

Throughout the year, CVSF (the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum) hosts different types of events aimed at reflecting the diversity of the community and voluntary sector and providing something of relevance for all CVSF members.

Whether you are from a small grassroots group run entirely by volunteers or a large infrastructure organisation with paid staff, there should be something that meets your needs for information, collaboration and support.

For the most up to date information about CVSF events, visit our online events calendar.

www.cvsectorforum.org.uk/events

Colour code

CVSF events

CVSF network meetings



CVSF events for elected representatives



Other events CVSF is involved in

CVSF Elected Reps Lunch

Wednesday 22 September 2010, 12.00 – 2.00pm in Community Base, Brighton

A chance for elected representatives to network, catch up and discuss the future of representation activity in the city.

Mental Health Network

Thursday 23 September 2010, 9.30 – 11.30pm in Brighton Junction, Brighton

Big Society Discussion, (CVSF Viewpoint)

Thursday 23 September 2010, 5.00 – 7.30pm in Conference Room One, Jubilee Library, Brighton A discussion aimed at small community and voluntary groups on the government's Big Society agenda and what it means for Brighton and Hove's communities. This discussion is being co-facilitated by the Urban Forum.

Housing Providers Network

Friday 24 September 2010, 9.30 – 12.00pm in Brighton Junction, Brighton

Learning Disability Together Network

Tuesday 28 September 2010, 9.30 – 1.00pm in BMECP Centre, 10 A Fleet Street, Brighton

Future of the NHS, (CVSF viewpoint)

Thursday 30 September 2010, 12.30 – 2.00pm in Roundhill Room, Brighthelm, Brighton
An opportunity to input into the B&H LINk's consultation response to the government's health white paper. For more information visit www.bhlink.org

Big Society discussion, (CVSF Viewpoint)

Thursday 14 October 2010, 5.00 – 7.30pm Date and venue tbc

A discussion aimed at small community and voluntary groups on the government's Big Society agenda and what it means for Brighton and Hove's communities. This discussion is being co-facilitated by the Urban Forum.

B&H LINk Steering Group

Monday 18 October 2010, 12.15 – 2.30pm in Stanmer Room, Brighthelm, Brighton

CVSF Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 20 October 2010, 5.00 – 8.30pm in BMECP Centre, 10A Fleet Street, Brighton Come along to the CVSF AGM, network with other members and have your say on the future of CVSF.

Children and Young People's Network

Thursday 4 November 2010, 2.00 – 4.00pm in Community Base, Brighton

CVSF Lunch 'n Meet

Wednesday 10 November 2010, 12.00 – 2.00pm, Stanmer Room, Brighthelm, Brighton Have lunch, network, and have your say on the future of CVSF.

Change up Consortium

Tuesday 16 November 2010, 2.30 – 5.00pm venue tbc

B&H LINk Steering Group

Wednesday 17 November 2010, 12.15 – 2.30pm in Stanmer Room, Brighthelm, Brighton

Future of Fundraising/CVSF Your Space Conference

Tuesday 23 November 2010, 9.30 – 4.30pm, venue tbc

The Change up Consortium working with the Equalities Coalition is hosting a conference for any group with an interest in finding out about some of the changes happening in the city. There will be keynote speakers, workshops on personalisation, intelligent commissioning, funding, and measuring social impact, as well as other activities and information stalls. In the afternoon, there will be a series of CVSF Your Space workshops. The discussions for the workshops are yet to be confirmed but may include the Big Society, the Comprehensive Spending Review, and housing issues. Is there anything you want to discuss? Get in touch with a member of the CVSF staff team to suggest a theme for a CVSF Your Space workshop.

Learning Disability Together Network

Wednesday I December, 1.00 – 4.30pm, venue tbc

B&H LINk Steering Group

Wednesday 16 December 2010, 12.15 – 2.30pm in Stanmer Room, Brighthelm, Brighton

Mental Health Network

Wednesday 16 December 2010, 2.00 – 4.00pm in Brighton Junction, Brighton

Consultation on Council's Budget, TBC

Tuesday II January 2011, 2.00 – 5.00pm venue tbc

CVSF reps elections

Monday 17 January 2011

Call out for nominations for elected representatives.

