



Portsmouth Voluntary & Community Sector Children & Young People's Alliance

Getting Voices Heard

The Alliance aims to provide clear and effective representation for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Portsmouth by influencing, informing and sharing information about issues affecting children and young people and their families. We currently represent over 90 organisations and our membership continues to expand as we become more widely known in the sector.

Our objectives are to:

- Be children and young people-focussed and to promote positive inclusion and outcomes in all aspects of policy, planning and services that affect their lives
- Support links between voluntary and community organisations and provide networking opportunities to encourage partnership working and sharing of resources and expertise
- Represent the interests and issues of concern to the VCS in strategic and multi-agency partnerships
- Link with representative structures for children and young people

What we offer:

Quarterly briefing sessions on a range of subjects such as: Children & Young People's Plan, Commissioning, Safeguarding, Play Pathfinder, Children's Centres, Community Improvement Partnerships.

Monthly e-newsletter sharing information from across the sector, keeping you better informed.

Workshops – short taster sessions on topics such as reviewing and renewing Child Protection Policies, moving to an outcome-focussed working culture, and making the funding case for staff/volunteer training.

Representation - The Alliance provides accredited representatives on a range of multi-agency partnerships including the Children's Trust Board and the Joint Commissioning Group. The Alliance is a sub-group of Portsmouth's Community Network which provides voluntary and

community sector representation to the Local Strategic Partnership and its Boards.

Children's Workforce Development (CWD) - We are a lead partner in the delivery of CWD to the sector. One of our major contributions is a mapping and training needs analysis of all voluntary and community organisations working with young people in Portsmouth.

Who we are:

The Alliance is accountable to its members via a Steering Group currently made up of -

Community First, for Portsmouth*	Barbara O'Sullivan
Connors Toy Library	Karen Drayton
Dot-to-Dot	Anna Potten
Enable Ability	Richard Soutar
HCVYS	Jacqui Dixon
Home-Start	Louise Boyle
MENCAP	June Christie
Motiv8	Charlie Adie
School Governors' Forum	Frances Anderson-Mooney
YMCA	Emma Corina

How You Can Get Involved:

- Complete a copy of the workforce survey and receive £50 for your organisation
- Become a member of the Steering Group (vacancies exist)
- Become an Alliance Representative on a multi-agency partnership (training and support are offered)
- Sign up as a member – come to our Briefing Events and Workshops
- Suggest themes for future Alliance events and activities

Statutory Partners:

We work closely with our statutory partners and are keen to make new links with organisations sharing a common interest with our members.

Please get in touch if you want to discuss how we can work together.

If you would like further information please contact Barbara O'Sullivan at Community First for Portsmouth*, 338 Commercial Rd. Portsmouth, PO1 4BT (barbara.osullivan@portsmouthccs.org.uk, 023 9288 2429)



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