

CVS South Gloucestershire Impact Report 2014/15

CVS South Gloucestershire works with partners to build a strong voluntary, community, social enterprise (VCSE) sector in South Gloucestershire.



Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson MP, accepted our invitation to be the plenary speaker at the annual VCSE Conference 2015.

Support Services with Partners 2011-2015

452 VCSE organisations received one-one support, 194 were introduced to the Sustainable Funding approach and 512 show a steady growth in funding from a wide range of sources.



Delivered the Annual VCSE Sector Conference 2015, with partners, which saw 100 attendees.

SGC Funding 2015 - 2018

Secured a further three years of funding from South Gloucestershire Council for some of our strategic work and to support volunteering.



Chief Executive of South Gloucestershire Council, Amanda Deeks, thanks the VCSE and talks about challenges going forward with the Leaders Board and VCSE.



Chair, Benjamin Janes

We've made significant and fundamental changes, enabling us to be agile and resilient in uncertain times.

We've built a strong relationship with South Gloucestershire Council and continue to engage with and represent the needs of the VCSE. We've changed the way we staff our team and begun charging for some services.

With our high quality team and partners and our unshakeable commitment to the sector, we remain immensely confident about our own future and the future of a thriving VCSE sector in South Gloucestershire.

It's been an another busy year as we adapt to new ways of working, including sharing a Chief Officer with our sister organisation GAVCA, to see whether closer collaboration is beneficial to the communities we serve.

We continue to build and strengthen partnerships in South Gloucestershire and across the West of England.

We are pleased to have secured a further three years of investment from South Gloucestershire Council and are working with our partners to introduce modest charges for those services not funded to enable us to continue to support the VCSE.



Chief Officer, Helen Black

Many thanks to our funders for their support



For 2011-15



For 2011-15, and continuing support to 2018.

CVS: the small organisation that punches above its weight and is evolving to ensure its future sustainability.

Now a leaner organisation

- Staffing has been reduced by a third; the Finance/Administration Officer and the Chief Officer remain.
- A new Associate structure is in place, with three people working in this way.
- A committed and professional Board of Trustees.

That works more efficiently

- Maximises resources and creates new ways to deliver services.
- Developed income generation: £20,000 from chargeable services.

And is strategically well placed

- Secured a further three years of funding from South Gloucestershire Council to support some of the CVS Strategic Work and volunteering through the Volunteer Centres.
- Delivered the VCSE Annual Conference with partners, The Care Forum and Southern Brooks, which was sponsored by the VCSE Leaders Board.
- Plenary speakers at the Conference included the Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson, MP for Reading East and Chief Executive of South Gloucestershire Council, Amanda Deeks.



Minister for Civil Society, Rob Wilson MP, speaking about CVS's partnership working in the area,

"The work in South Gloucestershire should be a template for other areas, with the increase in public sector investment in the VCSE and South Gloucestershire Council's approach to localism."

Support Services Delivery 2011-15

Local Strategic Partnership investment to build a strong VCSE

Since July 2011 Development Workers from CVS and partners, Southern Brooks Community Partnership, Community Ignite and the South Gloucestershire Volunteer Centres, have done fantastic work providing information and support to groups and organisations. Also helped them to develop and bring in £886,000 of non-council funding for activity across South Gloucestershire.

452
received
one to one support
and intervention



Precious Time Consortium, a collaboration of groups working with older people, received support to centralise governance, management, administration and fundraising functions - to ensure the sustainability of many groups, which were facing closure. *"Bringing groups together in an age of austerity demonstrates incredible community resilience,"* Precious Time Coordinator

194
introduced
to the Sustainable
Funding approach

298 completed a
organisational
Health Check



CVS working with South Gloucestershire Disability Equality Network to support their development. This included three conferences and recently employing and seconding out their first member of staff.