Community Safety (CVSF Viewpoint)

Monday 24 January 2011, 6.00 – 8.00pm venue tbc

Learning Disability Together Network

Thursday 27 January 2011, 9.30 – 1.00pm venue tbc

Children and Young People's Network

Wednesday 9 February 2011, 10.00 – 12.00pm in Community Base, Brighton

CVSF rep elections

Thursday 17 February, 5.00pm
Nominations for elected representatives close.

CVSFYour Space, voting for elected reps

Tuesday I March 2011, 9.30 – 1.00pm, venue tbc Come and meet those standing for election, cast your vote, network with CVSF members and discuss issues of importance to you.

Is there anything you want to discuss? Get in touch with a member of the CVSF staff team to suggest a theme for a workshop.

CVSF rep elections

Tuesday I March 2011, 10.00am Voting for elected representatives opens.

Learning Disability Together Network

Wednesday 16 March 2011, 1.00 – 4.30pm venue tbc

CVSF rep elections

Wednesday 23 March 2011, 5.00pm Voting for elected representatives closes.

CVSF Lunch 'n Meet, and results of the CVSF reps elections

Thursday 24 March 2011, 12.00 – 2.00pm, venue tbc

Come and network, have a bite to eat, and listen to the results of the CVSF reps elections.

Rep elections timetable at a glance

Monday 17 January 2011 Call out for nominations for elected representatives.

Thursday 17 February 2011, 5.00pm Nominations for elected representatives close.

Tuesday I March 2011, 10.00am Voting for elected representatives opens

Wednesday 23 March 2011, 5.00pm Voting for elected representatives closes.

Thursday 24 March 2011, I.00pm Results of the CVSF rep elections.

Interested in standing for election as a CVSF rep?

A 6 week training course for those interested in being a CVSF elected rep will run from early November.

To find out more, contact Libby: libby@cvsectorforum.org.uk or call 01273 810 237.

Look out for events hosted by the Equalities Coalition in late September, October and January.

The Events

CVSF Your Space events

An opportunity for CVSF members to network and discuss issues of strategic and local importance to the community and voluntary sector.

CVSF Viewpoint events

Bring CVSF members together to discuss a current issue of local or national importance, likely to impact on the community and voluntary sector. From the discussions a CVSF viewpoint on the issue is produced and used by CVSF elected reps in partnership meetings to influence decisions.

CVSF Networks

CVSF hosts a number of networks which meet regularly and bring together members with a shared interest.

The Networks

Children and Young People's Network

The Children and Young People's Network is a network for staff and volunteers from CVSF member organisations working with children, young people and families. The network is a key point of contact for partnership work with the Brighton and Hove Children and Young People's Trust (CYPT).

Mental Health Network

The Mental Health Network brings together volunteers and paid workers from local community and voluntary organisations involved in mental health services.

Housing Providers Network

The Housing Providers Network is a newly formed network for housing providers in the city.

Brighton and Hove Local Involvement Network (B&H LINk) Steering Group meetings:

B&H LINk is an independent network of people and groups who want to help make social and health care better in their local area. The LINk helps people have their say and makes sure that what they say is listened to. B&H LINk has powers to monitor and investigate issues relating to publicly funded health and social care. It can help you to have your say and help improve local health and social care services.

Change up Consortium

The change up consortium is a group of organisations who offer support services to community and voluntary sector organisations and groups such as information and communications, representation of the sector, ICT, training courses, resources hire and one-to-one advice.

Learning Disability Together Network

The Learning Disability Together Network brings together organisations and service providers from different sectors in the city with the aim of creating greater opportunities for members of the learning disability community.

Book your place

Our events are free but please book your place in advance and let us know which workshop you wish to attend. To book, please call Libby Young on 01273 810 237 or email libby@cvsectorforum.org.uk

Special needs

Please let us have reasonable notice of any special needs, such as translation, mobility assistance, dietary requirements and we shall do our best to meet them.

Expenses

CVSF will reimburse reasonable volunteers' travel (eg a saver bus ticket) or childcare expenses on the evening (receipt needed). Expenses above £10 will be reimbursed by cheque after the event, please speak to a member of staff for an expenses claim form.

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