

How can Volunteer Centres help?

Volunteer Centres provide support at a local level for volunteer involving organisations:

- Helping you find new volunteers
- Giving you advice and support on how to involve volunteers and develop your volunteering programme.

In Lincolnshire all Volunteer Centres are part of the local voluntary / community sector development agency for each district, sometimes known as a CVS (Community and Voluntary Service). Contact details for all Centres are overleaf.

National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) acts as an umbrella body for England's Volunteer Centres, but they are all independent not for profit organisations and are funded in different ways. This sometimes means they work in slightly different ways, but all Volunteer Centres are expected to deliver the following services:

Brokerage – matching people with volunteering opportunities

Volunteer involving organisations can register their opportunities for free with the Volunteer Centre, which then promotes the opportunities to people online, face to face, at events etc. The Volunteer Centre offers potential volunteers advice and information on finding opportunities that match their interests, aims and availability.

Marketing Volunteering

Volunteer Centres get involved in promoting and marketing volunteering through local, regional and national events and campaigns.

Good Practice Development

Volunteer Centres promote good practice in working with volunteers to all volunteer involving organisations, including offering training, advice and resources for people who manage and support volunteers.

Developing Volunteering Opportunities

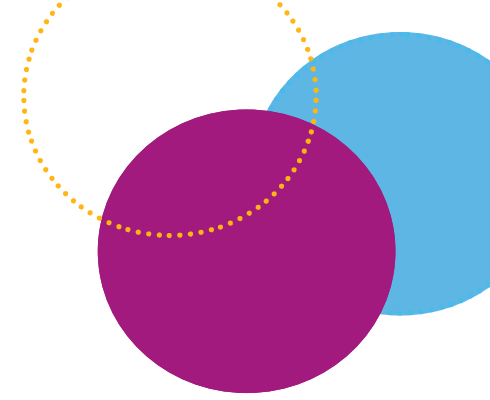
Volunteer Centres help voluntary and community organisations, public sector agencies, social enterprises, local clubs and other groups to develop imaginative and varied volunteering opportunities that meet the organisation's needs whilst at the same time appealing to a diverse range of potential volunteers.

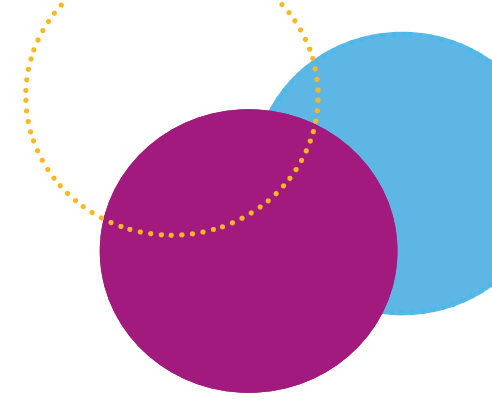
Policy Response and Campaigning

Volunteer Centres may identify proposals or legislation that could impact on volunteering and participate in campaigning on issues that affect volunteers or volunteering.

Strategic Development of Volunteering

Volunteer Centres work to inform strategic thinking and planning at local, sub-regional, regional and national level.





Contact your nearest Volunteer Centre

Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service:

www.lincolnshirecvs.org.uk

Boston, South Kesteven, South Holland, East Lindsey

Tel 01205 510888

Email: enquiry@lincolnshirecvs.org.uk

Voluntary Centre Services:

www.voluntarycentreservices.org.uk

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