

Our Mission

To promote and assist voluntary, community, faith (VCF) activity in Sefton.

Our Vision

Develop a vibrant voluntary, community and faith sector that encourages and supports independent, resilient and sustainable communities

Our Values




Social Impact

We will embed and champion the role and value of the VCF sector in making a difference and promoting lasting social, environmental and economic change.




Trust

We will develop and deliver our activities and services in a way that supports the development of trust across and between sectors.



Responsive

We will work to ensure that our services and those of our partners meet the needs of local communities and are delivered at times and in locations which are suitable.



Open

We will actively seek feedback on the delivery of services to help us to improve both our services and those provided by our partners.



Inclusive

We will use the strength of the VCF sector to develop networks that promote equality and diversity, ensuring that our services meet the needs of, and are accessed by, the most diverse range of groups



Good Governance

We will ensure that our organisation models good governance in all that we deliver and we will continue to support good governance across the VCF sector

Our Aims



Develop

Support the identification of needs in the local community and facilitates innovation and improvements in service provision to meet those needs.

Develop provision which improves outcomes for local people and reduces health inequalities

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Support

We will enable resilient, well-managed and agile VCF sector organisations of all sizes to take forward their plans, and support organisational development and sector growth. Whilst creating an environment in which volunteers and their communities thrive.

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Collaborate & Represent

Facilitate effective communication and collaboration amongst local voluntary, community and faith groups. Creating structures that promote cross sector partnership working within which the diverse views of the VCF sector are represented.

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Influence

Support local voluntary organisations and community groups to influence policies, plans and practices that have an impact on their organisations and beneficiaries.

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Deliver

Improve quality of life for individuals and communities, helping people to access services and achieve their potential.

How We Do It

People

- Develop, skills, knowledge and expertise
- Meet the needs of the sector
- Develop existing and future leaders
- Support VCF sector workforce
- Integrated and connected system workforce

Strategic

- Horizon Scanning and Market Shaping
- Locality, place and theme focused
- Influencing strategy and policy
- Sector Representation across the system

Volunteering

- Promote and encourage volunteering
- Recognise and celebrate volunteers
- Volunteer facilitation and development

Capacity Building

- Building and strengthening sector capabilities
- Promoting financial sustainability and resilience
- Supporting and developing new and existing VCF organisations
- Encouraging Good Governance and compliance

Understanding

- Capture community need, insight and trends
- Analysis of needs and gaps in provision
- Co-produce demand-led interventions
- Enhancing social connectivity through equality, diversity and inclusion

Partnerships

- Build partnerships that bring opportunities
- Collaborate to connect and deliver new initiatives
- Strengthen the sectors' role in early intervention and prevention
- Facilitate thematic Forums and Networks

Adapting

Anticipate, absorb and adapt to unexpected threats, such as:

- Covid-19
- Cost of Living Crisis
- Southport Recovery

Stimulate social innovation and creative solutions to local strategic priorities



Continue to respond to key themes of concern in Sefton...

and its impact on Sefton's VCF sector and local residents, by facilitating new initiatives and responses which aim to mitigate against the adverse impact of the crisis. (Covid-19, Cost of Living, Southport Recovery).



Foster a shared sense of trust, belonging, inclusion and mutual support to strengthen Community Cohesion...

by; promoting equality and inclusion, celebrating Sefton's diverse communities and enhancing social connectivity.



Facilitate VCF sector input into Sefton's priorities...

by working in partnership to embed the sector into new place-based structures.



Promote localism...

by encouraging; place, sub-regional and regional entities, to understand and engage with established local organisations, who are embedded within and understand the needs of the local communities they serve.



Strengthen volunteering activity in Sefton...

by increasing the number of people volunteering, enhancing volunteering opportunities and building capacity to facilitate volunteering within organisations.