

York Centre for Voluntary Service (CVS)

Supporting and championing York's VCSE sector

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York Centre for Voluntary Service (CVS) is passionate about supporting and championing York's Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector. As an independent charity, we provide practical support and guidance to enable charitable organisations in York to thrive.

Proud to be part of York CVS

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Social Prescribing in York



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Supported Volunteering Project



Part of the Connecting Our City Project



Priory Street Centre

Our strategic priorities:

Support our members by providing information, advice, training, networking and representation

Promote volunteering of all kinds, from one-off opportunities to long-term links

Tackle the causes of poverty in York

Tackle loneliness and encourage a sense of community

Help people stay well and feel well

Our approach:

- Promote equality, diversity and opportunities for all, in everything we do.
- Reach out to people with direct, first-hand experience and together find the best ways to make a real and lasting difference: we will co-design, co-produce, co-deliver and empower.
- Work in partnership: we can only deliver this plan by working closely with our members and with partners in the public and private sectors.

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Direct support for your organisation

York CVS provides free one-to-one support and guidance to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector groups and organisations on the following topics:

- Funding – identifying funding opportunities and writing bids
- Identifying and developing policies and procedures
- Setting-up groups, charities and social enterprises
- Legal structures
- Governance issues
- Health checks for your organisation

Contact: VCSEsupport@yorkcvs.org.uk

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Training, networking and events

York CVS brings people and organisations together to share knowledge, build skills and create opportunities for collaboration.

Our services, training and events are open to charities, community groups, social enterprises and volunteers at every stage of development. Our role is to help the sector thrive by providing practical support, championing its voice, and creating spaces where organisations can come together.

Visit: yorkcvs.org.uk/york-cvs-training-and-events/

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Volunteering in York

Find local volunteering opportunities



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York's Volunteer Centre

York Volunteers is York's Volunteer Centre, based within York CVS.

We support and promote volunteering across the city by connecting people with meaningful opportunities and helping organisations to recruit, support and retain volunteers.

We work with voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations serving the York area, offering guidance, resources and training.

Visit: yorkcvs.org.uk/volunteers/



Volunteering Opportunities

Current Volunteering Opportunities

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Volunteer Home Visitor York



Organisation Name: Blind Veterans UK
Would you like to make a difference to the life of a veteran...

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Volunteer



Organisation Name: Cafe Neuro York
Volunteers help at the cafes supporting members, making a cu...

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Telephone Group Facilitator

R N I B

See differently

Organisation Name: Royal National Institute of Blind People
Are you a good listener? Are you able to manage group conver...

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Home Visitor – Befriending Volunteer

MySight York
live well with sight loss

Organisation Name: MySight York
Volunteers and clients are carefully matched, taking into ac...

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Refine search results

By Cause

All Causes

By Volunteer Activity

Befriending / Buddying (9) x

By Voluntary Organisation

All Voluntary Organisations

Suitable For

No suitability restrictions



Support for Volunteer Managers

York Volunteers supports and champions volunteering across York's VCSE sector. We help organisations and individuals with volunteer management responsibilities through...

- Free promotion of your volunteering opportunities
- Advice and volunteering best practice
- Training and events
- Volunteer Management Forum
- Representation
- Resources



During 2024-25 York Volunteers...

Supported **201 local VCSE organisations with the promotion of 359 volunteering opportunities** – providing guidance and support on all aspects of volunteer management best-practice.

42 representatives from VCSE organisations attended 5 volunteering development training sessions

Attended 4 outreach sessions, 26 radio appearances and 14 local events to engage new audiences, especially young people and promote the benefits of volunteering.





