

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- An annual subscription to the York Voluntary Voice newsletter, a free copy of the Citizen's Guide directory of local voluntary organisations, as well as other useful publications.
- Special membership only bulletins which contain funding opportunities and other essential information.
- Participation in meetings to decide matters of policy and help to shape York CVS *
- A wide membership base creating a stronger voice for the Voluntary Sector in York.

*Only full members are entitled to vote at General Meetings and nominate people for election to the Board of Trustees.

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MEMBERSHIP

York Council for Voluntary Services aims to **improve the quality of life** of the citizen's of York through voluntary action.

It does this by **developing, supporting and promoting** the work of voluntary organisations and community groups and helping them to be as **effective and sustainable** as possible.

MEMBERSHIP

York CVS offers:

- Information and advice about important voluntary sector issues, such as fundraising, legal structures, employment, good practice and legislation.
- A library packed with publications and offering free access to the Internet.
- A regular newsletter containing national and local voluntary sector news.
- A pay-roll service for voluntary groups employing staff.
- Accountancy advice to help groups manage their finances more effectively.
- A Volunteer Centre, which matches the skills of potential volunteers with the needs of local organisations.
- Liaison between statutory authorities and voluntary sector groups.
- Training on a wide range of topics, which are relevant to non-profit making organisations.
- Good quality, affordable office accommodation.
- Fully equipped conference and meeting facilities.
- Citizens Guide, a directory of local voluntary and community groups.
- A comprehensive web site - www.yorkcvs.org.uk, with up to the minute news, useful information, links to other organisations, local voluntary sector job opportunities and much more.

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

All organisations and individuals applying for membership of York CVS should subscribe to the objects set out in the CVS Memorandum and to the Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policies of the CVS. All applications for membership will be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees who, in considering applications will use the following criteria:

Full Membership

Individuals cannot be full members. Organisations applying for full membership should:

1. Be based in, or be actively working in, the City of York
2. Have a main activity that is broadly 'charitable' and is of benefit to the community.
3. Organisations that are not charities but which satisfy the other criteria for membership and are not-for-profit may be received into full membership at the discretion of the trustees. Their membership will be reviewed annually.
4. Be properly constituted, and have an unpaid/voluntary management committee.
5. Have a bank account in their own name, and keep proper accounts in accordance with their constitution.
6. Not be party political.
7. Respect the views of other members and statutory partners, and be courteous in their dealings with them, even when opinions differ.
8. Agree with the principles contained in the York Compact, and put these into practice in their own work.

Full members are eligible to vote at General Meetings of the CVS and to nominate people for election to the Board of Trustees at the AGM.

Associate Membership

Any organisation or individual that supports the work and the aims of York CVS may be offered Associate Membership, at the discretion of the trustees. Associate members may attend meetings of York CVS but have no voting rights and cannot nominate people for the Board of Trustees.