

Organ Donation and Transplantation Wales E-Bulletin:

Westfield Health British Transplant Games Special - June 2019



Welcome to our organ donation and transplantation e-bulletin – Westfield Health British Transplant Games 2019 Special Edition.

You can contact the team at any time via email: organ.donation@gov.wales.

Best wishes

The Organ Donation Team

Westfield Health British Transplant Games – Newport 25-28 July

In just over a month's time, the Westfield Health British Transplant Games (WHBTG) will descend upon Newport with 1700 supporters registered to cheer on over 850 transplant athletes across 25 different sports.

Organised on behalf of the charity Transplant Sport UK, the aim of the Games is to raise awareness of, and increase organ donation.

We have continued to assist the organising committee with the arrangements and planning of the forthcoming Games.

Most recently we planned and attended a promotional event for the Games at the Newport Marathon, during which we actively encouraged sign ups for the donor run.

As a further part of our commitment to the Games we have organised two major promotional events for which we are inviting volunteers to take part: a Tour of Wales and the Transplant Games Exhibition.

If you would like to be involved in either the Tour of Wales or Transplant Games Exhibition, please contact the team on: organ.donation@gov.wales or adam.hughes014@gov.wales .

Details of both events are:

Tour of Wales

From 15-28 July we will be touring 'Operation Donation' – a life size version of the popular board game, 'Operation'. This will serve a dual purpose; to promote the WHBTG and encourage people to register their organ donation decision.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the stall on all of the days listed:

Monday 15th July

Llandudno Pier - LL30 2LP

Tuesday 16th July

St Catherine's Walk - Carmarthen - SA31 1GA

Wednesday 17th July

Quadrant Centre - Swansea - SA1 3QW

Thursday 18th July

Lido Ponty - Pontypridd - CF37 4PE

Friday 19th July

University Hospital of Wales – Cardiff – CF14 4XW

Saturday 20th July - Sunday 28th July

Friar's Walk - Newport - NP20 1EA

To take part in the tour on any of the days listed please contact us using the details above.

Exhibition

To commemorate the Games returning to Wales, we have commissioned an exhibition which will celebrate the history of transplantation in Wales and highlight the inspirational stories of transplant recipients and donors, as well as the numerous organisations, medical professionals and charities that are central to the continued success of the Transplant Games.

The exhibition will be housed in a unit at Friar's Walk Shopping Centre in Newport City Centre, an area that enjoys continuous heavy footfall and will serve as one of the Games' primary promotional events.

There are numerous opportunities to get involved in the exhibition. Whether it is by volunteering to staff the event or by contributing materials, your support is greatly appreciated.

Further details can be obtained by using the contact details above.



Other opportunities to get involved

As well as volunteering opportunities at our promotional events, there are also opportunities to get involved directly with the Games:

- As a volunteer: https://www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk/volunteering
 Volunteers will play a key role in the delivery of the Games and there are a number of varying roles available.
- Take part in the Donor Run: https://www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk/donor-run
 The Donor Run takes place each year, and is open to all transplant recipients, donor families and the general public. The run is one of the event's highlights.
 There will be two races, a 3km and a 5km and the entry fees are £10 per person. The race will take place on Saturday 27 July and will start at 18:30.

Team Wales Managers

For the first time, this year transplant athletes from, or based in, Wales have the opportunity to compete for a combined Welsh team. If you have any queries regarding Team Wales, please contact the team managers using the following contact details:

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Email signature Graphic

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Keep us up to date

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So if you have any social media posts, events, publications or press stories coming up that you would like us to support and share, get in touch. You can see our social media channels at:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/OrganDonationWales
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/OrgDonationCYM

Likewise, if you have something that you would like to be included in our e-bulletin, please let us know.

Thank You

