



December 2021



### SCI and the International Day of Volunteering

Sunday, 5th December 2021 is International Volunteer Day as mandated by the United Nations general assembly. On that day there will be an online all-day International Volunteering Fair which has been organised by the SCI international secretariat.

Full details, including the "Link to the Fair" are available online here: <https://sci.ngo/invitation-for-international-volunteering-fair/>

### Memories

We want to bring together memories and experiences to show the impact we have had on communities and people's lives. If you have memories of your experience on IVS projects or of working on projects through IVS please send them to [ivs\\_at\\_90@yahoo.com](mailto:ivs_at_90@yahoo.com)

The memories will be used to help produce a video which will explore the origins of IVS in



Brynmawr, our links to SCI, and the work over the 90 years. The video will also include a collage of members' thoughts about IVS and how it has impacted their own lives and the lives of others. The video will be used as a promotional tool, targeting potential volunteers, funders and project partners. We want to attract and inspire new volunteers, gather support from current and lapsed members, and create a vision for the future.

**IVS at 90**  
2021 marked 90 years since our

first project, in Brynmawr, was the spark which led to the many hundreds of our projects being run all over the UK. These have brought people together from different backgrounds to help communities and learn about each other.



To celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> we organised a number of events throughout the UK. These events enabled former volunteers and others interested in IVS to meet up, share their experiences, and rekindle their involvement in IVS. A report on these 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations can be found [here](#)



## Covid and Brexit

Despite the celebrations, we face challenging times. COVID-19 has meant that we have had to cancel many projects and has decimated the number of volunteers. The changing rules on quarantine, different country restrictions and local lockdowns make it very difficult for us to send and host volunteers. Brexit, too, has created additional travel restrictions and visa complications.

## 2022 activities

Despite the impact of Covid and of Brexit we have been able to plan a programme of activities for the coming year. These include activities around international peace day, environmental projects and, where possible, continuing to organise projects for international volunteers and to send British volunteers abroad.



## IVS 90th Anniversary Postcards

250 post cards have been ordered, with the IVS logo on the front side and our contact details on the back, so plenty of space for your own seasonal messages.

Please send a request to Helen Watts at [helen1962@hotmail.com](mailto:helen1962@hotmail.com) stating the number of cards you would like and the postal address to send them to.



## SCI Peace Cards

A new tool to spark a discussion on peace, non-violence, and activism. Each set consists of 60 cards with quotes around the topic of peace, packed in a cotton bag. Click [here](#) to explore the cards online and order your own set.

## Social media co-ordinator

To help develop IVS we need someone on a voluntary basis to take on the promotion of our work through social media and to monitor reference to IVS etc on the internet. Activities are currently limited so someone with an active interest in social media would find this a modest task. If you are interested in helping please contact [paul.barrow@ivsgb.org](mailto:paul.barrow@ivsgb.org)

## Donating

In our 90<sup>th</sup> year to provide IVS with a regular income to cover basic running costs we launched The 90 Club to attract 90 members to donate at least £90 a year to IVS. To join The 90 Club all you need to do is go to the IVS website [here](#) and set up a regular donation, for example a monthly donation of £7.50 plus any gift aid you can add.

## Legacy Giving:

If you have a passion for what we do and wish to help us continue the work we have undertaken for the last 90 years, you could decide to leave a gift to IVS in your Will. Please contact us if you need more information about how you can remember IVS in your Will.

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