



Erewash Voluntary Sector Forum

Introduction:

The Erewash Voluntary Sector Forum (EVSF) will be a network open to all voluntary organisations operating in the Erewash Area (1). It will provide a space for these organisations to meet and exchange information, ideas and good practice.

The VSF will work to strengthen the voluntary sector within Erewash and to develop a cohesive and articulate voluntary sector body, that is recognised as an equal partner.

Aims

The Erewash Voluntary Sector forum will operate as a strategic platform to influence and raise concerns and issues facing the voluntary sector.

Objectives

- Campaign, promote and develop new ways of communicating and working with public and private sector agencies.
- Ensure that the collective views of the voluntary sector are considered, influence and affect planning and policy decisions.
- Develop collective views and promote the interests of the voluntary sector in Erewash
- Enable the sharing of experiences, good practice, skills and resources and to provide a platform for organisations to raise issues and gain mutual support
- Build the capacity of the voluntary sector to work together on common issues.
- Promoting and initiating discussions with commissioners.
- Promote the diversity and value of the voluntary sector
- Build effective partnerships with statutory and private sector organisations.

Values:

- The EVSF will support and be accountable to the voluntary sector and will clearly explain the mechanisms in place.
- The EVSF will be non-party political
- The EVSF will be committed to equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice.
- The EVSF will maintain a positive environment for discussion

Who should attend:

Any voluntary organisation (1) working in the Erewash area.

Ways of working:

Not less than 4 meetings per year. Additional meetings may be requested by the group.

Group members will be encouraged to raise agenda items for future meetings

Evaluations will be carried out at all EVSF meetings.

EVSF will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Erewash Voluntary Action will provide the administration of the EVSF

Agendas will be circulated 7 days prior to the meeting.

- (1) By 'voluntary Sector' we mean any constituted voluntary organisation including groups registered with the Charity Commission and/or Companies House, independent of (local or central) government.