**VCSE Assembly**

**Tuesday 24th June 2025 10am-1230pm**

**Forum@PQ, Princes Quay, Hull, HU1 2PQ**

**Attendees**

Pippa Robson (Forum CIO), Linda Conway (Forum CIO), Amy Hallett (Forum), Jenny Preston (Hull CVS), Kersty Smith (Hull CVS) Charlotte Day (Hull CVS) Rhianna Smith (Hull CVS) A. Akindayomi (Young Leaders Hub), E. Bendelow (HCC TP), C. Billany (Maxlife), D. Broom (St Aidans), L. Brown (Hull Women’s Aid), L. Brown (Giroscope), S. Calver (Sutton Methodist Warm Welcome), C. Champlin (PFH), N. Clark (Chid Dynamix), S. Clay (HCC), L. Curtis ( HEY Diabetes Support) R. Dexter (Tigers Trust), A. Dorton, T. Fatoki (HANA), D. Fryer (Jubilee), J. Gibson (S2BH), H. Hickson (Sutton Methodist Church), Libby (Age UK), N. Jarvis (HEY CMA), I. Judson ( Jack Harrison Charitable Trust) , Representative (Blossom) , F. Lazenby (Emmaus), T. Makinde (Yoruba Group), M. Martin (Breathing Green) , H. McGratten (CIAC/ Kompasi) , Sally Metcalfe (MHA) , G. Merick ( HEY Smile) , R. Newton (Working for Health), f. Onukwugha ( Youth Aspire Connect) , B. Parker (HKR Foundation), P. Saied (Tornaj), A. Salvage (REACH) , L. Saunders ( West Hull Community Hub) , M. Scott (Green Doctors) , L. Shaw ( British Red Cross) , B. Siraj ( Welcome House) , Z. Tasdemir ( Summit Education) , S. Taylor (Fisherman’s Mission), C. Thomas (Oasis), C. Watson (Homestart) , E. Witty (HEY Volunteering) , M. Wright (RSPCA)

**Apologies**

Caroline Tomlinson (Humber Teaching Hospitals), Shirley Kay (Hull Minster), Angela Murden (HACA), Angela Norsworthy (Humber Teaching Hospitals), Dawn & Terry Sullivan (HU4)

1. **Welcome & Housekeeping -Pippa Robson**
2. **Introductions – All attendees**
3. **Forum Video**

The VCSE Assembly video was shown to the Assembly.

**VCSE Assembly** <https://youtu.be/WZTGu7MIr2g>

An Assembly member asked if these were available and yes, they are. There are additional videos on our website of all our teams within Forum that highlight the work of the organisation.

**Forum** <https://youtu.be/HS5E7cV3JTg>

**Poverty Truth Commission** <https://youtu.be/dl-fmxZ_2Js>

**Sector Connect** <https://youtu.be/iIMbIo4pIdo>

**Community Navigation** <https://youtu.be/Om_vafYY2X8>

**Community Engagement** <https://youtu.be/Sa0vlWRvPKo>

**Social Inclusion** <https://youtu.be/3w49g2wwIz8>

**Lived Experience** <https://youtu.be/Nvc5YvKwaaQ>

1. **Check in activity and discussion -Jenny Preston CVS -All organisations**

Check in activity led by Jenny Preston -Hull CVS.

*(i) What are the key differences when recruiting a volunteer and a paid employee?​*

*(ii) How does your organisation ensure that you retain and nurture your volunteers?​*

Jenny Preston talked through the types of volunteers and their motivations and then handed over to attendees to feedback from their tables.

