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**All of this is happening in March!**  
**Don't miss these opportunities...**

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# REACH Worcestershire

## Your chance to be part of the new Research Engagement and Community Health steering group!

Are you part of a voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation linked to health and wellbeing in Worcestershire? Are you interested in finding ways to use community voice to influence policy? Are you wondering how health and social care research can impact and improve practice? So are we!

REACH Worcestershire (a VCSE Worcestershire Alliance initiative) are a collective of organisations working in partnership with The Research and Development Team at Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust to explore these very issues.

**Welcome to this inaugural meeting to discuss and define the structure, purpose and direction of the Research Engagement and Community Health steering group.**

**9:30am – 1:30pm | Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March | The Hive, Worcester**

**Learn more about REACH Worcestershire**

**Book your place at the inaugural meeting**

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## Working in a community facing role that supports health and wellbeing?

**Find support from your peers and join the Community Wellbeing Roles Network!**

In spring 2023, Worcestershire VCSE Alliance founded a support network for individuals working in Community Wellbeing Roles (*including but **not** limited to Community Builders, Community Connectors, Community Development Officers, Community Health Connectors, Community Mental Health Link Workers, Disability Employment Advisors, Health and Wellbeing Coaches, Neighbourhood Social Prescribers, Social Prescribers, Social Prescribing Link Workers.*)

The purpose of the Community Wellbeing Roles Network is to provide a space for you to continuously connect, support, and learn with peers in similar roles.

At each quarterly network meeting, we hear from a guest speaker, connect with peers from across the county, and contribute to the development of CWR practices. You can watch back previous meetings here: [Community Wellbeing Roles Network](#).

**Welcome to the next CWR Network Meeting**

**12:30-2pm | Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March | MS Teams**

In addition to the quarterly network meeting, we host monthly check-ins, which are informal online meetings designed to support each other to problem-solve, manage challenges and share recent learning experiences.

**The next CWR check-in is**

**12-1pm | Tuesday 19th March | MS Teams**

**Learn more about the March meeting and register**

**Request meeting link for the monthly check-in**

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## Book your **FREE** webinar place now! **Introduction to Co-production** **for VCSE organisations**

Welcome to the third VCSE Learning Event, a line-up of webinars led by sector experts designed to help Worcestershire VCSE organisations amplify their impact and support sustainability. Following the success of previous introductory webinars Social Value and Theory of Change, registration is now open for :

**Introduction to Co-production**  
**12-2pm | Wednesday 13th March | MS Teams**

This session will introduce principles for co-production approaches, its opportunities and barriers. You will have an opportunity to reflect on what you currently do and

what your organisation can do in the future to create further opportunities for true co-production including maximising impact and influencing partners.

Co-production brings people with lived experience together with people who design and deliver services, to work collectively to review, design and improve things – in a nutshell : ***‘people working together to make things better.’***

This webinar is for you if you’re curious about ways of involving more voices in your service design. You might be in a role that leads and develops initiatives, a decision maker or someone who may be involved directly in co-production.

This webinar will be led by Vicky Thomson from [Every One](#), a Lincolnshire based charity that delivers person-centred services and projects for carers and people that are cared for. This event is hosted by Worcestershire VCSE Alliance and is free to all Worcestershire VCSE organisations and partners.

**Book your place at the Co-production webinar**

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**Visit the Alliance news pages for updates, learning events, funding opportunities and more...**

[Fully funded Case for Change Bootcamp - Register by 10th March for this course worth £500+](#)

[VCSE organisations, don't miss this! Be part of Droitwich Community Showcase and reach new people!](#)

[Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust is recruiting a Volunteer Administrator - apply by 3rd March](#)

[Stay Connected Community Grant - up to £2,500 available to Worcestershire VCSE organisations](#)

[FREE DBS Eligibility workshop for the VCSE Sector 5th and 11th March](#)

## [Wychavon District Council Community Network Conference 28th March](#)

Visit the Alliance website

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the VCSE Alliance website. On the left is the VCSE Alliance logo. The navigation menu includes: About, Impact, News, Membership, Districts, Wellbeing Roles, Research, and Learning. A 'SIGN UP' button is located on the right. Below the navigation is a large orange banner with the text 'Worcestershire VCSE Alliance' and a sub-headline: 'Providing a platform for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations to collectively amplify their impact, learn from each other and support positive change within their communities'. Underneath the banner are three featured articles, each with a teal text box:
 

- Leading the way in community health research in Worcestershire**: Accompanied by an image of a woman in a garden.
- Integrating VCSE and NHS Mental Health and Wellbeing Services**: Accompanied by an image of a doorway.
- Conducting a major research project to understand and strengthen the VCSE**: Accompanied by an image of people at a table with documents.

 A teal bar is visible at the bottom of the featured articles section.

**If you have any questions or comments,  
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