

Leeds Helping Agencies

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Below is information about:

Organisations offering support & advice

Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS)

Infrastructure Support Fund

Leeds City Council has funded the following organisations through its Infrastructure Support Fund to provide advice to the VCFS.

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LEEDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Leeds Community Foundation is an independent grant-making organisation that raises funds from the private sector (primarily individuals and companies), as well as working alongside statutory funders with money to distribute.

These funds are then made available, in the form of grants, to small-to-medium sized voluntary, community and faith sector groups in Leeds.

The Foundation also acts as a flow-through funder for national organisations wanting to give grants in Leeds. Examples of this are the Sport Relief Fund, on behalf of Comic Relief, and the government's Grassroots Grants programme.

The Foundation is using the grant from the Infrastructure Support Fund to work in partnership with fit4funding and Voluntary Action-Leeds to provide an online funding database. This gives details of local funding and grant availability for VCFS organisations.

This can be found on this website. The grant also enables the Foundation to work with other infrastructure groups to hold up to three Funding Fairs a year, in different parts of the city. The aim of these events is to encourage other grant-making organisations to take a stand and provide face-to-face advice to groups seeking funding. Further details of these events can be found at

For more information please contact Leeds Community Foundation at:

Leeds Community Foundation
Ground Floor
51a St Paul's Street
Leeds
LS1 2TE

Tel: 0113 242 2426

Fax: 0113 242 2432

Email: carlos@leedscommunityfoundation.org.uk

Website: www.leedscommunityfoundation.org.uk

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LEEDS VOICE

Leeds Voice is an independent voluntary organisation with four main aims:

To build the capacity of the voluntary, community and faith sector, securing recognition as valued and respected partners.

To encourage and support two-way communication between voluntary, community and faith organisations and strategic partners such as Leeds City Council, NHS Leeds and West Yorkshire Police

To enable voluntary, community and faith sector representation and participation at both a local and strategic level across the city

To promote communication and partnership working through information sharing, networking and strategic advocacy.

We ensure that all our work is underpinned by a commitment to recognising and valuing the diversity of our city.

What can Leeds Voice offer your group?

The chance to get involved and make things happen

Membership of a 3,000-strong network of voluntary, community and faith groups from Leeds

Support from our team of dedicated coordinators on strategic issues

A channel for your group's concerns to be raised and acted upon with partners from the statutory sector

The opportunity to become a member of the Leeds Voice forums:

VCFS Strategy Group

Health Forum

Children and Young People's Services Forum

Environment Forum

Area Forums - West:North West, East:North East, South:South East

Community Engagement and Empowerment for local community groups and seldom heard communities

pREparation Training - find out how Leeds works, how to work well within the city and how to be a representative

A direct and coordinated route to the Leeds Initiative and the Leeds Strategic Plan

Publicity for your group's activities through our website and regular e-bulletins

Links with other local, regional and national groups & organisations

For more information about any of our services, contact Leeds Voice on:

Tel: 0113 277 2227

E-mail: info@leedsvoice.org.uk

Website: www.leedsvoice.org.uk

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PAY AND EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS SERVICE (PERS)

PERS offers support to voluntary and community sector organisations in Leeds by providing a telephone information and advice service on employment rights issues.

This includes:

advice to organisations on day-to-day employment issues, and adherence to the legal frameworks that exist to prevent discrimination at work

advice and information on models of good practice (via telephone advice, publications and from their website)

one-to-one consultancy with organisations with support tailored to their human resources needs. This might include terms and conditions, equal pay, compliance with Disability Discrimination Act, Race Relations Amendment Act, European directives etc. In practice this can mean working through the range of policies and procedures new organisations should adopt, and amending existing policies and practices of more established organisations to meet current legal requirements model policies and toolkits, including Recruitment & Selection, Redundancy, Equal Opportunities and Sick Pay

For more information please contact PERS at:

Pay and Employment Rights Service (Yorkshire) Ltd
Unit 14, Batley Enterprise Centre,
513 Bradford Road,
Batley
WF17 8LL

Tel: 01924 428033

Fax: 01924 440906

Email: director@pers.org.uk

Website: www.pers.org.uk

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VA-L - VOLUNTARY ACTION-LEEDS

Voluntary Action-Leeds (VA-L) is the Council for Voluntary Service in Leeds. VA-L supports and builds the capacity of other voluntary, community, and faith organisations. They have been offering services since 1945 and are an acknowledged source of support and information on the voluntary and community sector.

