

Useful websites for VCS groups: General information and advice

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[Advising Communities](#)

Advising Communities is a legal and technical advice, information and support service for people and organisations rooted in their communities or looking after community assets..

[Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations](#)

ACEVO is the leading voice for chief executives in the third sector, supporting, developing, connecting and representing third sector leaders.

[Charity Commission](#)

The Charity Commission is the independent Government department which registers and regulates charities in England and Wales.

[Charities Evaluation Service](#)

Part of NCVO, the Charities Evaluation Service provides training, consultancy and publications to charities to help them to improve their performance and carries out independent evaluations on behalf of charities and funders.

[Civil Society](#)

Provides news and in-depth coverage of charities and not-for-profit organisations

[Computers for Charities](#)

Refurbishes donated IT equipment for resale and provides IT support for charities and voluntary organisations.

[Directory of Social Change](#)

Directory of Social Change (DSC) is an independent charity with a vision of an independent voluntary sector at the heart of social change. DSC offers a range of services to the voluntary sector.

[Disclosure and Barring Service](#)

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) helps employers make safer recruitment decisions and prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children. It replaces the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

[DBS Directory of Umbrella Organisations](#)

The Directory should help you locate an umbrella body that can give you access to DBS products and services.

[Gov.uk](#)

This website brings together all Government services, news, information consultations and policies.

[Just Act](#)

Practical advice for anyone interested in community projects.

[LawWorks](#)

LawWorks is a charity which aims to provide free legal help to individuals and community groups who cannot afford to pay for it and who are unable to access legal aid.

[Media Trust](#)

Media Trust supports charities and community groups with all types of media training, film production and skilled volunteer matching with media professionals.

[National Association for Voluntary and Community Action \(NAVCA\)](#)

NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action) is the national voice of [local support and development organisations](#) in England.

[National Council for Voluntary Organisations \(NCVO\)](#)

NCVO champions and strengthens the voluntary sector, with over 10,000 members across the country, from the largest charities to the smallest community groups. Members get help with funding and finance, trustees, governance, volunteers, HR and employment, strategy, planning and more.

[Pilotlight](#)

A charity that connects other charities with business leaders to support them to develop strategic and business plans.

[Small Charities Coalition](#)

The Small Charities Coalition help small charities access the skills, tools & information they need to get going and do what they do best.

[Third Sector](#)

Magazine / news bulletin that delivers stories affecting charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

[tt-exchange](#)

tt-exchange gives eligible UK registered charities access to major technology companies' donation programmes, including Microsoft, Cisco, Symantec and Adobe.

[VAT for charities](#)

A useful resource for VAT for charities.

[VolResource](#)

Information for voluntary and community organisations.

Voluntary Arts Network

Voluntary Arts is the UK and Ireland representative agency for the voluntary and amateur arts and crafts. Provides over 150 informative briefings on topics as diverse as marketing, equal opportunities, fundraising, social media, child protection and insurance.