**Feedback from tables**

* Paid & Unpaid- it is important to look at the legal perspective and asks.
* Volunteer motivations depend on the cause and type of organisation
* Are the volunteers values the right fit for the organisation.
* VCSE rely greatly on volunteers
* Retaining volunteers is important through training and recognition
* A lot of issues re getting funding to have volunteers if you are small charity.
* Informal and flexible process for recruiting for volunteers compared to staff which is onerous and time consuming.
* Volunteers should not replace paid staff
* Status – good to give that sense of belonging to volunteers through uniforms and name badges
* Allow volunteers to b involved in decision making where appropriate
* Have supervisions
* Retention is not always a good thing need to look at the needs of the volunteer as they could flourish elsewhere.
1. **3-minute speakers from VCSE Organisations**

3-minute speakers from organisations gave a short update on what they do and their organisations

**Ian Judson – Jack Harrison Charitable Trust**

* Journalist, carer, and proud Hull FC Fan.
* Trustee of the Jack Harrison Charitable Trust.
* All volunteers are trustees.
* Role is to educate and inform local people of the many local people who have done amazing things in Hull.
* We would like to have a stands named at the MKM Stadium after Jack Harrison and Clive Sullivan.
* We would like to have a statue in memory of Jack Harrison.
* We would like to have a Holocaust Museum in Hull.
* We are hosting an event at the History Centr in September about the Holocaust.
* What we need is a lot of corporate funding and support to try and do what we would like to do. We undertake a lot of fundraising to try as much as we can.

If you would like to find out more about the Jack Harrison Charitable Trust, the work, the fundraising and if you are able to support please contact Ian Judson on Ian ian.judson123@gmail.com. Ian has given us consent to share his contact details.

**Fred Lazenby – Emmaus.**

* Emmaus is a homeless charity
* We undertake outreach
* We are also a social enterprise
* We are a non-for-profit organisation
* We have a 32-bed facility and support individuals to develop independent living skills
* We have 73% positive move on-either through education, employment, or their own tenancy.
* Individuals receive robust intensive support
* Working / volunteering within our social enterprise offers individuals a sense of purpose and a routine.
* We have a 2-year tenancy to support individuals to move on, and feel this model breaks the homelessness cycle.

*For collections and deliveries:**Logistics@emmaushull.org.uk*

*For community enquiries:**Adminteam@emmaushull.org.uk*

**Mike Scott – Green Doctors Hull**

* We are a free service and support all households not just social housing, we also support owner occupiers. We work closely with HCC Warm Homes for own occupier referrals.
* Green Doctors Hull give energy saving advice as well dealing with water bills.
* We also sign post individuals to other services and if for debt to CAB
* We have a new service Brighter Futures – we visit new tenants and go through a full needs assessment/check list from energy costs, energy saving and much more.

For further information about the Green Doctors Hull please contact Mike Scott mike.scott@groundwork.org.uk Mike has given us consent to share his contact details.

1. **Speaker - Megan Browne – Giroscope**

Megan undertook a presentation on Giroscope at the St Matthews Community Enterprise Centre.

 <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/VCSE_Assembly_24_06_25_Giroscope.pdf>

For further information about the Giroscope St Matthews Community Enterprise Centre please contact Megan Browne megan@giroscope.org.uk Megan has given us consent to share her contact details.

**St Matthew’s Community Enterprise Centre Open Day**

**Friday 4th July 2025 at 1pm.**

**1:00pm**               Arrival and welcome drinks

**1:30pm**Welcome speeches

**2:00pm**               Photo opportunity

**2:30pm**Opportunity to tour the building, network and discover more about our Giroscope projects

To find out more and confirm your attendance, please book your place on our Eventbrite link [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1401631149499?aff=oddtdtcreator).  You are welcome to bring a friend or colleague and can do so on Eventbrite.



1. **Speaker -Emily Bendelow HCC Tenant Participation**

Emily Bendelow gave an update on what Tenant Participation is and how individuals could get involved.

 <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/VCSE_Assembly_24_06_25_HCC_Tenant_Participation.pdf>

If you would like further information on Tenant Participation and how to get involved please contact Emily , Emily.Bendelow2@hullcc.gov.uk Emily has given us consent to share her contact details.

