

'developing, supporting and representing the third sector'



## ABERDEEN COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

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## Core Activities of ACVO

### Understanding the Sector

Ensuring ACVO hold up-to-date information on the profile of the community and the sector in their area and that they are familiar with the sector's main concerns including an assessment of need;

### Developing the Sector

Supporting the emergence of new groups in response to local issues and needs, strengthening the capacity of existing organisations through training and support;

### Communicating with the Sector

Providing relevant and up-to-date information and facilitating networking between organisations, enabling them to respond to emerging issues and consultative processes;

### Supporting the Sector

The range of services is likely to remain extensive and includes practical office support such as copying and room hire, to more substantial services such as funding, legal frameworks, management and employment advice, strategic and business planning;

### Promoting Good Practice in the Sector

Developing the skills and knowledge of those operating at all levels in the sector; seeking to improve standards in service delivery, management and policy development as well as implementation;

### Representing the Sector

Working with other sectors, ensuring the views and interests of the sector are represented.

ACVO ensures the Third Sector has a voice.

ACVO ensures that the third sector in Aberdeen City:

- ◆ Has mechanisms for working together with Community Planning partners
- ◆ Has a voice in local and national issues
- ◆ Is represented on forums and/or working groups in which the third sector has an interest
- ◆ Can forge links with other agencies to shape the future of Aberdeen



## Single Interface for Aberdeen

In April 2010, ACVO became the single interface for Aberdeen. The interface combines the roles of the Council of Voluntary Service, the Volunteer Centre and Co-ordinator of the Local Social Economy Partnership.



## Functions

- ◆ Support to third sector organisations operating in the area, both local and those national organisations that deliver services at the local level
- ◆ Support to and promotion of volunteering
- ◆ Support and development of Social Enterprise
- ◆ Connection between the Community Planning Partnership and the Third Sector



## Services on Offer from ACVO:

- ◆ Development Support
- ◆ Funding & Business Planning Support
- ◆ Route to Representation
- ◆ Community Planning Engagement
- ◆ Network/Forum Support & Development
- ◆ Communications Support
- ◆ Volunteering Opportunities
- ◆ Events Management
- ◆ Website Design & Maintenance