

VCSE ASSEMBLY

Our Assembly is a vibrant and inclusive charity committed to bringing together individuals and organisations actively engaged in voluntary, community, or social enterprise (VCSE) activities across Northamptonshire. Our core mission is to amplify the voices of communities throughout the county, particularly those facing inequalities. With a strong focus on inclusivity and the involvement of individuals with lived experiences, our aim is to foster collaboration, advocate for change, and facilitate seamless coordination within the VCSE sector in Northamptonshire.

Our Objectives:

1. Coordinate and Share Best Practices:

Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and collaborative efforts among our diverse membership.
Identify and champion best practices that enhance the effectiveness of VCSE initiatives.

2. Advocate for Innovative Collaborative Approaches:

Act as a powerful advocate for forging innovative partnerships and collaborative models between VCSE organisations and various stakeholders.

Champion a unified voice in addressing critical issues affecting our communities.

3. Enhance and Expand Support for Vulnerable Populations:

Work collectively and tirelessly to enhance and broaden the range of services and support available to vulnerable populations in Northamptonshire.

Strive to eliminate inequalities and create opportunities for positive transformations within our communities.

Membership:

The Assembly operates on behalf of its members, many of whom choose to join a thematic group, enabling them to collaborate in addressing common challenges. The VCSE Assembly acts independently on behalf of the sector.

"Our Assembly is dedicated to harnessing the collective power of the VCSE sector in Northamptonshire. Through collaboration, advocacy, and coordination, we aspire to create lasting positive change and address the challenges faced by our communities. By embracing lived experiences and promoting co-production, we aim to develop more inclusive and effective solutions that empower our communities to thrive. Thank you to all the individuals who have contributed to forming the largest representative independent charity for the countywide VCSE sector. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and build a brighter future for Northamptonshire."



Thematic Group Approach:

Our Assembly has adopted a thematic approach with an elected chair from within the group on the board. Organised into 14 distinct areas or themes, each aligned with the unique needs and priorities of our communities:

Advice
Arts, Culture, and Heritage
Carers
Children and Young People
Community Safety
Coproduction
Mental Health
Northamptonshire Black Communities Together
Older People
Pan Disability
Rural and Sustainable Futures
Social Enterprise
Sport and Recreation
Transport



We deeply acknowledge the irreplaceable role of individuals with direct experience. Their insights, expertise, and lived experiences are invaluable in shaping effective solutions within each thematic group.

Promoting Co-production:

Our Assembly places a strong emphasis on co-production within the policymaking process. We firmly believe that inclusive policymaking, which actively engages a diverse range of stakeholders, including community members, results in policies that are more effective and equitable.

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