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What help is out there?

- 1 Community Focused Schools co-ordinators in local education authorities (LEAs):** each LEA has a nominated contact who leads on Community Focused Schools developments. To find out who the nominated contact is in your LEA, email info.cardiff@continyou.org.uk. The LEA should be the first port of call for schools and partners when they are considering developing a Community Focused Schools approach.
- 2 *Community Focused Schools: Making it Happen – a Toolkit:*** all LEAs in Wales have received copies of the toolkit for distribution to schools in their area. The toolkit includes more information to support Community Focused Schools developments. It can be downloaded at www.continyou.org.uk/wales.
- 3 The website www.continyou.org.uk:** visit the ContinYou Cymru section of ContinYou's website for information and resources to support your Community Focused Schools and Out-of-School-Hours Learning developments (click on the red dragon on the home page).
- 4 Supporting Community Focused Schools (SCFS) service:** ContinYou Cymru has been providing the SCFS service to all LEAs in Wales since December 2005. Through its SCFS service, ContinYou Cymru works with LEAs, schools and others involved in developing Community Focused Schools in order to:
 - offer support and guidance by phone, email and through the website;
 - develop capacity and expertise;
 - avoid the duplication of effort;
 - share good practice, and offer and promote networking opportunities;
 - produce materials and resources which can be used and adapted locally.

For more information about the SCFS service, email info.cardiff@continyou.org.uk or telephone 029 2047 8929.



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5 *Out-of-School-Hours Learning: A Code of Practice* (ContinYou, 2006) – this code of practice aims to help schools and other organisations to reflect on issues that arise when they are setting up or extending an Out-of-School-Hours Learning programme.

6 *Extended Services Toolkit for Governors* (Training and Development Agency for Schools, 2007): although this toolkit was developed to support extended schools in England, it includes generic questions which can support Community Focused Schools developments. Visit www.teachernet.gov.uk/extendedschools to download a copy.

7 *Governance Guidance for Sure Start Children's Centres and Extended Schools* (Department for Education and Skills, 2007): although this guidance was developed to support extended schools and children's centres in England, it includes information which is useful to support Community Focused Schools developments. Visit www.teachernet.gov.uk/extendedschools to download a copy.

8 *Governors Wales* offers advice and guidance, including the following services:

- a confidential bilingual helpline (0845 60 20 100 – local rate);
- a website (www.governorswales.org.uk);
- the publication *A Handbook for Governors of Schools in Wales*;
- other published guidance in the form of Governor Guides and Fact Files.

Governors Wales also supports local networks, enabling governors to share experience and good practice, through providing:

- encouragement and support for local associations of governors;
- regular conferences – for example, the theme of the summer conference 2007 was 'Community Focused Schools';
- Development Officer support;
- an effective structure for consulting governors on a wide range of issues.