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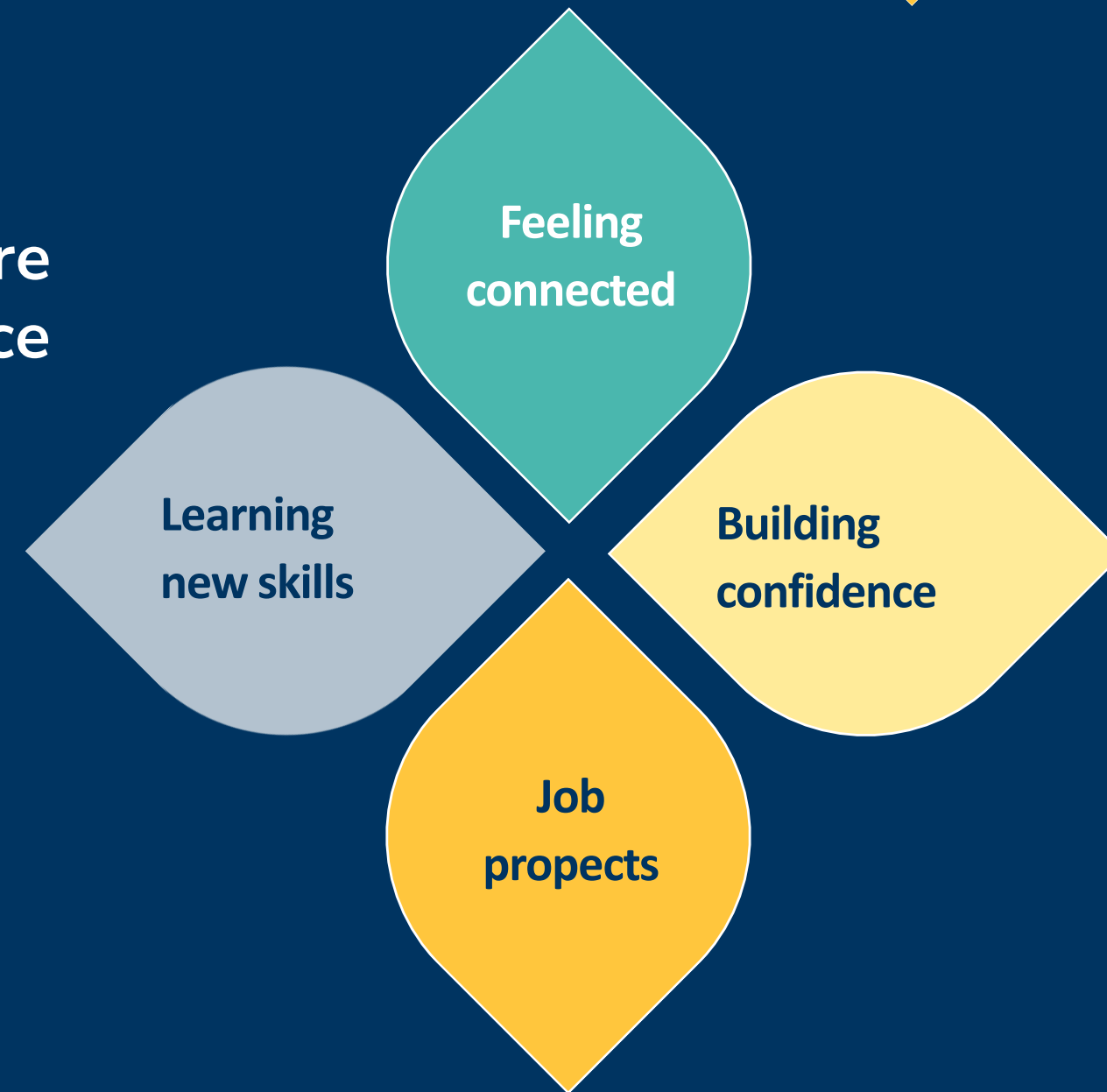
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Not in employment and struggling with anxiety, confidence, motivation, or other mental health challenges.

The York CVS Supported Volunteering Project, in collaboration with the Yor Community Wellbeing Hubs, offers tailored support to individuals who are interested in volunteering but would like assistance to be ready to volunteer or to access and sustain volunteering opportunities.

The Supported Volunteering Project can help with

- Basic info about volunteering
- Finding the right volunteer role
- Contacting organisations and filling in forms
- Workshops to build skills and try volunteering



You can pop along to see your
Supported Volunteer Project Coordinator
at the Yor Community Wellbeing Hubs:

Acomb Garth – Mondays 9-12
Clarence Street – Fridays 10-1

Get in touch via email:

supportedvolunteering@yorkcvs.org.uk

or call: **07922 665531**



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York Citywide Volunteering Pledge

**Creating the best volunteering
experiences for Volunteers in York**



Does your organisation aspire to achieve these principles?

- Consider city priorities
- Share good practice resources
- Simplify and reduce bureaucracy
- Have an EDI Policy
- Support those who need extra help to volunteer
- Contribute content to citywide communication campaigns
- Promote citywide communication campaigns
- Have volunteers feed in to your strategy/board
- Participate in York Volunteering Surveys



Scan here to visit our website or speak to a member of our team.



- ☎ 01904 621133 (option 2)
- ✉ volunteering@yorkcvs.org.uk
- 🖱 yorkcvs.org.uk/york-volunteering-pledge/

York
Citywide

Volunteering Quality Mark



A Volunteering Quality Mark for York

Recognising local organisations that provide high-quality volunteering opportunities.

In spring 2022, local charities, volunteers, and City of York Council representatives co-produced a five-year citywide volunteering strategy for York. A key theme within the strategy was the need for consistent best practice in volunteer recruitment, support, and management, as well as the recognition of this through a Citywide Volunteering Quality Mark. This summer York CVS has, in partnership, developed the York City Wide Volunteering Quality Mark.



Overarching principles

1. A positive volunteering ethos within the organisation
2. Accessible and inclusive volunteering
3. Recruiting and welcoming volunteers
4. Supporting and developing volunteers
5. Valuing volunteers
6. Volunteer processes and good governance



The application process

One form to complete

A few questions to answer

A checklist of evidence to submit

A volunteer statement

Intended to be straightforward to complete.

Organisations can take their time, and answers may look different for every organisation. We want organisations that decide to apply to succeed and completing the application should be a useful process, not all about the end result.





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