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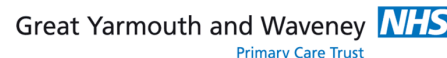
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'We're here to help'

From starting up, finding funds and volunteers through to developing policies and trustees—we have the resources and experience to help you and your community group grow



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Who Are The Community Forum?

Community Development Support

Established in 2002, The Community Forum is a council for Voluntary services (CVS) that exists to support the hundreds of voluntary and community groups across the area from small self help groups to large registered charities.

We have a team of experienced, knowledgeable and supportive **Community Development Officers** (CDOs) across Waveney, who can help you from start up, finding funds and volunteers to developing policies and trustees

- Claire Taylor-Crisp is our CDO for Lowestoft and Southwold.
- Janet Peachey is based in Beccles.
- Chris Reeve covers the Halesworth and Bungay area.
- Ela Gontarczyk is our Mental Health Black and Minority Ethnic CDO, based in Lowestoft.

Membership to the forum is currently free. Please contact us for an application form if you would like to join us.

We offer:

- Newsletters / email bulletins
- Access to funding information
- One to one support
- Networking and training events
- Access to the Forum's resource centre, meeting/training rooms and presentation equipment.

The Kirkley Centre

The Community Forum has recently purchased The Kirkley Centre in London Road South, Lowestoft. This is where our main office is located.

The Centre is run by WCF Resources Ltd, as a social enterprise, with any profits made going to support the work of The Community Forum.

The Kirkley Centre is also a Leap Centre, providing training space for a variety of learning activities for the local community to access, as well as information and advice about other local learning opportunities.

The Centre has several training rooms and an IT suite that can be hired out, with discounted rates available for voluntary and community groups.

The Four Towns' Bus

The Community Forum manages a mobile training and outreach vehicle (a converted double decker Bus), which hosts youth sessions and training in Lowestoft and rural Waveney.

Waveney Voluntary Sector Network

The network run by The Community Forum is designed to promote good communication and information sharing among voluntary and community groups in and around Waveney and those who want to communicate with them. We meet 3 times per year.

The Crossing Leap Centre

114 High Street is also owned by The Community Forum. This building is the home of The Crossing. The Crossing offers basic computer and internet training, CV assistance, help with interview skills and job search. It hosts Numeracy and Literacy classes, and others courses such as Digital Imaging and creative writing .

Regional Representation

The Community Forum is an active member of many networks and partnerships across Suffolk that benefit the Waveney groups. We helped establish the Suffolk VCS Congress linking the voluntary and community sector to SCC and other strategic partners.

The Community Forum is an **accredited member of NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action)**

We have recently achieved the NAVCA's Quality Award for delivering excellent work and making a difference to voluntary and community groups in our area.



In supporting the voluntary and community sector we help to combat poverty, disadvantage and discrimination, and improve the quality of life for communities, groups and individuals.

If you would like to talk through your ideas about a new or existing community project, please contact us on: 01502 558350 or email admin@waveneycf.org

Enabling People — Strengthening Communities
Forum services include: Regular newsletters and email bulletins, Training and Networking events, Funding advice, individual funding database searches, Meeting/Training rooms available, Voluntary Sector resource Library Books for loan, Equipment hire, Photocopying and printing services. Research and Admin support.

