

Organisations which contributed to this survey

1st Bournemouth Boys Brigade ~ Christian teachings, sports, badge classes & summer camps

30th Bournemouth Sea Scout Group ~ Provides opportunities for the development of nautical skills and seamanship training.

Barnardo's ~ Helps the most vulnerable children and young people to transform their lives and fulfil their potential.

Beaufort Community Association ~ Offers a wide range of activities for all the community

Boscombe Toy Library ~ Provides opportunity to borrow toys and provides a play session alongside.

Bournemouth & District Remap Panel ~ Engineers giving help to the disabled by creation/ adaptation of equipment.

Bournemouth & District Table Tennis Association ~ Promotes and coaches young players who are new to the game.

Bournemouth Chinese School ~ Provides a channel to young people learning Chinese languages.

Bournemouth Open Award Centre ~ Bronze, Silver, Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award training.

Bournemouth Sea Cadets ~ A disciplined youth organisation run on the lines of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Bournemouth Thai School ~ Provides an opportunity for children and young people of Thai - English heritage to meet.

Bournemouth Women's Refuge ~ Offers a place of safety for women and children escaping domestic violence

Bournemouth YMCA ~ A Christian charity committed to helping young people.

Butcher's Coppice Scout Camp & Community Outdoor Centre ~ Camping, pioneering, cooking, fire fighting, etc

Charminster Community Youth Project ~ Provides a weekly youth club and twice weekly drop-in at Parish Centre.

Day Break - Wessex Family Group ~ Works with families where there is a child or vulnerable adult who is in need.

Dorset African Caribbean Society ~ Brings together African and Caribbean people living in Dorset.

Dorset Christian Activity Centre ~ Uses outdoor activities as a means to build self-worth/self-esteem in young people.

Dorset County Scout Council ~ Helps young people to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social & spiritual potential.

Dorset M.E Support Group ~ Offers help and support to those suffering from CFS/ME.

Dorset Young Explorers ~ Develops talents in gifted children, encourages these children to socialise.

Dorset Youth Motor Project ~ Motor project for young people.

Essential Drug and Alcohol Service ~ Supporting people whose life has been adversely affected by substance misuse.

East Dorset Mental Health Carers Forum ~ Representing the interests and concerns of carers.

Elmrise Cool School Gang ~ After school club providing a variety of games and activities.

Ferndown Jitsu Club ~ Jujitsu with ages from 7 - 18.

Fernheath Play Association ~ An inclusive play ground offering open access play provision in West Howe.

Girlguiding (Bournemouth North and South Division) ~ Part of a world-wide movement enabling girls to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society.

Holton Lee ~ Accessible accommodation ideal for holidays, activities, retreats and relaxation.

Home-Start South East Dorset ~ Promotes the welfare of families with at least one child under 5 yrs of age.

Hyped ~ Provides one high support house and one low support house for homeless young people aged between 16 - 25.

Ican ~ Provides a variety of services for children with complex communication disabilities.

Julia's House Children's Hospice Service ~ A Dorset children's hospice service in the community and at Julia's House

Kinson & West Howe Children's Centre ~ A community based initiative aiming to support parents.

Kinson Community Association ~ A Community Centre open to everyone with 89 clubs, 14 rooms and halls.

Littledown Trampoline Club ~ Provides a high quality level of coaching for all members.

Nacro (Football For All) ~ Making society safer by funding practical solutions to reducing crime.

North Bournemouth Methodist Youth Groups ~ Emotional, physical and spiritual support for young people.

Poole & District Physically Disabled & Able Bodied Club ~ Encourages integration within the wider community.

Rainbow Parents Group ~ A support group for parents of children with a disability.

RLSS Boscombe Voluntary Lifeguards ~ A voluntary beach lifeguard service operating in Boscombe.

Round Table Children's Wish ~ Grants wishes to children who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

Safe Partnership ~ Secures the homes of victims of burglary and domestic violence.

Shelter ~ Free confidential advice and advocacy for people who are homeless or in housing need.

Shine Girl ~ A self-esteem course for year 7 and 8 girls.

Space Youth Project ~ Support and social groups for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered and questioning young people.

Springbourne Family Support ~ Support, advice and practical facilities for families with pre-school children.

St. John's Mother & Toddler Group ~ Providing activities including painting, singing, cooking, and much more.

St. Mark's Church Time-Out Youth Group ~ Church youth club with hall based activities and some trips out.

St. Philip's Church Community Project ~ Church based community work including toddler group, parenting courses etc.

St. John's Ambulance - Talbot Quadrilateral Division ~ First aid, transport and care providers.

