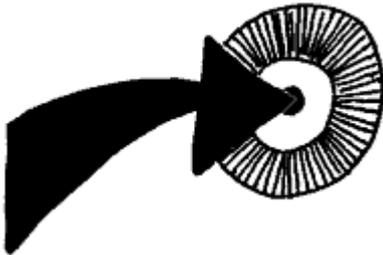




York Centre for Voluntary Service (York CVS)

Strategic Plan 2021 to 2026



Easy Read Summary - August 2021.



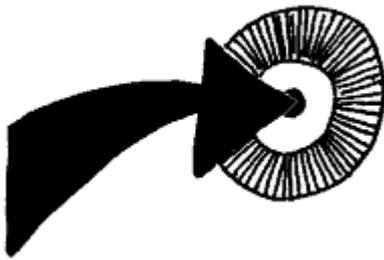
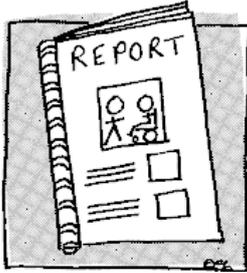
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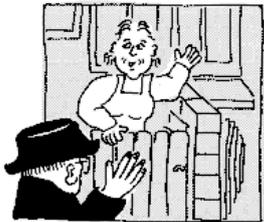
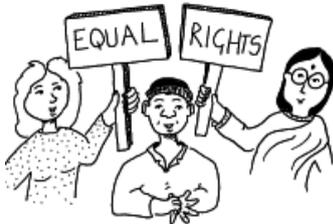
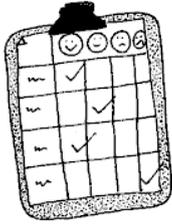
What this summary is about:

This document is an easy read summary of York CVS' strategic plan from 2021 to 2026.

This says what York CVS will do over the next five years to support social action in York.

Over this time York CVS is going to work on;

- Poverty,
- Loneliness,
- A sense of community,
- Health, and
- Wellbeing.



Key-words:

In this report the following key-words are used.

Strategic Plan - A plan that says what an organisation will do, why, how it will do it and what will change.

Social Enterprise - A business or organisation that has a 'good' or 'ethical' way of working.

Inequality - Being treated unfairly and not the same as others. Experiencing barriers or different treatment because of who you are.

Social Action - When people come together to tackle an issue and make things better.

Volunteering - Helping out and giving your time for free to make a difference.

Networking - Getting people and groups together to share ideas and information and work together for a common goal.



Representation - speaking up and presenting an issue to push for change.



Coproduction - A way of working together in an equal and shared way to make things better. People who use services and those who deliver them are valued the in same way.



Codesign - A way of designing a service or solution that is led by people who will use or benefit from it.



Civil Society Organisations - faith groups, charities, trade unions, drama groups, campaign networks and other communities that share an interest or come together.



York CVS works on four things:

We bring together and support **Civil Society Organisations** that are active in York.

We promote and celebrate **volunteering**.

We reduce **inequality** through **social action**.





We work with other people and organisations to improve life in York.



Over the next five years, from 2021 to 2026 York CVS wants to:



Give information, advice, training, **networking** and **representation** to its members.

Promote all the different types of **volunteering** opportunities that there are in York.



Help stop **poverty** in York.

Help stop people being **lonely**.

Help people be part of a **community**.

Help people stay **well** and feel well.



To do these things, York CVS will:

Promote equality, diversity and opportunities for all people



Work directly with people with first-hand, **lived experience** to make a real difference.

Coproduce our activities, with people with first-hand, lived experience.

Work in **partnership** with our members partners in the public and private sectors.

In the first year of this plan York CVS will do the following things;

Coproduce a new volunteer strategy for the next five years.

Work out some ways to **celebrate** volunteering in York through a big yearly event.

Write a report about **volunteering** in York.

Get residents with direct experience of **poverty** and decision-makers to work out how to deal with the causes of poverty in York.



Listen to what people say about their experiences of **loneliness** and work out how to reduce it.

Codesign new services for people who face barriers and have multiple complex needs.

More Information:

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