



Supporting
voluntary and
community
action in
Newcastle

Newcastle CVS works to support, develop, promote, connect and represent voluntary and community organisations in Newcastle. Our work helps to make Newcastle a better place by helping to develop a thriving voluntary and community sector.

We do this through our three service areas

- **supporting and developing** local organisations to thrive
- **networking and involving** local organisations to engage
- **representing and influencing** on behalf of the voluntary and community sector

The voluntary and community sector in Newcastle is made up of many organisations making a positive difference to Newcastle, its communities and its people. We support it to be independent and as strong as possible.

We work with voluntary and community organisations of all sizes including charities and social enterprises. We prioritise organisations and communities with the greatest needs.

Supporting and developing

We help voluntary and community organisations to set up and to run well. Our aim is for local organisations to be strong and healthy with the resources, skills and knowledge to do what they do best: helping local people and communities. We can help through

- group support – setting up, writing a constitution, managing and running organisations, governance, charity registration, support in a crisis, closing down, measuring impact and outcomes
- funding and sustainability – identifying your needs, researching funding sources, helping with funding applications, trading and income generation, planning and strategies

- askNCVS, our helpline and signposting service, to answer your questions on running an organisation. Contact us by phone 0191 235 7037 or by email askncvs@cvsnewcastle.org.uk
- information services – a weekly email bulletin, quarterly magazine, information sheets and our website www.cvsnewcastle.org.uk
- training, workshops and events to develop your skills and knowledge including a training programme, bespoke training and facilitation

Networking and involving

There are many ways for voluntary and community organisations in Newcastle to be heard and to start to make change happen. We help voluntary and community organisations in Newcastle to work together, to network and to have a voice. We help by

- creating and managing forums, networks and working groups to help organisations to work together and share information
- supporting local organisations to get involved and engaged in various statutory bodies, groups and partnerships to influence local plans and decision making

Representing and influencing

Newcastle CVS works with voluntary and community organisations to empower local communities. Our support allows organisations and their users and members to have a voice and to influence funders, councils, government departments and policy makers to bring about change in local communities. We do this by

- representing the views of the voluntary and community sector and acting as a link between our sector, the public sector and the private sector
- promoting and campaigning for the interests of voluntary and community organisations to help maintain a strong and independent sector
- promoting participation in voluntary and community action and civil society

About us

Newcastle CVS is a registered charity and this lets us work independently on behalf of our members and other voluntary and community organisations in Newcastle. We were set up in 1929 so have years of experience working for local communities, social justice and equality.

Ellison Services

Our community accounting service offers a reliable, cost effective way to manage your finances including payroll, bookkeeping, management accounts, receiving income, making payments, annual accounts and independent examination.

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Our projects

We host the following projects:

- Newcastle Advocacy Centre www.cvsnewcastle.org.uk/our-projects
T 0191 235 7013
- Newcastle LINK
www.newcastlelink.org.uk
T 0800 756 9528
- Science City Community Engagement Project www.newcastlecommunityscience.co.uk
T 0191 235 7035

Become a Newcastle CVS member

Newcastle CVS is a member organisation and we work for and on behalf of our members. Membership is currently free and is open to voluntary, community and not for profit organisations in Newcastle.

Join us and receive all the benefits of membership

As well as giving you access to our services and keeping you up to date with information for and about our sector, we will reflect and represent your views to key strategic partners and aim to influence their thinking and decisions.

Join us and help strengthen the voice of the voluntary and community sector in Newcastle

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