

Welcome to Community Works AGM November 2024

“Making Connections and Celebrating Success”

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Ground Rules

- Speak slowly and clearly when speaking.
- All guests to raise your hand to speak or ask a question.
- Please put mobile phones on silent, but feel free to participate or report via social media
- Allow people to disagree. Challenge the issue not the person.
- Confidentiality: members may leave the meeting and repeat what was said, but not who said it.
- Use people's correct pronouns; ask, don't assume
- No jargon please.
- Don't use language which could be construed as discriminatory or offensive to others
- Treat each other with respect.

Agenda

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| 10.00am | Registration |
| 10.30am | AGM business |
| 11.00am | Highlights of the year - presentations and Q&A |
| 12.00pm | Tea break and networking |
| 12.15pm | Workshop to revisit key messages |
| 1.00pm | Networking lunch |
| 1.30pm | Finish (you're welcome to stay until 2pm) |



Trustee News

A huge thank you to

**Darren Jensen and
Pia Beesley**

who are stepping down as Trustees this year



Thank you to all our Trustees
and other volunteers who
support us



Annual Accounts

- Our turnover in 2023/24 exceed £1M and the accounts were subject to a full audit by Chariot House.
- The auditors had no matters to report in respect of the 2023/24 accounts.
- Trustees approved Accounts at our November Board meeting.
- Auditors reappointed via electronic vote: Chariot House.



Annual accounts

Financial summary

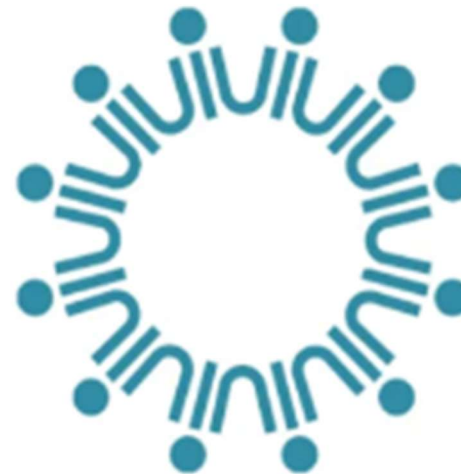
| | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
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| Total incoming resources | £887,757 | £1,587,750 |
| Total resources expended | £924,648 | £1,336,143 |
| including £251,248 restricted project costs | | £265,351 |
| Distribution Payments to Partners | £102,378 | £359,143 |
| Surplus / Deficit | £36,891 | £14,067 |
| Reserves at 31 March 2023 | £247,127 | |
| Reserves at 31 March 2024 | | £233,060 |

Making Connections and Celebrating Success



The four functions of local infrastructure:

- 1. Leadership & Advocacy:** influencing key decisions and local policy
- 2. Partnerships & Collaborations:** supporting organisations and sectors to work together
- 3. Capacity Building** developing skills and knowledge
- 4. Volunteering** promoting opportunities and best practice



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Local
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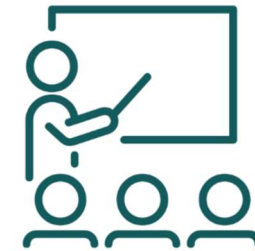
Community Works in numbers 2023 to 2024



We helped VCSE consortia and partnerships to secure **£3,820,692** funding



137,451 web visits and **15,229** newsletters and updates were sent to member organisations



