

Bournemouth Council for Voluntary Service Strategic Plan 2008-2014

our vision For Bournemouth to be an area with strong, diverse, sustainable and independent voluntary and community organisations, which are equal partners in the development and delivery of policy, leaders in meeting the needs of the area and collaborate and co-operate to achieve their mission.

What we want VCOs in Bournemouth to be like.

our mission Support and develop voluntary and community groups and volunteering in order to promote equality and tackle social exclusion
Facilitate voluntary and community groups to take a lead in shaping policy
Work in partnership with and influence groups with charitable and/or social purposes within the sector

What BCVS will do to make the vision reality.

our values

The principles and ethos that underpin our work.

to recognise and celebrate diversity and difference

to empower others and challenge discrimination

to promote independent thinking

to respond to the needs of clients

to ensure collective & partnership working

to value others and respect confidentiality

to promote sustainability

our aims

The things we want to achieve in order to secure our vision for the VCS

To build capacity in the local VCS through the provision of high quality information, support, advice and training

To enable the voluntary and community sector to represent their views, take part in strategic partnerships and influence policy

To ensure that the VCS is benefitting from the additional capacity of volunteers and that they are valued for their contribution

To ensure that as wide and diverse as possible a range of local organisations benefit from BCVS

To ensure that BCVS is a recognisable brand within the area, representing the voluntary and community sector

outcomes

The specific measurable changes that will result if we are successful.

A highly skilled workforce including trustees, paid staff and volunteers
Help with governance, funding and support are readily available at key stages of development
VCS organisations report long term sustainability and financial security

Voluntary & community sector are more proactive in shaping the local policy agenda.
Voluntary and Community sector have the capacity, means and understanding to play a full part in influencing decision making.
Local policy makers routinely invite participation from the voluntary sector as a part of decision making and fund the process adequately.

VCS is aware of good practice in the recruitment and retention of volunteers
Campaigns and events ensure the profile of volunteering is maintained and volunteers are valued for their contribution
Potential volunteers know of the Volunteer Centre and find it easy to gain access to opportunities

A wider, diverse range of organisations are using our services
Small organisations and diversity organisations continue to survive and thrive in Bournemouth
A joint strategy with other local infrastructure organisations is being implemented to reach out to and build the capacity of local organisations and groups

A robust marketing strategy is being implemented to ensure that recognition within the sector and with other stakeholders is maintained
BCVS recognised as an authoritative, representative voice for the VCS in shaping policy
BCVS is recognised as an excellent provider of information, advice, training, volunteer brokerage and networking for the sector