CCVS MEMBER GROUPS


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If you would like more details on how CCVS can best support your voluntary organisation contact us to find out more

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CCVS NEWS

960 Newsletter recipients

630 Room Bookings

709 Twitter Followers

176 Member groups

163 Facebook page likes = 27% increase

40 new groups joined = 29% increase in Members

70 organisations & 3 schools signed up to partnership projects

392 Tweets & re-Tweets

7 November

7 October

15 June

27 Feb

5 May

8 May

10 July

17 June

21 Apr

23 Oct

22 Feb

14 Mar

16 Aug

15 Dec

28 Nov

2018

2017

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The Year in Numbers:

- Bookings
- Room
- Event
- Subscribers
- Tweet & Re-Tweets
- Total Page Likes
- Total Page Shares
- Followers
- Total Page Impressions

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CCVS Priorities

Priority 1: Enable the emergence of new voluntary sector organisations

Priority 2: Support the growth and development of established voluntary sector organisations

Priority 3: Promote and represent the voluntary sector within Crawley

Priority 4: Improve our own internal structure, systems and processes to enable us to continue to provide support to the sector
A word from our Chief Executive

It has been another exciting year for Crawley Community & Voluntary Service (CCVS) with existing projects expanding and new projects being developed in response to the needs of our Members.

Since joining CCVS in November 2017, I have been delighted to meet so many dedicated and innovative organisations who are working to improve the lives of people in Crawley and around the world. In particular, I’ve enjoyed attending our Forums and seeing first-hand how organisations in Crawley can work together – for example, Members who distribute food creating a WhatsApp group so that donations of food will never be wasted.

CCVS also represents the Voluntary Sector on a number of outside committees including CCG, Knepton Board, Regional Crawley, Safer Crawley Partnership and WS Wellbeing & Resilience Board.

CCVS has an exceptional team of staff who all do a wonderful job in a friendly but very professional way. They are supported by our wonderful reception volunteers who gave us thousands of hours of support. We are also lucky to have a board of Trustees who are engaged and enthusiastic and I would like to extend a special thank you to my predecessor Peter Mansfield-Clark, who stepped in as our CEO when our previous Chief Executive went on maternity leave. However, it’s not ‘goodbye’ as Peter will be joining the CCVS Trustee Board and is continuing his role as Chair of the Crawley Housing & Homelessness Forum.

Thank you again to everyone for the warm welcome and I very much look forward to sessions with members from the wonderful organisations in Crawley.

Susan Brumpton
Chief Executive

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CCVS also represents the Voluntary Sector so that no donations of food will ever be wasted.

CCVS continues to receive high demand

1325 Hours donated by CCVS Volunteers

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Quarterly forums = 18 meetings

6 organisations attended forums

96 new groups started attending Forums

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Advice

CCVS continues to receive high demand from local organisations for funding, governance and development support including our “Fit for Funding” tool, biweekly funding e-bulletin, drop-in sessions, good practice guides and tailored one-to-one advice sessions.

The CCVS Governance Coordinator continues to encourage organisations to diversify their income base, increase financial resilience through effective written plans, and promote specific funding sources.

Volunteer Crawley

The Engagement Officer promotes volunteering via Volunteer Advice Sessions throughout the month at: Crawley Library, Broadfield Library, Crawley Town Hall and Mardenbower Park Pavilion. One-to-one advice is available to people who have additional support needs or have special circumstances. Others, with more general enquiries, are encouraged to use online resources. There has also been continued support to local organisations to recruit volunteers by promoting opportunities on the new volunteering pages of our website and in the Crawley Observer.

Training

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Future Plans at CCVS

In 2018/2019 we will be focusing our effort on new and existing organisations throughout the area to help build their resilience, and encouraging new organisations to join our network. We will be continuing to develop the Joint Forum Skills Swap project which aims to increase understanding and knowledge between organisations in Crawley.

Finally, our current strategic priorities were decided in 2013 as the basis of a plan running til March 2019. Therefore we will be undertaking consultation with member groups and stakeholders to develop a new strategy from 2019 onwards to continue providing high quality support to the voluntary and community sector in Crawley.

Crawley Skills Swap

This new project for 2017/18 aims to increase understanding and join-up in Crawley by sharing skills, knowledge and experience between frontline organisations in Crawley. Organisations are invited to join the Skills Swap Network, both to offer their own unique knowledge and experience to others, and to access training and awareness raising sessions for their own organisation.

The CREW (Crawley Resilience and Emotional Wellbeing) Project is a new project aiming to promote emotional wellbeing for children, young people and families from the Young Crawley Consortium. Throughout 2017/2018 this project has been developed by a range of local partners including schools, Crawley Borough Council, West Sussex County Council, and a range of voluntary and community sector organisations. Through the project, local schools will be able to access a range of training for staff and volunteers, support for children, young people and families, and positive activities for children and young people provided by local organisations with the aim of improving mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Young Crawley

The Young Crawley Family Credits Project completed its fourth year of delivery this year, continuing to link vulnerable families with local voluntary sector support. During this period 138 referrals were discussed at the Crawley Family Support Network Forum, or directly with IPE Hay workers (Integrated Prevention and Early Help Services - West Sussex), for a total of 277 individuals in 100 families. Referrals were made to Young Crawley Consortium specialist support (mental health / autism / young families / disability), specialist counselling or for focused youth activities.

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