VA-L's Information and Communications Service offers:

Access to the Funder Finder database and funding resources
 Regular printed and online newsletters - visit www.val.org.uk to subscribe
 Support with general enquiries, development and management advice
 Information, publications and periodicals
 Signposting service to specialist advice and support
 Support in design and print of marketing materials
 Peace, quiet, assistance and so much more...

VA-L's Small Groups Development Service offers specialist advice and support to newly formed and small groups on:

- governance
- operational / strategic issues
- policies & procedures
- funding

VA-L's other services include:

Training: a regular training programme covers organisational development. VA-L can also offer tailor made packages specifically designed for your group

The Volunteer Centre: matches volunteer opportunities with prospective volunteers and provides advice, training and support to volunteer managers

Capacity: IT support project to take care of Information Technology needs, from installation to support and web hosting to training

Payroll: to take the hassle out of payroll, administering salaries lets you concentrate on what you do best

Physical and Sensory Impairment Network: a network of disabled people's groups, supporting strategic engagement and co-operative activity.

Fundraising Advice: direct support and advice for groups based in Inner North West Leeds.

Leeds Infrastructure Consortium: a group of third sector infrastructure organisations working together to meet the needs of the frontline voluntary, community and faith sector.

VA-L is open from 9:00am-4:00pm. For more information about any of our services, contact us at Voluntary Action-Leeds, Stringer House, 34 Lupton Street, Hunslet, Leeds LS10 2QW. Tel: 0113 297 7920 Fax: 0113 297 7921 Minicom: 0113 297 7941 Email: info@val.org.uk

Website: www.val.org.uk

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WYCAS - WEST YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY ACCOUNTING SERVICES

WYCAS is a small charitable company operating mainly in West Yorkshire. Our overall aim is to develop the ability of voluntary and community sector organisations with charitable aims to manage their money more efficiently and effectively to enable those organisations to better attain the objectives that they were set up to achieve.

The services that we offer include:

One-to-one training and support for key finance staff

Annual Accounts service

Financial Management Training Courses

Good Practice Guides

Advice Line

Financial Systems Health-checks and Remedial Work

WYCAS Newsletter

For further information about our services, please contact:

WYCAS office

Stringer House

34 Lupton Street

Hunslet

Leeds

LS10 2QW

Tel Office: 0113 270 6291.

Tel Advice: 0113 270 6269.

Email: info@wycas.org.uk

Website: www.wycas.org.uk

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Leeds Infrastructure Consortium (LIC)

LIC is the affiliation of infrastructure organisations that support, represent and work on behalf of voluntary and community sector organisations in Leeds.

All the members of LIC that provide general, city-wide support are detailed in the previous pages.

Those that focus on specific parts of the city, or on specialist areas, and that might be able to help with capacity building can be found below.

To find out more about the work of LIC, and to get a full list of members, please contact Richard Jackson as per the details under Voluntary Action-Leeds above.

Email: richard.jackson@val.org.uk.

To download a copy of the directory, please go to:

http://leeds.fit4funding.org.uk/help_and_advice/regional/west_yorkshire/leeds/

Or to see what support is available from members online go to:

www.leeds-ic.org.uk

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Leeds Infrastructure Consortium (LIC) Members

Active Faith Communities Programme (AFC)

Chantry House, Victoria Road, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3JB.

Contact: Una Dawkins, Administrator

Tel: 0845 658 0388 Fax: 0871 474 5671

E-Mail: info@activefaiths.org.uk Website: www.activefaiths.org.uk

Area: City-wide

AFC offers capacity building advice and support to faith communities and faith based organisations in West Yorkshire engaging in projects and programmes around community development, regeneration, community cohesion and civil renewal. We work in partnership with other infrastructure support organisations to offer focused support in the areas of project planning, strategic planning, organisational and policy development, partnership development, trustee training, funding and business plan development, and human resources.

Burley Lodge Centre
42-46 Burley Lodge Road, Leeds LS6 1QF

Contact Person: Taira Kayani, Chief Executive Officer

Tel: 0113 275 4142 Fax: 0113 275 3700

E-Mail: info@burleylodge.org.uk Website: www.burleylodge.org

The Centre provides support to individuals and groups in the community that manage their own projects and activities. The Volunteer Project Worker also provides advice and support to new groups.

