

www.sandwellvcs.info

SCVO's comprehensive online membership and information database of Sandwell's voluntary and community sector organisations

Ensure your organisation is included!

What is www.sandwellvcs.info?

www.sandwellvcs.info is SCVO's web based membership and information database containing in-depth information on voluntary and community sector organisations in Sandwell. It is available to be viewed by anyone with an internet connection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

What's in it for me?

- Membership is FREE. Members must be a voluntary and community sector organisation working within Sandwell, must have a terms of reference or constitution and have or be working towards an equal opportunities policy.
- By being included on the database you will receive from SCVO: -
 - A free monthly copy of SCVO's Newsletter, *scvo.info*
 - Up to the minute information on funding available to voluntary and community sector organisations.
 - Information on local events of relevance to your organisation.
 - Information on local, regional and national issues affecting the voluntary sector.
 - Information about support your organisation can receive.
- This website is the first port of call for partners who are planning to purchase or commission a particular service and are looking for VCS providers already working in that area. Increasingly partners are also going to this website when planning consultations or information provision on particular issues.
- By being included people from your organisation will have the right to stand for election to the Board of SCVO or to nominate members for the Board of SCVO.
- Your organisation will also have the right to vote at SCVO's Annual General Meeting (one vote per organisation).
- Those on the database can make use of support services provided by SCVO (e.g. funding advice, information services, charity registrations, constitutions, capacity building, organisational development, employment advice, developing good management practice, policies and procedures, business planning, quality standards).
- The database is easily updated. SCVO provides the single point of co-ordination, data control and maintenance. This will be the definitive database of the voluntary and community sector in Sandwell. You can check your details at any time and inform SCVO of updates.
- Information on the database is available to everyone including voluntary and community sector organisations, partner organisations and the citizens of Sandwell.
- You don't need to have internet access to be included. This is only needed to view the system.

How can my organisation be included?

Firstly check whether your organisation is already on the database by visiting www.sandwellvcs.info or by contacting SCVO's Core Services Team on 0121 565 8939 or 0121 558 7434. If not then simply complete a Database Registration Form (available from SCVO) and either return this form to SCVO or fax the completed form to 0121 558 9336. If you would like to receive an electronic version please contact michael@scvo.info and the form will be e-mailed to you. If you would like to complete the form by telephone please contact SCVO and a telephone interview with Janet Turton will be arranged.

If you need further information please contact Michael Anderson, Karis Kaur or Janet Turton at SCVO on 0121 558 7434 or e-mail michael@scvo.info

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