

England Volunteering Development Council

The England Volunteering Development Council (EVDC) is a high-level mechanism, independent of Volunteering England's governance structure, through which Volunteering England aims to fulfill its representative function on behalf of its membership, engaging both with government and opposition parties. It aims to capture the collective intelligence of volunteer-involving organisations, volunteering infrastructure providers and of volunteers to provide a powerful, coordinated lobby to steer government policy and community action.

Terms of Reference

The EVDC will work to promote volunteering as an important expression of citizenship in England by:

- maintaining a strategic overview of volunteering development in England;
- monitoring delivery of the volunteering infrastructure strategy;
- engaging in dialogue with Government, advocating for the appropriate allocation of resources for volunteering;
- influencing the volunteering, social policy and legislative agenda at national level;
- informing and strengthening volunteering policy development and good practice across the country;
- promoting implementation of the Compact Volunteering Code of Good Practice;
- working with Government, together with regional and local government, to promote a dynamic, viable, integrated, sustainable and accountable volunteering infrastructure

Membership

Membership of the EVDC will be open to Chief Executives (or if there is no Chief Executive, the Chair), or their senior management delegated representative, of organisations in membership of Volunteering England, which are either:

- Generic volunteer development agencies
- Specialist volunteer development agencies
- National volunteer-involving organisations
- Generic voluntary sector infrastructure organisations, including funders.

Places on the Council will be allocated to representatives, chosen through consultation with their own constituency, as follows:

- **Volunteering England** - the Chair and two other trustees
 - Dr Mike Nussbaum (Chair, Volunteering England)
 - Carol Kincaid (County Coordinator Kent Volunteers, Kent County Council)
 - Neil Kerfoot (National Volunteer Coordinator, British Heart Foundation)

- **Local volunteer development agencies** - one each from the nine regions of England (who are neither trustees of Volunteering England or non-trustee committee members)
 - Anne Brogan (Exeter CVS - S-W Region)
 - Martin Preston (Sefton Volunteer Bureau - N-W Region)
 - Jamie Wilcox (Greater London Volunteering – London Region)
 - James Collins (Volunteering West Midlands – West Midlands Region)
 - Lynne Kent (ShIPLEY Volunteer Centre – Yorkshire and Humber Region)
 - Gill Robinson (Suffolk Volunteering Federation - Eastern Region)
 - Anne Lyall (Manager, Castle Morpeth and Wansbeck Volunteer Centre - North East Region)
 - Ken Dufton (Chief Executive, Eastleigh Community Services - South East Region)
 - Hilary Wells (Beeston Volunteer Centre - East Midlands Region)

- **Specialist volunteering development agencies** – one each from:
 - YouthNet (Fiona Dawe, Chief Executive)
 - TimeBank (Moirra Swinbank, Chief Executive)
 - Media Trust (Caroline Diehl, Chief Executive)
 - CEMVO (Hazel Brittan, Regional Volunteer Co-ordinator, South West Region)
 - National Association of Hospital and Community Friends (David Wood, Chief Executive)
 - Business in the Community/CARES (Peter Davies, Deputy Chief Executive)
 - Student Volunteering England (Graham Allcott, Chief Executive)
 - Youth Action Network (Georgina Watts, Chief Executive)
 - REACH (Sue Evans, Chief Executive)
 - R.S.V.P

- School Governors' One Stop Shop (Steve Acklam, Chief Executive)
 - National Mentoring Network (Peter Collins, Chief Executive)
 - Time Banks UK (Martin Simon, Chief Executive)
 - Charity Trustee Networks (Karen Heenan, Executive Director)
 - International Business Leaders Forum – Engage Campaign (Amanda Bowman, Director)
 - Sport England (Lisa Wainwright, Senior Development Manager (Volunteers))
- **Corporate sector** -one each from Volunteering England's major corporate supporters:
 - Clare Gardner (PriceWaterhouseCoopers)
 - Matt Sparkes (Barclays)
 - Dave Hancock (British Telecom)
 - Chris Staples (Zurich Financial Services)
- **Volunteer involving sectors** - one each from the following;
 - Sport
 - Christine de Cruz (England and Wales Cricket Board)
 - Heritage
 - Jenny Baker (Head of Volunteers, National Trust)
 - The Arts
 - David Barrie (Director, National Arts Collection Fund)
 - Research
 - Stephen Gee (Cancer Research UK)
 - Humanitarian Aid
 - Philip Rosser (Head of Volunteering, British Red Cross)
 - Conservation
 - Richard Williams (Group Development Director, BTCV)
 - Emergency Services
 - Mark Lever (Chief Executive, WRVS)
 - Listening Services
 - Chris James (Director of Volunteer Resources, Samaritans)
 - Environment
 - Alan Murray (Manager Youth and Volunteering, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)
 - Crime Reduction
 - Christopher Dare (National Youth Projects Co-ordinator, NACRO)
 - Health
 - Glynis Atherton (Director of Regional Development, Motor Neurone Disease Association)
 - Social Care
 - Bryan Dutton CBE (Chief Executive, Leonard Cheshire)