1066 people from **439** organisations accessed training, events and networks



Voice and Representation

Connect the VCSE to strategic developments



Raise the profile of the VCSE and champion community needs



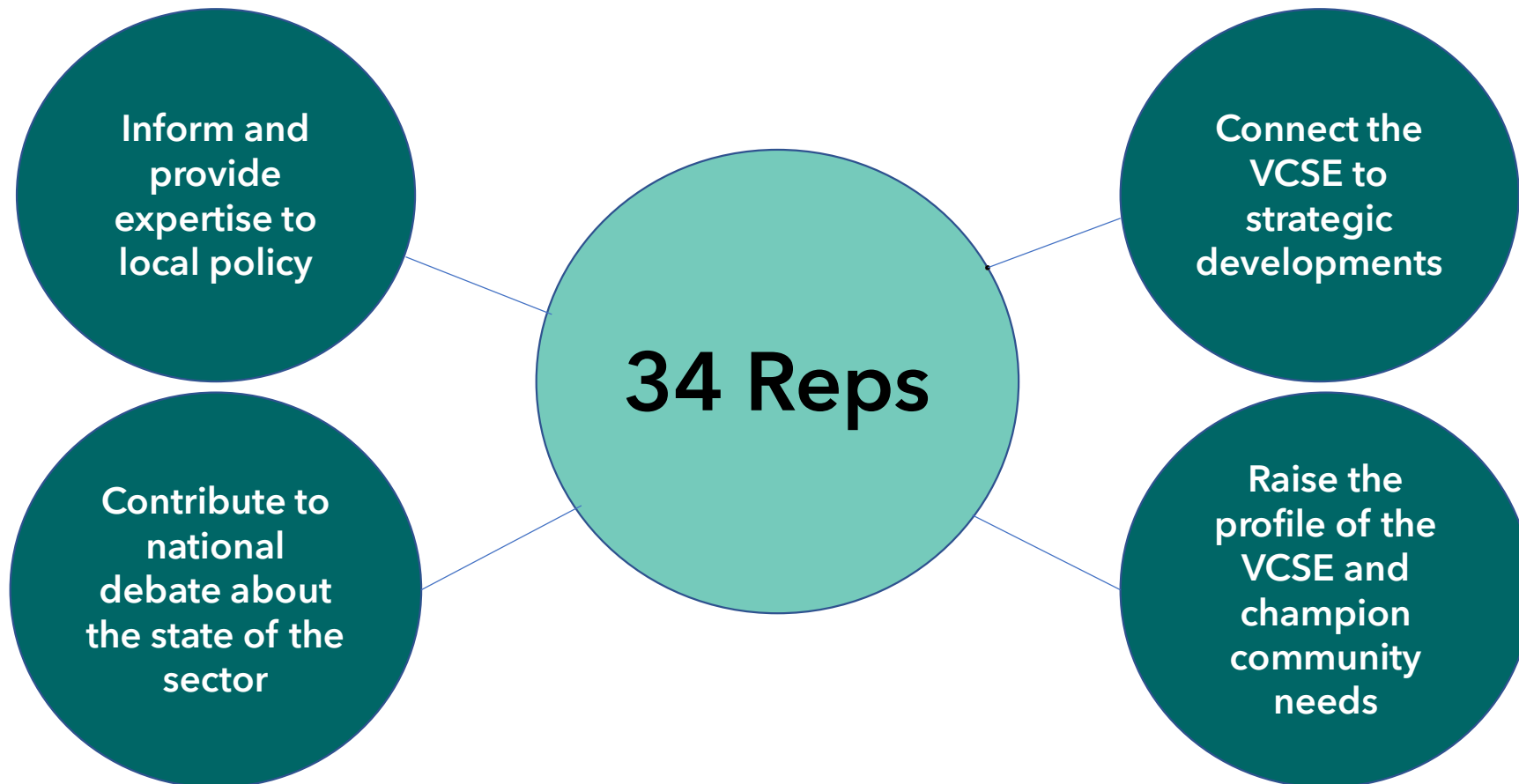
Inform and provide expertise to local policy-making



