

Help for Groups and Charities across Dorset

This leaflet highlights the range of support available to Dorset's Third Sector* through members of Dorset's Third Sector Infrastructure Group (3SIG)

* The term Third sector refers to the Voluntary and Community Sector including Social Enterprises.



Do you need help and advice on developing new organisations, funding, recruiting volunteers, training, developing good practice, representation, liaison, policy response and campaigning.

3SIG is a partnership between Dorset's Third Sector Infrastructure Organisations who provide a range of general and specialist support services to frontline voluntary organisations and community groups in Dorset. These organisations work together to plan, develop and deliver appropriate services to Dorset's 3rd Sector Organisations (TSO).

Mission: *"To ensure that all the organisations and groups in Dorset's 3rd Sector have access to a range of support and development services that are appropriate, accessible, inclusive, affordable, sustainable and responsive to changing needs".*

3SIG Members:

Dorset Community Action (DCA) *is the Council for Voluntary Service for Dorset and supports the development of the voluntary sector through information, networking, representation, building capacity, and filling gaps. DCA is committed to encouraging and supporting the interests of local communities in consultation,, community facilities, regeneration, sustainable living and social issues. DCA initiates and delivers new services, which respond to local needs.*

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Volunteer Centre Dorchester *is the main point of contact for organisations that need volunteers and people interested in becoming volunteers in Dorset.*

Contact: Marie Waterman
1 Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1TZ
01305 269214
dorchester.vb@btopenworld.com
www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk

Weymouth Community Volunteers *brings together those who wish to carry out voluntary/community work and those who wish to make use of volunteer's skills and time in the Portland and Weymouth area.*

Contact: Sue Follan
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Dorset DT4 8BJ
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www.wcv.org.uk

Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux *provide advice and information on a range of issues, including housing rights, welfare rights and benefits, legal issues, money and debt, consumer rights and employment rights.*

Contact: Caroline Buxton
Mill Lane, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4RA
01929 551257
bureau@purbeckcab.cabinet.org.uk
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Dorset Youth Association (DYA) exists to support and develop high quality youth work and educational opportunities for young people throughout the County of Dorset.

Contact: Dave Thompson
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Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1QL
01305 262440
Dorset.youth.association@btconnect.com

Churches Together in Dorset supports and gives information on the Churches and their combined activity and service in the County of Dorset, including the Boroughs of Bournemouth and Poole.

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Dorset Race Equality Council (DREC) aims to reduce racial discrimination, promote shared values of peace, responsibility and racial harmony. It also aims to reduce conflict and increase confidence and self worth amongst the diverse communities in Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole.

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DA21 (Dorset Agenda 21) works cooperatively with local people, communities, businesses, educational bodies, local government and other organisations to encourage action on sustainability and climate change in Dorset.

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Other sources of help and information:

DCA's newsletters provide a range of information for TSOs, from funding and training to seminars and information events.

The Dorchester Volunteer Centre Newsletter is full of useful information for those involved in Volunteering throughout Dorset and showcases the work of volunteers.

To subscribe to either publication, please contact Anita Hansen, the Consortium Development Officer.

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Through the **Dorset Community Gateway** (www.dorcom.org.uk) you can find information on: events and activities taking place in your area, groups and organisations that provide advice and support on issues that concern you and up to date information on voluntary and community groups across Dorset.

To receive the leaflet text in large print, please contact:
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Regional and National sources of help and information*

CLINKS - Designed to help the voluntary and community sector that work with offenders and their families - www.clinkssouthwest.org.uk

RISE - the voice for South West social enterprise and supports the development of sustainable social enterprises in the region - www.rise-sw.co.uk

Volunteering England works to support and increase the quality, quantity, impact and accessibility of volunteering throughout England. www.volunteering.org.uk

Community Matters - is the nationwide federation for community associations and similar organisations and has played a key role in promoting and supporting action by ordinary people in response to social, educational and recreational needs in their neighbourhoods and communities - www.communitymatters.org.uk

The Charity Commission for England and Wales is established by law as the regulator and registrar of charities in England and Wales. Their aim is to provide the best possible regulation of these charities in order to increase charities' efficiency and effectiveness and public confidence and trust in them - www.charity-commission.gov.uk

National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) is a highly effective lobbying organisation and represents the views of its members, and the wider voluntary sector to government, the European Union and other bodies. NCVO are also at the leading edge of research into, and analysis of, the voluntary sector - www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

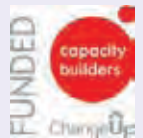
*NB. This list is not exhaustive.

More about 3SIG and what it does to help Dorset's Third Sector

1. *Work together to plan better services to meet the needs of frontline third sector organisations (TSOs)*
2. *Provide a range of high quality services to meet the needs of all Dorset's TSOs but particularly attempt to address the needs of small, marginalised, rural or excluded groups.*
3. *Attract money to make sure these services are provided in years to come.*
4. *Make sure that local, regional and national plans and services meet the needs of Dorset's TSOs.*
5. *Work with other bodies in the South West like 3SIG to benefit Dorset.*

What are the key changes 3SIG aims to make?

1. *Better working between those who provide support and advice to frontline TSOs*
2. *More local frontline groups and communities will have access to dedicated local workers (the 'spokes') able to advise or signpost to specialist support (the 'hubs') in many areas of need.*
3. *More TSOs will have access to specialist advice, information and crisis support such as fundraising, constitutions, youth work, sustainability.*
4. *More smaller or marginalised groups will have access to a comprehensive range of support services and be able to influence design and delivery of those services.*
5. *All TSOs will be able to join a forum and have a voice at strategic meetings with local public bodies and become fully involved in the design and delivery of public services.*



If you would like to find out more or discuss potential membership of 3SIG please contact Anita Hansen, Consortium Development Officer.
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