



## **Our Mission**

To inform, support and influence the development of opportunities and services to reflect the needs of people, communities and the voluntary sector.

## **Our Vision**

People, communities and the voluntary sector have the opportunities, support and services they need to thrive.

## **Our Values**

- Providing services that reflect the needs of our beneficiaries – based on listening, learning and working in a flexible way.
- Taking an empowering approach that recognises the skills, challenges and assets of individuals and communities.
- Being honest, transparent and accountable – including learning from our mistakes.
- Willing to challenge inequality and work constructively with stakeholders to reduce barriers.
- Being an inclusive and supportive employer that values its staff.

## **Our Projects**

### **The VSI Alliance**

The VSI Alliance is a unique collaboration developed to support the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in Calderdale

Based in our Halifax office, Forum's team works with three other charities and two public sector bodies to provide a wide range of capacity-building, volunteering support and strategic representation for VCSE organisations working in communities in Calderdale

### **Hull Poverty Truth Commission**

The Poverty Truth Commission in Hull is part of a national network of projects to improve the lives of people living in poverty

Hull's PTC brings together people with lived experience of struggling against poverty and decision-makers from civic and business life. Together this group explores local issues that are impacting on people's lives and work in partnership to tackle them

### **Community Engagement**

Forum's Community Engagement Team work with communities across Hull to ensure that public health messages are developed in a way that makes them accessible.

Based in our Hull office, the team also includes Forum's Funding Officer who administrates grant programmes related to health inequalities and health engagement programmes

### **Primary Care Link Workers**

Forum hosts a range of projects in Hull to support individuals, with teams based in the Hull office, GP practices and community settings. We also facilitate the Hull Social Prescribing Network for any staff or volunteers working in this area

The Primary Care Link Workers help patients at the Symphonie and Haxby GP practices in Hull to find activities in their communities.

### **Community Navigation Hull**

Forum's Community Navigators work with individuals to improve their health, wellbeing and social networks. Based in community settings across Hull, the team provide one-to-one, face-to-face support to help people in Hull find activities in their area. They can link people with advice, mental health services, healthy lifestyle activities, volunteer opportunities and more. They work in a holistic way that takes into account individuals' needs, goals and existing networks.

## **Sector Support North East Lincolnshire**

Sector Support North East Lincolnshire works in partnership with the NEL VCSE Alliance to ensure community groups, charities and social businesses can thrive

Based in our Grimsby office, Forum's team provides a wide range of capacity-building support, strategic voice and representation and focused work with community food providers and growers. They also lead on the VCSE sector's involvement in the North East Lincolnshire Health and Care Partnership.

## **Sector Connect Hull**

Sector Connect Hull is a partnership between Forum and Hull CVS with the aim of helping community groups, charities and social businesses to thrive

Based in our Hull office, Forum's team work with Hull CVS colleagues to provide a wide range of capacity-building support, training, strategic voice and representation, and safeguarding training and advice.

## **Community Inclusion Hull**

Commissioned by Hull City Council, the Community Inclusion Hull project is responsible for supporting the delivery of the Social Inclusion Strategy and shared ambition from the Hull Community Plan for safe and welcoming neighbourhoods.

The team works with communities in Hull to encourage a sense of ownership, facilitating activities that bring people together and help them feel valued. The team also work with stakeholders like the Community Safety Partnership to ensure local services and priorities are inclusive and accessible.

The team is constantly monitoring and reshaping while responding to community dynamic changes, offering training - raising awareness, and connecting wide ranging across all partners and sectors and more importantly the communities themselves, so that all individuals in the community benefit from improved inclusion and integration.

## **Lived Experience Hull**

Forum's Lived Experience Co-ordinator works closely with the Changing Futures Team at Hull City Council. The aim of the project is to ensure that the lived experience voice is integral as part of meaningful co-production within services in the city of Hull that focus on people with multiple unmet needs.

They're also responsible for reaching out to different minority groups and community settings to find people with lived experience to ensure their voices are heard when wanting to be part of the coproduction setting.

## **Working for Forum CIO**

If you are interested in working with us, you will have the opportunity to be part of a creative and diverse team making a difference to local communities and voluntary and community sector groups and organisations who support them.

You will also get:

- 28 days paid leave per year and statutory Bank Holidays (pro-rata for non-full-time staff).
- 2 additional Trustee Days per year
- 3% employer pension contribution
- Access to further learning and development opportunities