



Bournemouth Council for Voluntary Service

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Outline of Organisation

Bournemouth Council for Voluntary Service (BCVS) is an independent registered charity and company limited by guarantee, which is managed by Trustees. BCVS is a member of the National Association of Voluntary and Community Action, which acts as a network and information resource for the whole of England.

The majority of funding for BCVS and its various projects comes from Government or Local Government sources, while some charges are made for our services (e.g. transport, training etc). Accountability and good practice are essential in all aspects of our work: all staff and volunteers are committed to the highest level of service that we can offer to individuals and organisations.

The core work of BCVS involves promoting voluntary and community action within the Borough of Bournemouth. Information, support and networking are key areas of activity as well as working closely with a wide range of statutory and independent organisation (e.g. Bournemouth Borough Council, Health Authority and Health Trusts, Dorset Learning & Skills Council, Colleges, University, Connexions etc). We are responsible for ensuring that the voluntary sector voice is heard in many aspects of public life – e.g. housing, employment and training, community care, community safety etc.

We work closely with the two other Councils for Voluntary Service in Dorset: Dorset Community Action and Poole Council for Voluntary Service.

Current BCVS projects include:

- Communication and representation- working to ensure that the VCS has a voice and influence in the shaping of local policy.
- Organisational development- helping people to set up and run voluntary organisations.
- Bournemouth Volunteer Centre, delivered in partnership with Poole CVS.
- Voluntary Youth Sector Development – working to support and promote good practice to the diverse range of young people’s organisations in the voluntary sector: and ensure channels of communication with Bournemouth’s Youth Service.
- Community Transport – comprising Shopmobility, Bournemouth Accessible Transport (BAT), Hospital Visiting and the Social Car Scheme.
- We have a wide range of resources available including publications and equipment.
- Through our community development role we offer information and training and are closely involved in numerous other local initiatives and multi-agency partnerships e.g. Housing Forum, Youth Liaison, Community Safety Executive, Anti-Poverty Forum etc.

SUPPORTING THE THIRD SECTOR

Community Development : Resources : Information : Training
Volunteering : Bournemouth Community Transport
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