



COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE, CRAIGAVON

The role and purpose of the Community and Voluntary Sector Panel (CVSP) is to;

Ensure the voice of the Community, Voluntary and Social Enterprise Sector is represented in community planning, by;

- Participation in decision-making processes
- Strengthening the capacity of the CVSE Sector around the key issues of inequality and disadvantage
- Promoting and sharing good practice from within the CVSE

Promote ongoing Community Engagement, by;

- Promoting the active participation of under-represented groups
- Advocating to ensure the voices of those who are seldom heard, are sought and considered

Support the development of Cross-sectoral Relationships and improved Partnership working, by;

- Facilitating effective communications and information sharing between CVSE sector and with other sectors
- Encouraging collaboration between CVSE networks with CP partners and other sectors around agreed community planning actions.

How to get involved

To find out more about the Community and Voluntary Sector Panel, please contact a member of the Steering Group or get in touch with the Community Planning Team.

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Values



Social justice and equality



Community empowerment



Collective action



Sustainable development



Working and learning together

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Community and Voluntary Sector Panel Action Plan

Collective Community Voice

To get involved in supporting delivery of an action, please get in contact with a member of the Steering Group. Contact details overleaf.



THEME 1 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Promote mental health self-care of staff and volunteers within the CVSE sector
- Work with Council and others to improve mental health awareness and capacity of communities
- Support the CVSE sector to better support the mental health and wellbeing of communities



THEME 2 ANTI-POVERTY

- Strengthen understanding within CVSE of poverty in the Borough
- Engage with CVSE sector to raise awareness and understanding of who is working on these issues and what they are doing
- Facilitate an independent Anti-Poverty Forum for the Borough



THEME 3 PLACE AND LOCALITY PLANNING

- Promote and encourage participation with Place planning processes
- Ensure the diversity of voices within communities are heard and represented within place shaping and community planning processes including the CVSP
- Highlight key issues for communities at locality and borough wide levels



THEME 4 CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Build awareness and understanding of the impacts of climate change
- Build capacity within CVSE to develop environmentally just practices
- Identify and encourage collaborative actions across sectors to promote climate justice



THEME 5 STRENGTHENING THE CVSE SECTOR

- Support leadership development and co-design capacity within CVSE
- Promote and raise awareness of the role, purpose and contribution of the CVSP with the wider CVSE and with other sectors across the borough
- Promote the CVSE sector as a vibrant and creative environment to work