



1. Provide access to training and support to ensure our volunteers, and those that manage volunteers, have access to timely information, advice and guidance



2. Recognise, profile and celebrate our diverse volunteering contributions

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A Volunteering Strategy for the Borough

Introduction

The Borough Council is committed to providing support to **enable an effective and viable voluntary & community sector (VCS)**, and has well established arrangements for working with our VCS, through the Hinckley & Bosworth VCS Partnership. Through this partnership, HBBC is able to direct funds and resources however, fundamentally **the VCS is reliant on volunteers to meet the needs of the community it serves.**

Whilst there is a range of support for volunteers we need to make this easy to access and to reflect what volunteers have told us they need. Therefore this strategy sets out the joint aims and commitment of the Borough Council and the VCS in providing this support.

Our Vision

To ensure we have in place the right help and support, at the right time, for our existing volunteers, and to enable our network of volunteers to continuously grow and flourish.

Our objectives

- We will share and profile relevant resources
- Develop and maintain a managing volunteers handbook/resource pack
- Develop guidance to enable more youth volunteering
- Share best practice and engage specialists to share knowledge and experience through the regular VCS Development Forums



- Continue to develop and promote the Hinckley & Bosworth Volunteering Hub as a one stop shop to promote volunteering opportunities, and enable people to secure volunteering opportunities
- Develop and deliver ongoing campaigns to promote volunteering
- Work with relevant organisations to proactively support and enable young people to volunteer
- Continue to develop and deliver the borough's annual Making a Difference Awards

3. Empower volunteers and a broader range of people to become involved in community action and giving back



4. Work with all key stakeholders to encourage public, private and voluntary sector organisations to adopt a culture which supports and enables volunteering



- Capture and share, best practice, case studies, stories and lessons learnt
- Support the delivery of volunteer led workshops, taster days and events in all parts of the borough
- Establish a comprehensive volunteers database to enable networking
- Ensure HBBC resources and funding opportunities are informed by volunteers in helping to meet their volunteering ambitions



- HBBC to act as a role model in enabling employee volunteering, and creating volunteering opportunities
- Promote the benefits of volunteering and links to developing life skills, a pathway to employment, supporting good mental health and wellbeing, providing learning and development opportunities, etc.
- Encourage employers to appoint Volunteer Champions, and profile exemplary organisations

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