- Disability
 - Karen Frances (Head of Volunteering, Royal National Institute for the Blind)
- Learning Disability
 - Karon Nicol (Head of Leisure, Mencap)
- HIV/AIDS
 - Elisabeth Crafer (Director, Positively Women)
- Children's Services
 - David Booker (Head of Volunteer Development, Barnardos)
- Children's Rights
 - Sarah Tedder (Volunteer Opportunity Manager, Save the Children)
- Youth
 - Girlguiding UK (Denise King, Chief Executive)
- Black and Minority Ethnic
- Faith groups
 - Suzanna Galbraith, (Head of Personnel, the Methodist Church)
- Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrant Workers
 - Lynne Gillett (Volunteering Development Manager, Evelyn Oldfield Unit)
- International Development
 - Matthew Reed (Church and Community Director, Christian Aid)
- Victims of Torture
 - Malcolm Smart (Director, Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture)
- Community Development
- Regeneration
- Education
- Older People
 - Nikki Squelch (National Volunteer Development Officer, Age Concern)
- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual
 - Teresa Sharpe (Consortium of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Voluntary and Community Organisations)
- **Generic voluntary sector Infrastructure agencies, including funders** - one each from:
 - National Council of Voluntary Organisations (Tesse Akpeki, Head of Trustee and Governance)
 - Central Council for Physical Recreation – Margaret Talbot, Chief Executive
 - Help the Hospices (Jean Hindmarch, Director of Education, Training and Awards)
 - National Association of Council of Voluntary Service (Kevin Curley, Chief Executive)

- BASSAC (Ben Hughes, Chief Executive)
- National Youth Agency (Tom Wylie, Chief Executive)
- Help the Aged (Claire Greenhalge, Innovations Manager)
- Community Matters
- Community Development Foundation
- ACRE (Canon John Brown, Chair)
- Association of Charitable Foundations
- The Big Lottery

On joining the Council, members will be expected to:

- Be up to date with their membership subscription to Volunteering England
- Engage actively in implementation of the volunteering infrastructure strategy, *Building on Success*
- Sign up to the undertakings of members of the Council

Undertakings

Members of the Council will be asked to undertake to:

- attend meetings, or to send their apologies in advance;
- prepare for the meeting by reading papers circulated in advance;
- propose agenda items two weeks before the Council meets;
- take responsibility for ensuring that they can represent the views of their constituency to the Council;
- respect the strategic, sector-wide nature of the Council, as separate from the governance of Volunteering England and from inter-organisational agendas;
- complete any tasks which they undertake to do in the course of meetings;
- meet the costs of participation in the Council;
- declare any potential conflict of interest at the start of each meeting;
- bring to the attention of the Council any issues which they feel should be of concern to the Council as soon as possible

Methods of Working

- The President of the Council will be the President of Volunteering England;
- The Chair of Council meetings will be the Chief Executive of Volunteering England;
- The Secretariat of the Council will be provided by Volunteering England;
- Agendas and papers will be circulated one week in advance of meetings;
- The Council will meet 4 times a year, 11.00 a.m. - 3.00p.m. in central London, with dates being set annually;

- There may be additional consultation between meetings in response to events as they arise;
- Such consultation may be electronic or postal, or by convening a sub-group;
- Government representatives and members of opposition parties will be invited to attend meetings of the Council when appropriate;
- The Council will maintain links with key strategic bodies in England, including the other *ChangeUp* hubs;
- Links will also be maintained with the United Kingdom Volunteering Forum and with the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) to inform, and be informed by, work at the UK and European levels;
- The Council will undertake an annual review of its terms of reference, membership, undertakings, methods of working and achievements.

Dates of future meetings

- Wednesday 1 December 2004
- Thursday 17 March 2005
- Thursday 16 June 2005
- Thursday 15 September 2005
- Thursday 8 December 2005