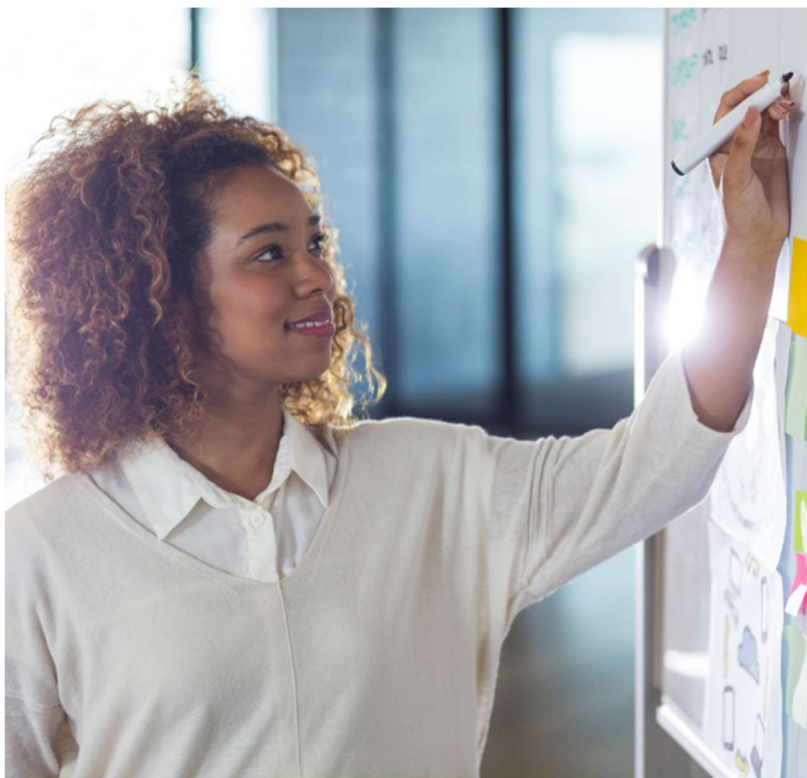
Community Works Reps Programme



Community Works Reps



Training & learning events



- **Fundraising**
- **Employment law**
- **Safeguarding**
- **Volunteer management**
- **Trustee roles and responsibilities**
- **Expert sessions: free accountancy and marketing support**
- **Networks: CEOs, Health and Wellbeing / Health and Social Care, Children and Young People, Small Groups**



Information and guidance



We've supported **2429** people through our advice and information service.

"Community Works have been hugely supportive in helping me to develop my leadership confidence and skills through accessing the mentoring programme. I've also benefitted from a session with some bespoke support with a question around legal structures I had."

Jane Robbie, The Pearce Foundation

"Community Works have been invaluable in assisting and supporting us at West Tarring Young People's Hub as we learn to navigate our way in being trustees of our organisation, signposting us to relevant training and funding opportunities and giving us much needed advice and guidance on how to operate as a charity."

Sharon and Lucy - West Tarring Young People's Hub

Volunteering in 23/24



Our Community Works
volunteers
gave **4268** hours to
support our Volunteer
Centre

1738 people from across Adur &
Worthing, West Sussex and Brighton &
Hove applied for volunteering
opportunities via Community Works



Community Works' journey towards iiE Bronze level accreditation

By Faustina Bayo & Magda Pasiut



iiE & Benefits



- Investors in the Environment (iiE) is a national environmental accreditation scheme.
- Designed to help organisations review & reduce their impact on the environment, save money & time.
- Organisations get recognition for their progress and get promoted for their green credentials.

Start
Nov 2023

Our Journey



Sept 2024
Journey continues

Our Partnership Activities



SEA LIFE Brighton

Thanks for coming along and supporting! 🙌♻️🗑️

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- Beach litter pick with Sealife Brighton
- Plastic Free July with Community Base
- Litter picking at Level Park with The Green Centre



Achievements

- 30% Paper use reduction
- More environmentally friendly events
- More awareness /understanding among staff



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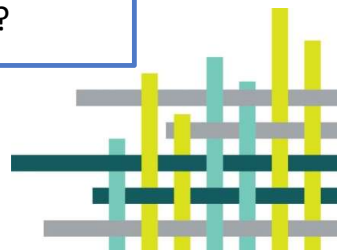


Challenges

- Measuring resources in shared premises
- Measuring behaviours /action in shared office spaces
- Meeting accessibility requirements whilst fully implementing some actions
- Siloed activities –cost of necessary tools/expertise

Next Steps

- Monitor our Action Plan
- Support groups to undertake environmental activities
- Encourage groups to reduce environmental impacts
- Continue to share best practices/initiatives
- Silver accreditation ?