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Cardigan Centre

145-149 Cardigan Road, Leeds LS6 1LJ

Contact Person: Penny Bainbridge, Manager

Tel: 0113 275 9282 Fax: 0113 274 4759

E-Mail: office@cardigancentre.org.uk

Postcodes: Inner NW

Some of this work is generic (which means it applies to anyone or any group), but there are also specialised staff working with groups of young people and older people, and focusing on community health development. Infrastructure services include: office rental, administrative services, administration of grants, organising and administering networks of local organisations, supporting small groups which are setting up (i.e. capacity building, excluding funding advice, from 13+ years), support key community events, adult learning - programmes for 14+ year olds using Open College units.

fit4funding

93 Lawefield Lane

Wakefield

WF2 8SU

Tel: 01924 239063 Fax: 01924 239431

Email: info@fit4funding.org.uk Website: www.fit4funding.org.uk

fit4funding supports voluntary organisations and community groups in West Yorkshire to receive funding for their work; and supports funding advisors and agencies to give effective funding advice. This is done through the provision of training on writing funding applications, developing a funding strategy, good practice in funding advice e.t.c., through funding information (newsletters e.t.c), and consultancy.

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Health for All (Leeds) (formerly South Leeds Health for All)

Tenants Hall, Acre Close, Middleton, Leeds LS10 4HX

Main Contact: Pat McGeever, CEO

Tel: 0113 270 6903 Fax: 0113 277 6868

Email: info@slhfa.org.uk Website: www.slhfa.co.uk

Postcodes: Mainly LS10 and LS11, although some work is city-wide.

Health for All (Leeds) establishes and supports community based groups and projects serving the needs of disadvantaged communities in Leeds. The organisation aims to redress inequalities and promote community participation as well as collaboration between voluntary, statutory and community groups and agencies. We assist a wide range of community groups, support them to prepare and adopt constitutions and apply for funding.

Leeds Faiths Forum

Chantry House, Victoria Road, Leeds LS5 3JB

Main Contact: Jacqui Friend, Administrator (Monday and Tuesday)

Tel: 0113 388 5096 Fax: 0871 474 5671

Email: info@leedsfaithsforum.org.uk

Website: www.leedsfaithsforum.org.uk

Postcodes: City-wide

The Forum offers a range of opportunities to explore issues of concern to faith communities e.g. the work of Education Leeds and the Health Service. It also provides a way for other organisations to contact the faith communities, sources of advice on

“Religious Literacy” and open events. A council of eight faiths leads the forum and it facilitates the nomination of faith participants to key boards such as the Leeds Initiative. It advises and works with the city on key work such as regeneration and community cohesion. It brings faith communities together to explore issues and presents its findings to the faiths and to government bodies.

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Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF)

60 Upper Basinghall Street, Leeds LS1 5HR

Main Contact: Wesley Grant, Forum Manager

Tel: 0113 380 4911 Fax: 0113 242 7404

Email: info@opforum.org.uk

Website: www.opforum.org.uk

Postcodes City wide

LOPF provides information, support, networking and consultation opportunities for the Older People's Voluntary Sector in Leeds. With a membership of 110 organisations (June 2005) LOPF provides a strong voice for the older people's voluntary sector - sitting on a number of statutory policy making and working groups within health, social services, transport, housing etc.

Leeds Play Network

St John's House, Unit 2, Park Farm Industrial Estate, Westland Road, Beeston, Leeds LS11 5SE

Main contact Nicola Turner Tel: 0113 2016790 Fax: 0113 2762573

Email: info@leedsplaynetwork.org.uk

Website: www.leedsplaynetwork.org.uk

Postcodes: City-wide

Leeds Play Network provides advice, support, information and training for play providers across Leeds. We can provide specialist training for playworkers and play providers at various community venues across the city. As an umbrella organisation, we are now involved in several projects, all related to the development of the 'quality of play for children'. In response to requests, we also offer training, events and support on a widerange of play-related issues at suitable locations throughout Leeds.

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Volition

26 St Michaels Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 3AW

Main Contact: Pip Goff, Manager

Tel: 0113 274 9585

Email: info@volition.org.uk

Website: www.volition.org.uk

Postcodes: City-wide

Volition represents and supports and promotes the interests of the mental health voluntary sector in Leeds, providing information including production of regular newsletters, liaison with service commissioners and planners, links with statutory agencies and organising events.