226
supported
to recruit and
manage volunteers,
with 1038
volunteers
placed

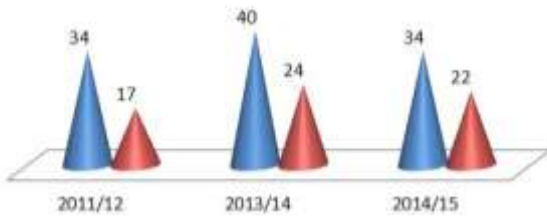


Barbara Ray, Chair of South Gloucestershire Volunteer Centre Partnership, launched a video of the benefits of volunteering. *"It's a snapshot of activities at South Gloucestershire Volunteer Centres, the strong ethos of volunteering in South Gloucestershire and the volunteers' fulfilment."*

Impact of Support

Sustainability and service delivery % of those completing annual VCSE survey

- Have increased their financial sustainability
- Developed their organisation's standard of service delivery



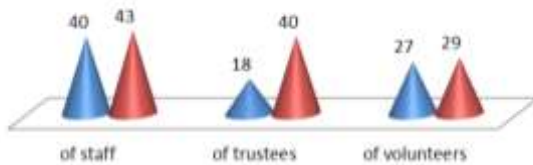
Increased awareness/knowledge of... % of those completing annual VCSE survey

- 2011/12
- 2014/15



Increase in knowledge and skills % of those completing annual VCSE survey

- 2011/12
- 2014/15



Support Services Update

From 2015 we have introduced charges for our services. See back page for more information.

Examples of this support available to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations

Support to complete an Organisational Health Check*

One-to-one support for developing your group, from start up to maturity

Support to complete a Sustainable Funding plan*

* Organisational Health Check - a review of your organisations policies and procedures and an action plan to help you to implement changes for a securer future

* Sustainable Funding Plan - assess current income streams, identify potential future funding sources, create a sustainable future for your organisation

Working strategically across South Gloucestershire and the West of England (WoE)

CVS Chief Officer, Helen Black, works with our partners in the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE), public and private sectors.



Holds a place on the West of England Civil Society Partnership - helped secure £6m European Social Inclusion/Big Lottery funding, to remove 'barriers to employment.' This funding was then made available through a competitive grants process.



Chaired the Children's Board. Supported the Board and its journey to form a new plan for children for South Gloucestershire, which includes a new Early Help Vision and Strategy.



Gloucestershire Association for Voluntary & Community Action

Held post of Chief Executive, GAVCA*
Helen Black, also held this post for our sister organisation to see whether closer collaboration could be beneficial to the communities we serve.

These funds will provide a range of services for people and communities across South Gloucestershire

Chaired the South Gloucestershire VCSE Leaders Board. Collectively, members brought in more than £4million of non-council funding in 2014/15.

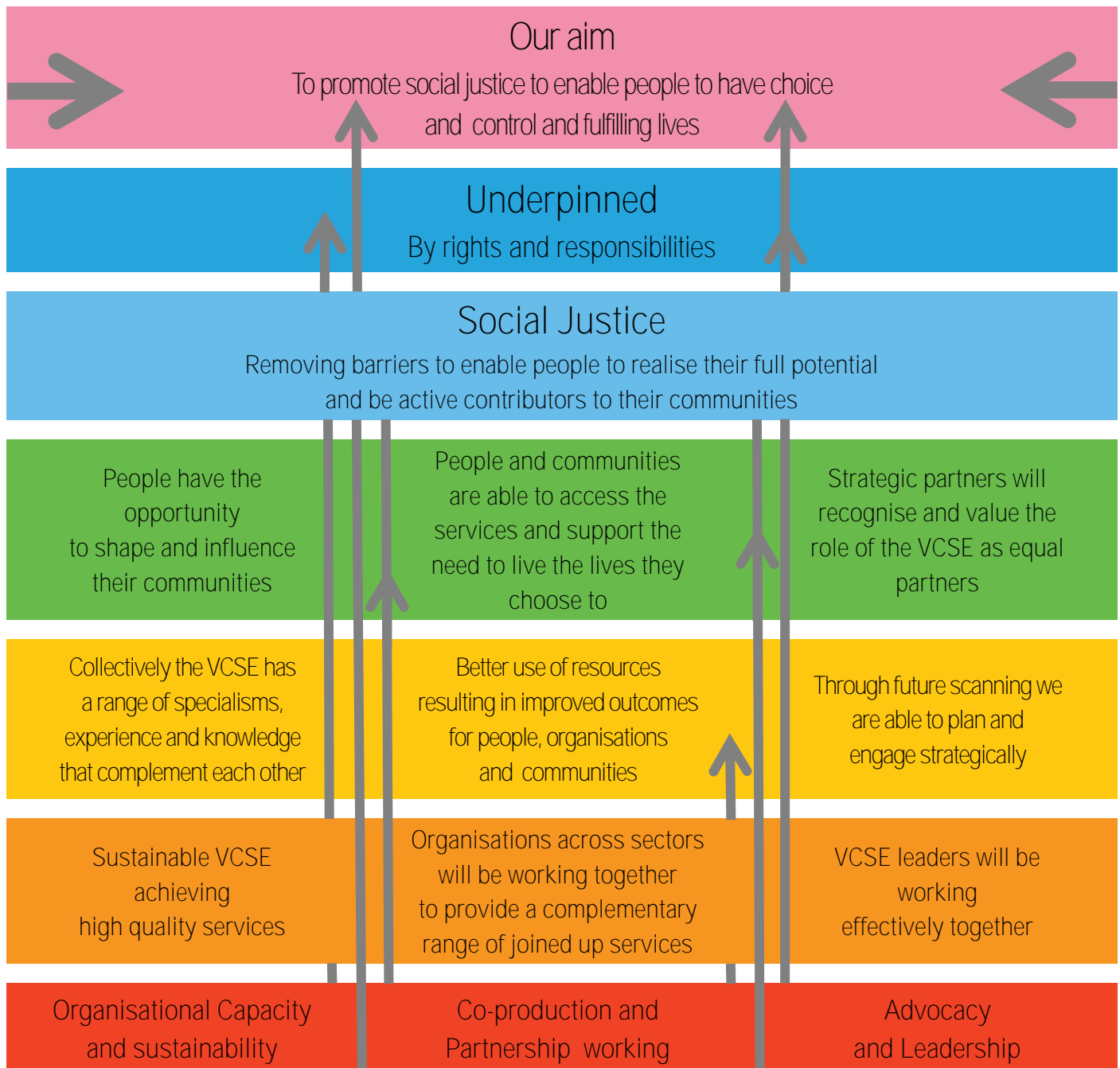
***The West of England Civil Society Partnership** facilitates representation and advocacy for local voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