1. **Forum Feedback/Updates -Pippa Robson**
2. **Cost of Living Community Grants –** what you will have known as Household Support Fund or Warm Spaces grant is due to be put out on 1/7/25.
3. **Focus Groups for Supported accommodation hostels and Domestic Abuse services.** These focus groups to get feedback from individuals of the support they are receiving from their provider for move on. It is a piece of work that we have been asked do by Hull City Council Commissioning Team.
4. **Recruitment** Forum is currently recruiting for 2 roles. One is maternity cover for our Business Support Officer which is already out in our website and bulletin. The other post is for Organisation and Development Officer which will be advertised at the end of July. You will all know Louisa Ingleson whose post this is who is moving on.
5. **Procurement Updates - Pippa Robson**

 <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/VCSE_Assembly_24_06_25_Procurement_Updates-.pdf>

1. **Commissioning Video.** The Procurement Act changed in 2023, and it has changed again. The video gives the VCSE background on the change and how it will affect you.

Also, in the slide there are links to the procurement principles.

If you are registered with “Contract Finder “you will now need to register with “Find a Tender”. Forum goes through all the available funding and try to place these on our website and bulletin. But we cannot put everything is so it would be a good option to check.

1. **Pippa went through the slides forwarded by Andrea Tether – Adult Social Care Manager.** Her focus is on prevention and how does the Council commission services to stop people going into long term care. There will be a lot of engagement via Andrea’s team, and you will all have an opportunity to feedback. This is very important for the VCSE to get involved in. I will try and get Andrea to attend a future assembly.
2. **Sector Connect Updates -Kersty Smith CVS**

 <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/VCSE_Assembly_24_06_25_Sector_Connect_Updates.pdf>

Kersty Smith went through Sector Connect updates:

* **Introduced 2 new staff at CVS** – 2 new staff at CVS -Rhianna Smith Organisation and Development Officer and Charlotte Day Volunteer Coordinator.
* CAT
* Training

If you would like further information on any of the points discussed please contact Kersty Smith, Hull CVS ksmith@hull-cvs.co.uk

1. **VCSE Organisation Updates**

* **Child Dynamix:** We are recruiting for a PR & Marketing Manager. It is on our website.
* **Emmaus:** We have our family fun day 12/7/25 at our Lockwood site. We are also accepting referrals as have 2 room vacancies.
* **Young Leaders Hub:** Starting a project – Bridging Communities. It is our desire to help people understand each other’s perspectives in a safe environment without anger. It will be done in 2 levels

**Indoors Outdoors**

COMMUNITIES WORKING WITH EACH OTHER IN THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND SOCIAL INCLUSION.

**ENGAGE WITH**

1. **Adults (3/7/25)**
2. **Young People** (22/7/25)

**How**

* Tackling misinformation
* Stop Anger

 **Find a solution**

Through information and

Education on multiculturalism

* **HEY Volunteers-** We are currently recruiting in Bridlington and launching in Goole through Heritage Funding.
* **HULL CVS –** Setting up a volunteering platform for 14–16-year-olds. Contact cday@hullcvs.co.uk for further information.
* **Green Doctors –** Just wanted to add that we work across Hull , East Riding and across the river.

**Post Meeting foot note**

*The Assembly is a place to network and appreciate you will bring leaflets with you. May we please ask if you are sharing leaflets, you do this in the break and collect any leftover leaflets at the end of the Assembly as we do not have any space to store these, and they will be disposed of. Thank you for your understanding*

**Date of Next Assembly:**

* 17/7/25 10am Networking event already being advertised on Eventbrite
* 22/7/25 10.30am-1pm Forum@PQ

*If you would like to speak at the Assembly we have spaces on the following dates, please contact Linda Conway,* *linda@forumcio.org.uk*

*Apologies, all slots for the 10/15 minutes have now all been booked.*

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| **3minutes on your organisation****3 organisations per Assembly** |
| 23/10/25 |
| 11/11/25 |
| 9/12/25 |
| 15/1/25 |
| 10/2/25 |
| 26/3/25 |