

Key facts about the voluntary and community sector in Newcastle 2016



Size of the sector in Newcastle

- There are around **1,100** registered charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO), and Community Interest Companies (CICs) that operate in Newcastle
- There are **629** CICs (Community Interest Companies) registered in the North East (5% of the total in the UK)
- There are **61** organisations based in Newcastle listed on the Mutuels Public Register. These include co-operative societies, community benefit societies, credit unions, building societies and friendly societies
- Using *Northern Rock Foundation's Future Trends Survey* calculation of three under the radar voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) for every registered VCO, Newcastle has, at least, **3,000** small community based organisations

The economic impact

- Newcastle's voluntary and community organisations (excluding housing associations, private schools, three national charities based in Newcastle) have an income of at least **£130m** (calculation based on **656** Newcastle CVS members at September 2016), and grant making trusts and have assets of over **£450 million** (*NRF Future Trends; Mapping North East Third Sector 2010*, *Taking the Temperature 2016*)
- The income of the majority of Newcastle's community organisations is under **£10,000**. **5%** have no income at all. (*Third Sector in Newcastle 2009, Newcastle CVS & NCC*)
- For every **£1** in grant aid Newcastle voluntary and community organisations can leverage an additional **£7** (*Newcastle CVS & NCC 2009*)
- Newcastle's voluntary and community organisations have a paid workforce of around **6,200** people in **4,300** posts (*Newcastle CVS 2011 and 2016*). There has been a shift towards more part time posts in the last year with an increase of one year contracts
- **23%** of local residents have done some formal voluntary work for at least once a month (*Newcastle Residents' Survey 2015*)
- Volunteer Centre Newcastle gave **2,435** people information about volunteer roles and how to engage; of whom **530** had extra support. There were **1,185** interactions with organisations; of which **594** had more intensive specialised support (*VCN 1 January - 1 August 2016*)
- SkillsBridge brokered over **£50,000** of free consultancy to **53** North East not for profit organisations and two voluntary sector partnerships helping them to raise **£338,000** of new income and make savings of **£88,000**
- Newcastle CVS supported **388** organisations to get established, run and manage existing organisations better, or to help get the funding and resources they need to meet the needs of their beneficiaries. We helped raise funds of at least £2,170,463

Regional perspectives

- The North East is the English region with the lowest number amount of registered charities (**4,509**) by number and by population and the region with the lowest number of organisations by income and assets (*NCVO 2016*)
- The North East has the lowest average regional donation level - **£223** is average amount over £50 donated by individuals earning up to £150,000 (*NPC 2013*)

- Of the income for North East voluntary organisations, **40%** came from statutory sources, **39%** came from individuals, **6%** from the voluntary sector, **7%** from the private sector, **6%** investment, and **2%** from the Big Lottery Fund (*NCVO 2016*)
- North East organisations saw a fall of more than **1.5%** in the change of income from government from 2012/13 to 2013/14 (*NCVO Almanac 2016*)

Newcastle CVS Taking The Temperature (June 2016) 107 organisations

- 36%** had seen a decrease in funding in the last year
- 35%** had seen income stay the same
- 29%** had seen an increase in income
- 41%** would be using reserves this year
- 26%** have reserves up to 3 months
- 12%** had no reserves
- 70%** had experienced an increased demand for their services
- 65%** had developed new services or projects in the last year
- 42%** wanted to expand and develop services
- 15%** thought they would have to close a service

Examples of new voluntary and community initiatives in Newcastle

- **Back on Track North East CIC** is a new social enterprise to provide advice, information, advocacy and counselling to the LGBT community in a holistic, person-centred way that meets individual needs
- The NSPCC has started a new '**Thriving Families**' service for families where there are concerns about children's needs being neglected; it is operating in Walker and Byker
- Scotswood Community Garden is starting the **Elderberries**, a new volunteering programme specifically for older people, including weekly gardening sessions
- A new film launched by **Newcastle Carers** aims to ensure young adults with caring responsibilities know the support available in Newcastle
- **Canny City** project is an initiative about growing a network of 'Safe Places' across Newcastle; locations where someone who is feeling distressed knows that they will be received with warmth and patience, in an informal way
- Newcastle Law Centre and partners Changing Lives and Advocacy Centre North have secured a Big Lottery **Help Through Crisis** Fund grant to provide an Accompany, Advocate and Advise service to families in the most deprived areas of Newcastle who are in positions of extreme hardship and crisis
- **Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland** is offering a new service of group work for women (aged 16 +) survivors of sexual violence who identify as LGBTQ
- **Orange Box North East** recycles unwanted furniture back into the community, particularly to those people who really need it. They collect and redistribute furniture, household and electrical items to families and individuals on a low income and offer a free collection of single items, as well as full house clearance services