Teddy's Learning Centre ~ Key Life skills courses for parents with child care on site and more

Townsend Youth Centre - The Endz ~ Youth Centre with a variety of opportunities.

Vita Nova ~ Drug and alcohol awareness, training and education through drama, talks and workshops.

Wallisdown & Alderney District Guides ~ Part of a world-wide movement enabling girls to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society.

Umoja Arts Network ~ African Caribbean Arts organisation.

State of the Voluntary Sector Survey 2006- Children & Young People's organisations

Research into the voluntary and community sector working in Bournemouth in 2006

Introduction

The voluntary and community sector has a long and pioneering history in the field of child welfare. Its current involvement in the provision of services for young people, children and their families is huge and represents an essential link between children and young people and the communities in which they live.

In Bournemouth the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership wishes to promote the growth of the community and voluntary sector and in order to begin this process they commissioned Bournemouth Council for Voluntary Service to carry out a survey to establish the current situation by:

- Identifying the size and scope of community and voluntary groups offering a service within Bournemouth.
- Evaluating their contribution to the local economy.
- Recording the contributions of staff, both paid and unpaid, working within the voluntary and community sector.

Organisations working with children and young people make up a substantial and unique section of the local voluntary sector. Using funding provided under the Government's Change Up programme we were able to build on our previous research and produce this report identifying exclusively the contribution of these groups.

In total 57 voluntary and community organisations working with children and young people responded to the survey. The results are presented below and give a snapshot of the state of the sector in Bournemouth in the period January 2006 - December 2006. It is the first in a number of surveys which will be carried out annually over the next few years in order to monitor changes in the sector.

Methodology

A total of 216 community and voluntary groups were targeted for the survey. Grant giving trusts and national organisations providing limited services in Bournemouth were not included. At the beginning of 2007 a questionnaire was sent out and this was followed over a twelve week period with a letter and subsequent telephone calls. 144 of the target groups responded giving a 67% response rate. This compares very favourably with the average response rate for postal surveys of around 20%. We would expect an even higher response rate to any future surveys of this nature.

Only the raw data of the 57 responding children & young people's organisations are reported within this document and the figures have not been adjusted to reflect non-respondents. The findings therefore represent very conservative estimates of the value of the sector.

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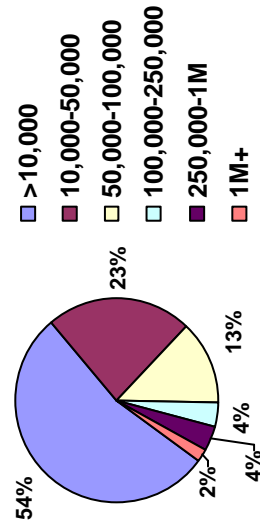
SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS FROM RESPONDING ORGANISATIONS

The findings which are presented here relate only to the 57 organisations which responded to the survey.

Gross income of Organisations

Organisations were asked to select from a series of income bands.

Proportion of VCS groups by annual income

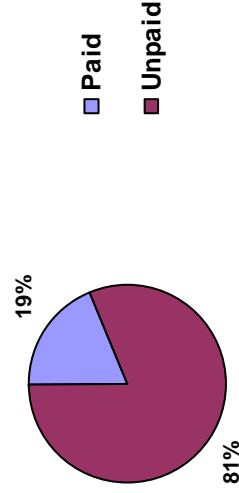


The largest proportion of organisations have an income of less than £10,000. Just 6% of those who responded had an income of £250,000 and over.

Numbers of paid staff and volunteers working in the organisations

321 paid staff were employed by the responding organisations supporting 1387 volunteers.

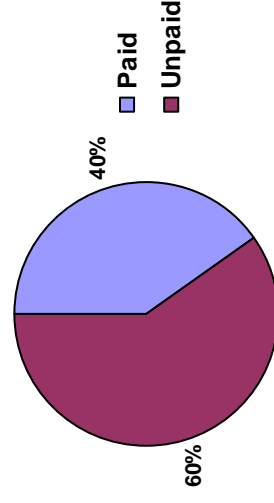
Numbers of paid vs. unpaid workers in VCS



Number of hours worked by paid staff and volunteers

Paid staff worked a total of 4,391 hours per week. This equates to an average of only 14 hours per worker per week reflecting the low levels of funding within the sector and the part-time nature of much work with younger people. Volunteers worked a total of 5,859 hours per week. After adjusting for annual leave, paid staff worked an estimated 205,500 hours per year while volunteers worked an estimated 304,668 hours per year.

