



VCS PLACE SUPPORT

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL VCS SUPPORT

The Public Health Strengthening Communities team have identified key VCS support needs and partner organisations to lead the develop of this work, there are 4 keys areas of support for the VCS across Essex.



E-PORTAL Essex

- An online portal to support the VCS
- One stop shop for organisations of all sizes
- Library of information on a range of topics relevant to the VCS
- E-Portal will be live in April 2025

Maldon CVS and UCAN



Increasing Community Participation

- Breaking down barriers to community participation
- Inspiring, encouraging and motivating communities to get involved

TAWS and ATF



Place Based Support

- Increasing connection
- Fostering collaboration
- Developing supportive eco-systems at place.

Active Essex and VCS partners



Resource and Funding maximisation

- Facilitating and advocating for a more strategic approach to funding and resources.

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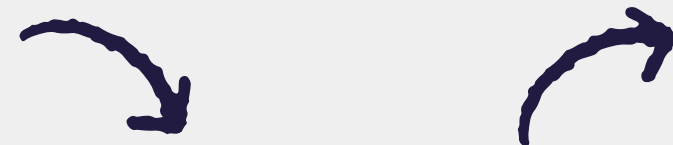
ACTIVE ESSEX - PLACE SUPPORT

Building on our ways of working



Place based working

Since 2017 Active Essex have taken a place based approach to all of our work



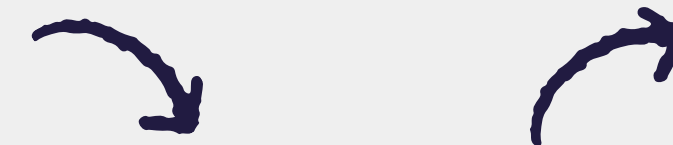
Partnership & collaboration locally

Our locality teams work in partnership with a wide range of partners and organisations



ABCD approach

We look to work with local organisations and communities and build on what is already strong locally.



Strong relationships

Because of our locality work we have strong relationships with a wide range of VCS and statutory partners.



Networks and connections

Our locality teams are already part of local networks, meetings and forums and have good insight into the strengths and ambitions of local areas.

Active Essex approach to place VCS approach

Through a place-based approach Active Essex will foster an open and inclusive collaboration with Essex Voluntary and Community organisations in order to support a thriving, connected and resilient sector.

Active Essex are keen to work with local partners to understand:

What success looks like for the VCS in that place



Where we can support the delivery of local aspirations within the VCS



What the strengths are in a place and how the local VCS can be supported to build on this



How we can help share what is working well locally

Where we can work together to build capacity and capability to strengthen the VCS in a place



We're hoping this new approach, will support VCS and local partners to:

- Dive deeper into understanding your communities needs
- Unlock barriers, and enhance your ideas
- Support and enable community-led initiatives through incubation and acceleration.

NEXT STEPS FOR VCS PLACE SUPPORT



Insight and mapping

- Is there already local mapping around VCS organisations that can be shared?
- Is there a local organisation who can support this?



Identify what is strong locally

- Understand what great work is already happening locally to support the VCS
- Are there any organisations providing support that we need to talk to / add resources to
- Are there forums that already exist who could lead this work locally?



Ensure everyone has a voice / awareness

- Are there any other meetings / forums where we should share this information?
- Do we need to run a local event?
- Can partners share the short surveys?



Develop a place support plan for VCS

- Working in partnership with local partners and forums in order to develop a support plan for local VCS
- Responding to key support needs and priorities

TELL US WHAT YOUR SUPPORT NEEDS ARE AND ALSO WHAT YOUR STRENGTHS ARE
TO HELP US BUILD OUR PLACE PLAN FOR VCS SUPPORT:



VCS - SUPPORT NEEDS INSIGHT



BECOME A PARTNER IN THE
VCS INFRASTRUCTURE WORK

ANY QUESTIONS

