



Dorset
Community
Action



Representation

Local voices being heard

Dorset Community Action is committed to working with voluntary and community organisations, groups, societies and social enterprises to have a greater say in the services available to them. At local, regional and national level, we work in partnerships and networks to represent the needs of the people of Dorset and the groups that work with them.

Community & Parish Planning

Community and Parish Planning is a process by which the whole community can voice their opinions on what actions they wish to see taken in their local area in the future to meet local needs. Community and Parish Plans belong to the community and can help prioritise resources, influence the policies, decisions and actions of others such as Local Authorities.

Community and Parish Plans are reliant on the whole community contributing to identifying the issues to be tackled and DCA can help with information, community consultations, networking, funding sources, prioritising and action planning.

The Dorset Voice Project

The Dorset Voice Project collates messages and suggestions about issues that affect voluntary and community organisations, their members or clients.

The Voice Project works with partners to co-ordinate voluntary sector forums and elect representatives onto the Dorset Strategic Partnership. Messages collected by the project, often go through these forums.

Voluntary and Community Sector Representatives are your voice within the Dorset Strategic Partnership. They work hard to influence decisions, so that appropriate changes can be made to improve services and communities. The Voice Project strives for true partnership working.

Dorset's Third Sector Infrastructure Group

DCA is a member of the Third Sector Infrastructure Group (3SIG) which is a partnership between organisations who provide a range of support and advice to voluntary and community organisations in Dorset.

DCA works with the following members to plan, develop and deliver services that meet the needs of Voluntary and Community organisations in Dorset.

- Volunteer Centre Dorset is the main point of contact for organisations that need volunteers and people interested in becoming volunteers in Dorset.
- Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux provide advice and information on issues, including housing rights, welfare rights and benefits, money and debt, consumer and employment rights.
- Dorset Youth Association (DYA) exists to support and develop high quality youth work and educational opportunities for young people throughout the County of Dorset.
- Churches Together in Dorset supports and gives information on the Churches and their combined activity and service.
- Dorset Race Equality Council (DREC) aims to reduce racial discrimination, promote shared values of peace, responsibility and racial harmony.
- DA21 (Dorset Agenda 21) works cooperatively with local people, communities and organisations to encourage action on sustainability and climate change in Dorset.





A partner in Dorset's Third Sector
Infrastructure Group (3SIG)

Helping community and voluntary groups to achieve their goals
by providing support, inspiration and resources through Dorset.

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3SIG is a partnership of Dorset Charities that aim to provide a range of support
services to frontline voluntary organisations and community groups.

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