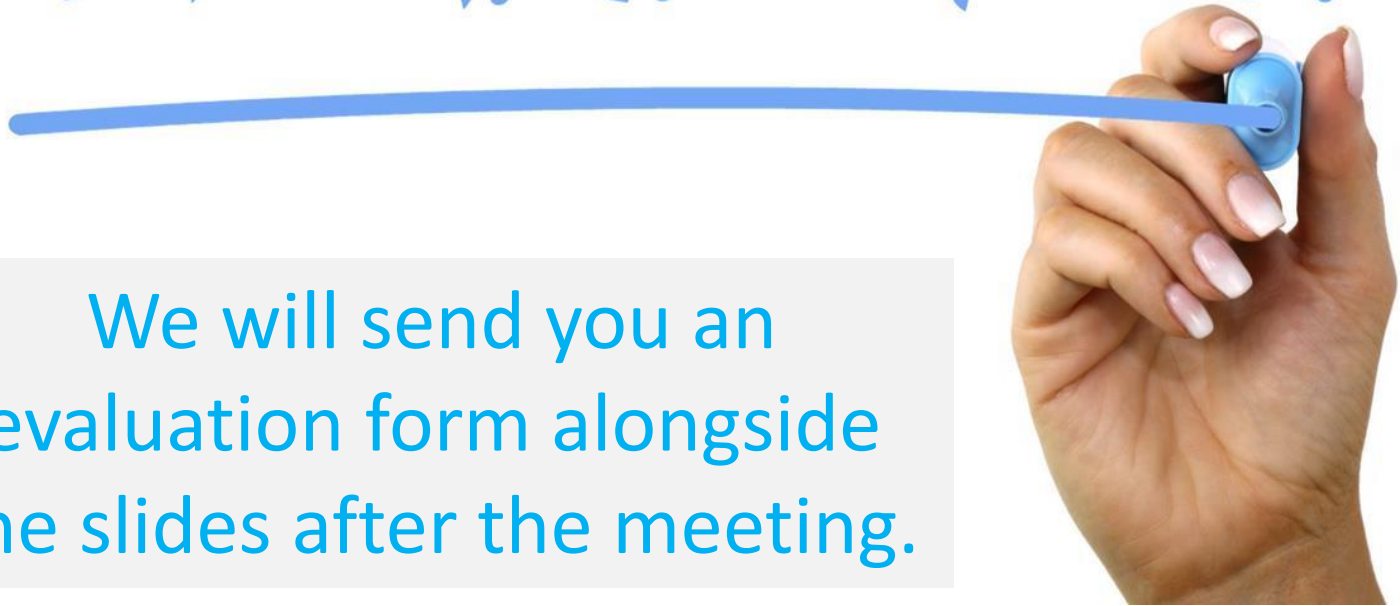
Check in with Interlink if anything has changed. If you do not know what to do, or feel worried – talk to us!

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- **What are your hopes and fears?**
- **What questions do you have?**
- **What other support do you need?**

THANK YOU



We will send you an evaluation form alongside the slides after the meeting.