Proportion of hours worked by paid vs. unpaid workers in VCS



The economic contribution of the voluntary and community organisations

The results show that the organisations responding contributed £3.70 million directly to the economy of Bournemouth in 2006. This figure has been calculated by adding together the total gross income of the responding groups. £1.78 million of this was contributed by local statutory organisations.

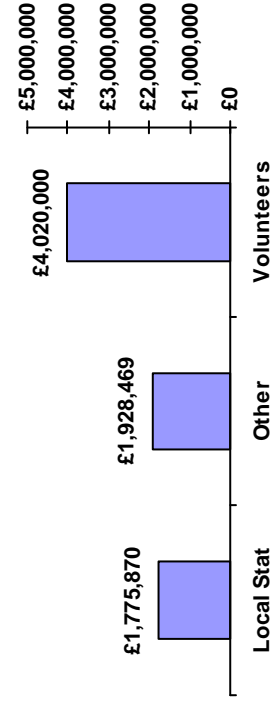
The direct and indirect economic contribution

In addition to the £1.78 million contributed by local statutory organisations the respondents generated a further £1.92 million from other sources such as charging for services, fundraising events, grants from trusts and legacies.

The income generated was also used to support 1387 volunteers. A total of 304,668 hours was contributed by the volunteers in 2006. Valuing this time at the national average wage rate¹ equates to an indirect economic contribution of £4.02 to the Bournemouth economy.

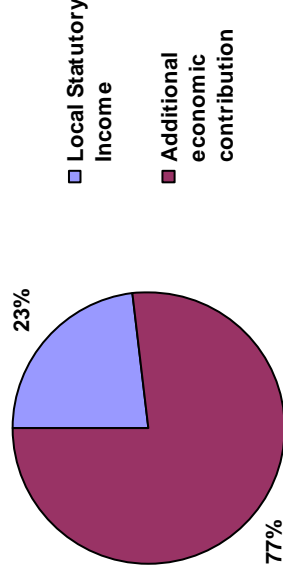
¹ Source: Annual survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), Analysis by all employees 2006

Direct and indirect economic benefit from various sources



By adding the indirect economic benefit of £4.02 million provided by voluntary work to the £1.92 million generated from other sources, it can be seen that for every £1 contributed by the local statutory agencies an estimated additional £3.33 of economic benefit was generated from elsewhere.

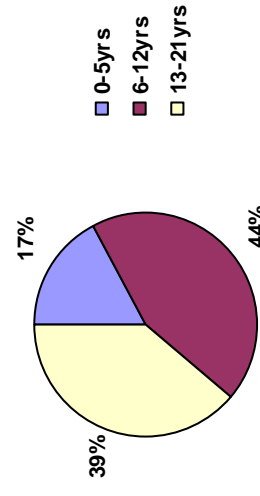
Proportion of local statutory income compared to total direct and indirect economic contribution



Numbers of Service Users

The organisations responding reported that 13,925 people used their services in 2006. This is approximately one third of the population in the relevant age range of 39,990. While there will be an element of double counting as some young people may use the services of more than one organisation, usage of the services provided by the sector in Bournemouth is clearly very substantial.

Proportion of service users by age range



Response Rate and basis of reporting figures

33% of voluntary and community organisations did not respond, including some of the largest voluntary organisations in Bournemouth. So, the figures presented in this report could be reasonably multiplied by 1.5 to give a better indication of the true figures and a more accurate estimation of the impact of the voluntary and community sector on the town.

Concluding Remarks

The Children and Young Peoples Voluntary Sector have pioneered services which are innovative, flexible and responsive. They have led the way in reaching out to marginalised communities, campaigning for change, educating the statutory authorities and providing a voice for the dispossessed and disadvantaged.

Specialist skills have been developed enabling them to work creatively to reach out to children and young people about whom there may be a level of concern. This early intervention prevents problems becoming entrenched and more difficult and costly to resolve and is crucial in enabling the objectives of 'Every Child Matters' to be achieved.

Investing in the voluntary and community sector as has been demonstrated will show significant returns. The local authority voluntary sector grants programme must be maintained as it is a crucial part of the local funding mix and remains a particularly important source of funding for small groups wishing to provide additional opportunities for children and young people.

It is essential that current levels of funding to the sector be maintained and enhanced in order to bring long term benefits to children, young people and their families across Bournemouth.

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The Children and Young People Voluntary Sector Forum meets regularly and is open to any voluntary or community organisation providing services to Children and Young People in Bournemouth. For details of meetings, to register your group or for a copy of the full report of this research please contact:

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