

Volunteering

Suffolk Volunteering Federation aims to promote, develop and entrench volunteering, to raise standards of volunteer management, enable best practice and improve the volunteer experience. As volunteers are the lifeblood of the vast majority of Suffolk groups and volunteering is a major focus of government, this is a vital area for leadership, development and support.

Activity	Detail	Key 2007/08 Objectives	Measures/ Milestones	Officers	Current position
Partnership working and representation	SVF Partners	Development of Suffolk Volunteering Federation	35 partners by 2008	SVFM	31 partners
	England Volunteering Development Council nationally and regionally	Continue EVDC membership nationally, increasing representation of and communication with East of England Volunteer Centres and liaising with regional EVDC	Effective communication with all 39 Volunteer Centres	SVFM	EVDC meetings now to be reduced to 3 a year
	V E Regional Volunteering Group	Regular meetings with leads on volunteering from the six counties	Information and best practice exchange	SVFM	On-going
	One Voice Suffolk Consortium	Continuing engagement with OVS partners through LIP leads	Delivery of LIP work plan for SVF	SVFM	Plan now delivered
	Suffolk Sport	Grow awareness of generic and specialist infrastructure to sports volunteering groups and of sports volunteering groups to infrastructure services	In partnership with Suffolk Sport, to help deliver the county sports strategy and action plan, cross cutting with volunteering strategy for Suffolk	SVFM	Continuing engagement with Suffolk Sport
	Suffolk Compact	SVF lead partner on Compact Code of Good Practice in Volunteering	Revised Code now in place – to be disseminated as part of Volunteering Strategy	SVFM	Code in the form of a poster now sent to 2500 VCS and statutory organisations across Suffolk

	Local Infrastructure Partnerships	Presence as required in an advisory capacity	Embed volunteering strategy in action planning of LIPs	SVFM	Achieved
	Volunteer Centre Mid-Suffolk	Presence in advisory capacity	To assist with change management	SVFM	On-going
	Young Suffolk Volunteer Partnership	In partnership with county youth organisations	In partnership with county youth organisations, to help deliver the county youth volunteering strategy and action plan, cross cutting with the volunteering strategy for Suffolk	SVFM and other partners	On-going
	Suffolk Constabulary	In partnership with Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams	To develop volunteering opportunities within teams and source funding for Volunteer Co-ordinator and volunteering programme	SVFM, Suffolk Police	SSG have now approved funding
	Suffolk's Cultural Volunteering Dynamic	In partnership with statutory and voluntary agencies, develop and launch "Cultural Volunteering Dynamic	Assisting with cultural recruitment campaigns in 2007	SVFM, Suffolk Sport and SCC	Resources in place, plans underway
Volunteering reconfiguration	With SVF partners to develop new ways of delivering volunteering services across the county	Change management	Continuing dialogue with SCC ACS	SVF Manager and partners	On-going
Volunteering Campaigns	"Volunteer in Suffolk"	County lo-cost telephone number and other marketing materials	Good Practice toolkit to be developed 2007-08	SVFM	By March 2008

	LAA objectives	LSP community strategy specific volunteer recruitment campaigns over the two year period	Provisional decisions on five campaigns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enviro-volunteering • Befriending • Youth engagement in local democracy • CT driver recruitment • Neighbourhood Watch 	SVFM and partners	Campaigns identified – two in progress
Volunteering research	Scoping Citizenship and Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to increase levels for volunteering as per LPSA stretch targets • Develop Volunteer Interviewers project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until March 2008 • Further projects to be developed for Ipswich Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVFM as part of advisory group • SVFM as part of advisory group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive summary of research distributed to VCS in Jan 2007 • Further discussion in January 2007
	SVF	Survey of how VIO's recruit, support and retain volunteers and how they view the services of VCs	Desk based research	SVFM and VCs	20 organisations interviewed – more to be done as part of VC Framlingham work plan
	SVF	To establish levels of usage of V-Base across VCs	Desk based research	SVFM	All VCs by March 2007
Training and One to One support	Information, advice and guidance	1-2-1's with individuals and groups	Deliver to 50 groups or individuals per year	SVFM	IA&G given to 180 groups/individuals in 2006
	Suffolk Carers	Deliver "soft skills" training to "Family Carers into Learning"	Deliver 13 sessions by March 2007 (continuing through to 2008)	SVFM	On target
	PROUD (Suffolk ACRE)	Personal development opportunities training for women	Deliver to 175 learners by March 2008	SVFM	Courses dated for 2007

	Marketing	“Marketing for non-marketeers” training delivered across the county	Facilitate 13 sessions by March 2008	SVFM	See Learning and Development
	Business Engagement	Business Engagement training delivered across the county	Facilitate 8 sessions by March 2008	SVFM	See Learning and Development
	Learning to Drive	E-tutoring for SAVO Trusteeship e-learning programme		SVFM	
LSP work	Caring Cards	This initiative will roll out the pilot of the West Suffolk Consortium for Voluntary Organisations in the WSLSP area	2000 businesses targeted in five LSP areas over the two year period	SVFM and partners	Update, review and reprint of Caring Cards in June 2007
	“Volunteer Flying Squad” is a Suffolk-wide initiative offering new opportunities to fulfil business objectives and contribute to community well being through linking employers and their employees to local community needs.	Provides new volunteering opportunities in the area of employer supported volunteering, enabling employees to develop or acquire new skills while participating in projects that bring real benefit to a community and to individuals.	Ten employer supported volunteering initiatives over the two year period	SVFM and partners	Work in progress – starts June 07
Volunteering Strategy	“Volunteer in Suffolk – a strategy for 2006-2009”	As part of the LIP leads commissioning, work to embed the strategy in the action plans of the partners and wider community	Strategy in pdf (and hard copy by 08.01.07) and disseminated to partners and wider VCS	SVFM	On target
SVF Equipment	Volunteering Vans	Marketing to promote use of vans	20 hires over 12 month period	SVFM	Work in progress – starts early 2007
New projects	Volunteering Information and Communication Exchange in Suffolk (VOICES)	A virtual/real time support network for those responsible for managing volunteers	50 members signed up by July 2007	SVFM	Launched June 2007

