



## **Northamptonshire Voluntary and Community Sector Forum**

### **Nominations for Voluntary and community sector representatives**

Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire exists to support the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to achieve its aims. We are seeking nominations from the VCS to represent:

The geographical areas of

- Corby Borough
- Daventry District
- East Northamptonshire
- Kettering Borough
- Northampton Borough
- South Northamptonshire District
- The Borough of Wellingborough

And the thematic areas of

- Arts culture and heritage
- Advice and advocacy
- Crime and community safety
- Health and wellbeing
- Health and wellbeing - families and children
- Environment
- Housing and homelessness
- Equalities

### **Role of representatives.**

Members have a corporate responsibility to represent the VCSE and not just represent their area/theme. Equality and Diversity is intrinsic to the way we conduct our business and cuts across all themes/areas.

Representatives have a responsibility to feed back to their thematic groups /geographical localities and to inform the representative group of issues relevant to the groups they represent.

Prospective candidates should read the enclosed Framework and draft Terms of Reference of the representatives group so that they are clear about the role and time commitment before putting their name forward.

The VCS representatives will hold office for a minimum of two years.

Dates and times of meetings will be confirmed and are expected to be held quarterly at venues around the county. We are currently unable to fund travel expenses.

## **Criteria**

Criteria for nomination to Northamptonshire VCS forum are:-

- All nominations must be directly involved in a voluntary or community sector organisation in Northamptonshire
- Members can nominate themselves or be nominated by other person with their permission.
- Nominated members must provide a brief profile about themselves which includes their experience, knowledge and linkages they have in the voluntary and community sector. They must also state that they can commit the time needed for the role.
- Members can be nominated or nominate themselves for more than one theme/area but can only be elected to one theme/area.

If there are more nominations than roles in an area/theme, The VCS will be asked to vote for their preferred candidate. To clarify each organisation will have a vote. Profiles of candidates will be provided to assist in making a decision.

The Chair will be elected by the representatives group at the inaugural meeting of the group.

If a representative moves to another job in a different theme/area than they currently represent then they would have to resign. However, if the job is in the same theme/area they could remain on the representative group.

## **Timetable**

**Please note: Nominations will now be open until the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

## Nomination Form for Northamptonshire Voluntary and community sector forum representatives

**November 2016**

Please complete the details below and email to:-

[carolyn.howe@voluntaryimpact.org.uk](mailto:carolyn.howe@voluntaryimpact.org.uk)

Name	
Email address/ telephone number	
Area/ theme(s) for nomination	
Role in VCS Organisation(s)	
Name of VCS organisation(s) directly linked to	
Address of organisation linked to	
<b>Profile</b>  Briefly describe below in no more than 500 words the experience and knowledge you can bring to this role.	

How do you intend to liaise with organisations in your area/theme?