

Harrow VCS Forum

Together we make a bigger difference

ABOUT US

Mission Statement: To bring together local voluntary and community groups to present an effective voice for Harrow's non profit, non governmental sector in order to improve the quality of life for people and their communities.

“Have your say about the issues which directly affect you.”

The Harrow Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Forum brings together local groups, organisations, community workers and partners to identify local issues of mutual interest and need, and work in a collaborative way to find solutions.

The purpose and role of the Harrow VCS Forum is to encourage a stronger, more vibrant VCS in Harrow. We will soon be setting up quarterly meetings which will be a great opportunity to network, share information and connect with other organisations and groups in Harrow.

Draft event programme

1. What would we like to see the VCS Forum do in the future

- **Engagement and Lobbying with the Council and Statutory Organisations**
An illustration of the current working relationship between the sector and the Local Authority / NHS
- **Illustrate the need for a broad membership base**
How can we improve VCS Partnership working, collaboration and networking
- **Highlight potential Project/Sector Areas and Future Themes**
What areas do organisations want to see the Forum be active in

2. How does the council view the current relationship with the sector

- **Impact of Council Changes on the Sector**
How do council changes and budget pressures affect the sector
- **Councils regeneration plans**
Presentation on the plans for new developments across the borough
- **Council Tax Support Scheme**
Council presentation and feedback/consultation

3. Borough Based Partnership - NHS/VCS/LA partnership

How do health services interact and work with the VCS and Local Authority

4. Q&A with council

An opportunity to ask the councils leadership questions

5. Networking and meeting feedback

An opportunity to network and to help shape the future work of the Forum

Re-launch event

Date - 16th September

Time - 11am to 1.30pm

Venue - The Lodge,
64 Pinner Road,
Harrow HA1 4HZ

Future event items.....

Make Every Contact Count (MECC)
LBH PH Presentation

Warm Hubs
Network presentation

Conversation Cafe
Presentation/Engagement

Green Doctors
Free advice presentation

Housing Department
Homelessness prevention

VCS infrastructure
Update

Food Banks
Network presentation

Working with NHS partners
Borough Based Partnership

Information & Advice
Network presentation

Climate and sustainability
How is Harrow doing

Carers Crisis
What more can be done

Children and young people
Where is support needed