



Members' Code of Conduct

Bournemouth CVS has a duty to protect its good name and of the Voluntary and Community Sector in general. In order to help it do this full Members, and their appointed representatives, and 'friends' of BCVS agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:-

- BCVS exists to support local Voluntary Organisations. It does this in part by facilitating the sharing of ideas and mutual support between Member organisations. All Members agree to work in a spirit of co-operation with others in the sector and to share expertise and knowledge where they are able to do so.
- BCVS is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity in the way it provides its services. Clearly many organisations are set up to serve the needs of specific groups of people however Member groups should not otherwise discriminate in such a way as would breach the BCVS Equal Opportunities Policy.
- Where issues are being debated at forums facilitated by BCVS, or at BCVS General Meetings, Members must declare any specific interest they have in the issue. They must at all times act in what they believe to be the interests of the sector in general in such debates.
- Members have a duty to protect the good name of both BCVS and the local Voluntary Sector. If any Member is dissatisfied with the service provided by the organisation they should use the BCVS complaints procedure to resolve this. Members bringing the organisation into disrepute may have their membership terminated in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of Association.
- Members may site their membership of BCVS in communications with funders and other organisations. They should not however infer that this brings with it a recommendation of any sort.
- Members do not acquire any intellectual or property rights as a result of their membership of the organisation. Should a Member wish to use or reproduce the name and/or logo of BCVS permission should be sought from the Chief Executive.
- Wherever a Member group is appointing a representative to act and/or vote on its behalf at a General Meeting of BCVS the Member group agrees to assist by following the nomination procedure in force at that time. Votes of people purporting to be nominated representatives will not be counted unless this procedure has been followed.