



# Community<sup>CVS</sup>

Support Action Resource Volunteer

## Universal Membership

Community CVS provides the resources and support whether you need to set up a community group, need volunteers, want to volunteer or network with other organisations our team are here to help you.

The Universal Membership is free for VCSFE organisations



# Your membership gives you access to:

## CVS News and Bulletins, and Community CVS Peer Network

- CVS Peer Network Meeting is a Monthly network meeting where professionals and volunteers from all sectors in the borough come together. A great place to find out who does what and where, an informal setting where guest speakers talk about their latest projects, events, activities etc. with an opportunity to network, Breakfast is provided.
- The Community Wall Located in The Mall, this aims to support charities and organisations to spread the word of their services, volunteering opportunities and events. It is there to inform residents of free training, events, community news and volunteering opportunities available in the borough. We also have a “Spotlight on” a particular theme. This information point will include services and organisations offering help and advice on the chosen topic. The Community Wall is Updated weekly.
- CVS Weekly Bulletin is circulated to over 400 members. Bulletins can include any new projects, activities, or events that you are planning. We can also promote job vacancies and volunteering opportunities.



## Access to Community Team Group Development Support

- For Community based grassroots groups based within Blackburn and Darwen,
- Advice and support in areas such as: setting up of groups and committees; and the development of constitutions and governing documents.
- Support in accessing and finding funding Community CVS currently administers the Community Fund (small grants to local grassroots organisations) and Community Asset Fund (small grants for projects aiming to enhance the wellbeing and resilience of the recovery community).
- Support and access to SPARK Recovery and treatment services Community CVS is proud to be a part of the Recovery Collaborative, supporting and empowering people in recovery across the local area.





## Access to Volunteer Plus

- Volunteer Team Online Volunteer Plus Portal We can list and promote your volunteer opportunities on our online volunteering portal to help you recruit volunteers.
- Introduction to Volunteering Expert-led training programme offering modules on essential volunteer skills. Capacity building, we offer capacity-building support to help grow and develop volunteering.
- The Valuing Volunteers Quality Mark Regular workshops provide an overview of best practice with templates and support to develop the policies and procedures you need for involving volunteers.
- Volunteer Brokerage We provide an in-person 1 to 1 brokerage service to help people find their perfect opportunity



## Automatic Membership to the BwD Community Network

Blackburn with Darwen Community Network is a new partnership of Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations and groups in Blackburn with Darwen which has been set up to support positive change in partnership with the Borough Council, the NHS, and other key partners.

### The Purpose of the Community Network

- Take action for what we want to achieve.
- Create a shared plan with key priorities.
- Coordinate work across organisations and networks.
- Involve people who are not normally asked or listened to (“seldom heard voices”).
- Demonstrate our value by gathering information about the sector and about volunteers.
- Promote what everyone does.
- Nominate people to be the voice of the Community Network within the wider society.