Our Environment Reps!



Les Gunbie



Cat Fletcher



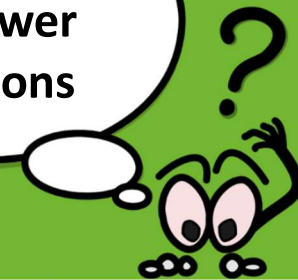
Lisa Attwell

Our Reps are happy to support your organisation if you want to develop the sustainability aspect of your work

Net Zero Keynote and Launch of the Brighton and Hove Decarbonisation Pathways Study – 6.00pm, 2 Dec 2024, Friends Meeting House, Free (Eventbrite registration)

Come and talk to us during the break

Thank you! Happy to answer questions



Work with Ukrainian community in Adur & Worthing

What's going on? Why are we talking about Ukraine today?

- According to the World Bank estimate, in 2021, **43.8** million people lived in Ukraine
- As of June 2023, **8 million 177** thousand Ukrainians were abroad.
- **85%** are women with children
- **3.7 million** remain **displaced persons in Ukraine**, reports the UN International Organization for Migration.
- **210,300** Ukrainian people **in the UK** by July 2024 using one of the two bespoke entry visa schemes.
- **Employed or self-employed – 69%**; Receiving public benefits - 40%; Households with dependent children- 40%

Local data

Data as received from the Home Office on **22 October 2024**

HOME 4 UKRAINE Scheme

| Upper tier local authority name | Number of visa applications | Number of visas issued | Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| West Sussex | 3 501 | 2 953 | 2 578 |
| ADUR | 129 | 122 | 109 |
| WORTHING | 230 | 188 | 153 |
| Brighton & Hove | 826 | 706 | 620 |

Support in Brighton & Hove

- **11 organisations** funded to support Ukrainian refugees, using funds from the Government's Homes for Ukraine programme
- **Services provided:** English for Speakers of other Languages, Employability and Business Start-up Advice, Information, Advice and Guidance, Mental Health and Wellbeing Support, Community Activities
- **Stand for Ukraine** is a Ukrainian-run group in Brighton & Hove, funded through this programme.



Who are the people we support

Faces of Resilience

in association with



Faces of Resilience with Stephan Dequaire (February 2024– ongoing) The project and an exhibition in collaboration with Community Works, AUSA, and Worthing 4 Refugees.

- The best way to say- to show
- **Venues:**
- 8-22 June Worthing Library
- 10-22 June Southwick Community Centre
- 19-27 August Brighton Jubilee Library
- July- ongoing Shoreham Parish Room
- 27 August-30 October Shoreham Centre
- 1-20 November Lancing Parish Hall
- 1-28 February 2025 Worthing Museum [Faces of Resilience - Worthing Theatres and Museum](#)





Faces of Resilience

Total numbers

47

Learning, Webinars and Networks

| | |
|---|-----|
| Learning, training, and network events, drop-in | 24 |
| Unique individuals <i>attending</i> learning, training, and network events | 412 |
| Total drops-in | 13 |
| Trips | 10 |
| People on trips | 173 |
| Organisations participating in educational, training, and networking events | 16 |









Club 55+

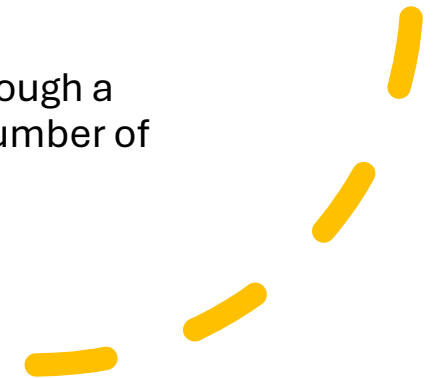
- Uniting elderly people into a group that can subsequently exist independently for joint leisure and mutual assistance.
- 35 people
- Regular group drop-in
- Trips
- F2F sessions



