



Voluntary Sector Support and Advice

Effective voluntary groups



Dorset Community Action provides support and advice to Voluntary and Community Organisations and Social Enterprises. We can offer guidance, training and one to one support for organisations to help them be as effective as possible. We offer the kinds of services that are delivered by 'Councils for Voluntary Service' and are members of the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action.

Organisational Good Practice

We are able to provide resources, training and one to one advice and support around organisational good practice issues such as, Governance, Charity Law, Trustee Roles and Responsibilities, Financial Management, Employment and organisational planning. We can help you set up and register a new organisation, choosing the right structure and dealing with the legal issues involved.

Fundraising

Funding Help web pages - are updated continually and include; News, Information, Awards & Competitions, Funds, Grants.

'Grantfinder' and 'Trustfunding' database searches provide users with a bookable two hour session accessing these funding stream databases at our offices in Dorchester.

A selection of Funding Workshops will be available at different venues around the county during the Autumn, Winter and Spring.

One-to-One Advice and Information is available to you and your group on the following topics;

- Getting 'Fit for Funding'
- Developing a sustainable funding strategy
- Sourcing information to support you evidence the need for your project
- Identifying relevant potential funders
- Checking application forms before submission

Computer Support

Dorset Community Action can provide Computer Technology support for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations. Our ITC consultant is available to groups wishing to install or enhance their ITC systems. We can give advice on the best way forward, and also support and help with the expansion of existing systems.

We can offer support with both hard and software, the purchasing of equipment and software that is discounted to charitable groups to help keep your costs to a minimum.

Social Enterprise and Trading

We can also offer specialist advice for Social Enterprises and other community interest organisations that undertake trading. We offer business development support and planning in the form of one to one advice, training and resources.



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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