***The South Gloucestershire Children's Trust Board** has advisory status and makes recommendation to the Council on strategic issues relating to children's services in South Gloucestershire. It draws together partners from across South Gloucestershire to discuss, challenge, recommend and monitor policies and strategies, which impact on the lives of children and young people in the area.

***GAVCA** supports voluntary and community groups in Gloucestershire to develop and grow by providing information, advice and training, as well as specialist Payroll Services, discounted services for members and voluntary and community sector forums.

South Gloucestershire VCSE Leaders Board

Brings together senior colleagues from across the VCSE sector to provide strong leadership and advocacy. Together, members of the Leaders Board have developed a Theory of Change, led by Southern Brooks Community Partnerships.



Building Blocks

Assumptions (for the Leaders Board): We are able and willing to work together. There are savings to be made by working together. Better outcomes will be achieved for people and communities. As a sector we are able to identify and respond quickly to the needs within our neighbourhoods. That there is genuine desire by the public sector to work with the VCSE. We are able to attract investment and there are increasing opportunities to coproduce outcomes, particularly around Early Intervention. As an independent sector we are able to build relationships with a wide range of partners and volunteers.

© South Gloucestershire Leaders Board

Support available for VCSE organisations and groups from CVS South Gloucestershire and Partners, Southern Brooks and Community Ignite

A free diagnostic and the development of an action plan with any group or organisation that operates in South Gloucestershire.

One to one support £25 - £50 per hour.

To find out more and to book your free diagnostic

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Community Ignite (Kingswood Locality) t. 0117 960 4186

e. alice.payne@communityignite.org.uk w. www.communityignite.org.uk

How the Private Sector can support our work and fulfil Corporate Social Responsibility objectives

We work with organisations and groups working in their local communities helping children and young people, older people, families and supporting people in crisis.

Engage your employees through volunteering and skill-sharing opportunities within the community through The South Gloucestershire Volunteer Centre Partnership.

Engage your customers Build your reputation and develop your brand through sponsorship e.g. The VCSE Conference (100 attendees in 2015) or CVS Information Services (reaching over 600 local organisations). One year sponsorship starts at £250.

Pro bono Offer your services to help CVS South Gloucestershire and its members.

Donate to CVS For example £150 can provide support for a Management Committee to make sure they are running their organisation well and are legally compliant. £50 can provide a funding advice session helping groups and organisations to access funding to support their work locally.

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