Ukrainian Survey

The Ukrainian Survey and Report

- Purpose to **better understand this community's needs**, we undertook a Survey between July and August of 2024.
- *The purpose of the survey is to obtain data from adult Ukrainians living locally on the topic of:*
 - *housing issues,*
 - *employability,*
 - *general questions,*
 - *visa issues,*
 - *integration of children.*
- Data collection method: Data was obtained through a questionnaire in a Google form, anonymous. Number of respondents: 102





Sussex VCSE Leaders Alliance

- Recruited and appointed an Independent Chair.
- Further developed the Sussex VCSE Leaders Alliance ('SVLA'), successfully submitting a proposal for NHS funding to:
 - Establish a new executive SVLA Team of 4 Strategic Leads across Sussex, hosted by Community Works, Community People in West Sussex and East Sussex Community Voice)
 - Enable the VCSE 'Strategic Voice' within the Integrated Care System, ensuring that VCSE Representatives help to shape key areas of work, such as the development of Integrated Community Teams.
 - Identify opportunities for greater collaboration between the VCSE Sector and Health and Care Partners across Sussex.



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• LEADERS ALLIANCE •





Looking ahead...prioritising:

- Completing the review and update of our new strategic plan for the organisation
- Supporting the organisation as we continue to navigate and operate in a challenging financial context
- Build on our Climate Action work
- Continuation and development of the commitment across the organisation to improve our diversity and inclusion work and create more inclusive and safe working spaces
- Development work related to increasing VCSE leadership engagement with changing NHS structures locally and across Sussex
- Continuing to identify new areas of delivery based on needs of our partners and members

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Tea Break



VCSE Key Messages & Local Priorities



Our new Key Messages

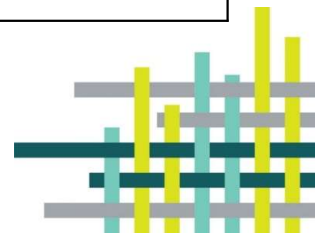
Key Messages, crafted by our members at last year's AGM to capture the VCSE's critical skills, resources, and value in shaping policy and decisions:

1. The VCSE is a valuable partner to the statutory sector. Involving us in strategic decision-making and co-design, as well as service delivery, is more efficient and impactful
2. Collaborating with the VCSE helps to prevent problems and improve the wellbeing and safety of people and communities. Loss of the sector undermines the local offer
3. Partnering with the VCSE helps to achieve equity and inclusion, by addressing barriers for under-served communities and facilitating greater involvement
4. The VCSE can help statutory partners to access resources, including funding and volunteers



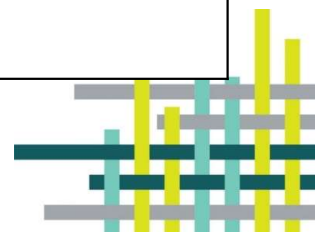
Local Priorities

| Brighton & Hove City Council plan | Adur & Worthing Councils plan |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A city to be proud of - accessible, clean, sustainable, attracts talent and business2. Fair and inclusive - safe, welcoming, a home for everyone3. Healthy - reduce inequalities and enable independent living4. Well run council - listening to communities | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. People - healthy, housed, access to culture and leisure activities2. Places - clean, safe, active travel, sense of belonging and participation3. Environment - carbon net zero by 2045, circular economy, habitat restoration4. Economy - good jobs and businesses, regeneration of public spaces |



Local Priorities

| West Sussex County Council plan | NHS Sussex plan |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keeping people safe from vulnerable situations2. A sustainable and prosperous economy3. Helping people and communities to fulfil their potential4. Making the best use of resources <p>(all of which are underpinned by protecting the environment)</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. People live healthier, longer and more fulfilling lives2. Better information sharing across the system3. Bring health and care services together around the community4. Reduce health inequalities – 14 year difference in life expectancy depending on where you live in Sussex |



Collaboration on local priorities

- 1. Barriers - what gets in the way of working together?**
- 2. Facilitators - what helps us to work together?**
- 3. What's needed - what can Community Works do? What can we all do?**



Lunch

Bon Appétit!



Thank you!

