



## get your voice HEARD!

### What is the Gloucestershire VCS Assembly?

The Gloucestershire Assembly *for the* voluntary and community sector (VCS) is a countywide structure which exists to help your group share its **views and expertise** – to influence how services are planned and delivered for the communities of Gloucestershire...

It is a way for voluntary and community groups in Gloucestershire to **get their voice heard**, and to **influence** the decision-makers who are allocating funding for services in the county. The VCS Assembly aims to **strengthen and support** the voluntary and community sector (VCS) by providing a **strategic voice** for the sector.

#### Who is it for?

It is for any voluntary and community group working in Gloucestershire. All voluntary and community groups are automatically members of the Assembly and can attend any events organised or respond to consultations, and receive information – so that means you!

#### Make it work for you!

- Sign up to get the weekly Gloshub Bulletin or to get email information about any of the VCS Strategy Groups
- Come along to one of the meetings – if you contact the VCS Assembly Team they can put you in touch with a “buddy” for your first few meetings.

#### How does it work?

The VCS Assembly provides:

- Information through the weekly email Gloshub bulletin
- Opportunities for groups to come together around particular issues, in the quarterly VCS Strategy Group meetings. The Strategy Groups are: **Children and Young People, Environment, Health & Community Wellbeing and Safer & Stronger Communities**
- VCS representation on partnerships
- Leadership around Equality and Diversity, through its Equality and Diversity Advisory Group.
- The work of the VCS Assembly is steered by the VCS Assembly Board. The Board is made up of two representatives from each VCS Strategy Group, plus a representative from each *district* VCS Forum, plus four representatives from the VCS Equality and Diversity Advisory Group.

For more information contact the VCS Assembly Team on 01452 522600, email [admin@glosassembly.org.uk](mailto:admin@glosassembly.org.uk) or visit the website for the VCS in Gloucestershire [www.gloshub.org.uk/yourvoice.html](http://www.gloshub.org.uk/yourvoice.html)