



**Working together  
to help make  
Worcestershire  
a better and healthier  
place to live and work**

**Welcome to this update from  
Worcestershire VCSE Alliance**

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**Worcestershire  
VCSE Alliance  
is hiring!**



**NEW Senior Business  
Administration Role**

**Determined to make a difference and believe in the  
power and potential of the voluntary sector?**

If you want to work for an organisation that strives to improve local services across Worcestershire and support and

strengthen the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector this could be the opportunity for you.

The Senior Administration Officer will be someone who pays attention to detail and is confident in producing good quality documents. They will have excellent organisational and administrative skills. A passion for VCSE Sector, health and wellbeing would be a bonus. They will have the skills to manage competing priorities and work under their own initiative, whilst having the ability to work well within a team environment. The role requires the applicant to be flexible in their hours of work to ensure the needs of the work programme.

The closing date for applications is Midday on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Interviews w/c 31<sup>st</sup> July which will include a short task and a face-to-face interview with a small panel.

[Read more and apply here](#)

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# VCSE development workshop



**Lets keep the conversation going!**

**Fuller Stocktake Report follow-up workshop for  
Worcestershire VCSE Organisations**

**Tuesday 11th June 10-11.30am MS Teams**

In June [we introduced the Fuller Stocktake report](#) and began to reflect on what this new way of working could mean for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations.

**Claire Lojko** Community Health and Wellbeing Services Manager at Worcestershire Association of Carers and **Ruth Heywood** Director of Wellbeing Services at Onside will lead

this interactive session which will give members of the Worcestershire VCSE community opportunity to explore:

- How the sector can implement findings
- Identify key priorities for the VCSE in relation to the report
- Ways to enhance the sector by building integrated teams

Email us to request event Teams link

[View the Fuller Stocktake Briefing event here](#)



## Developing a support network for Community Wellbeing Roles

## Your role and responsibilities are important

## You and your personal wellbeing are important

Based on feedback from the 2022 Being Well event, this April Worcestershire VCSE Alliance hosted a meeting for people in community wellbeing roles to share experiences and discuss future support. Over 40 attendees included Lifestyle Advisors, Social Prescribers, Community Health Connectors, and Mental Health Link Workers.

Making time to step back, slow down and off-load with peers were actions described as vital to maintaining personal wellbeing. Personal and professional development were aspects described as vital to enhancing individual wellbeing and job satisfaction.

We'll soon be running the first of what we hope will be regular informal '[Monthly Check-ins](#)' and '[Quarterly Get-Togethers](#)' for people in community wellbeing roles.

### **July Monthly Check-In - 5th July 12.30-1.30pm ONLINE**

An opportunity to chat with peers about what's going on for you. [Carole Cumino](#) who facilitated the initial workshop has volunteered to host the first of the check-in sessions.

[Full details here](#)

### **July Quarterly Get-Together - 11<sup>th</sup> July 1-2.30pm ONLINE**

Time and space to develop your learning, enjoyment and enthusiasm for the important work you do. This month we will be joined by guest speaker Harriet Brown, Head of Housing & Health Partnerships Worcestershire. [Full details here](#)

Please share this with your colleagues in community wellbeing roles, for example (but not limited to) Lifestyle Advisors, Social Prescribers, Community Health Connectors, Mental Health Link Workers.

Email Kay to register for these events

# ICS Academy VCSE Faculty



## The ICS Academy Faculty dedicated to VCSE

**You are invited to participate in  
the inaugural scoping meeting**

**Monday 10th July 1-3pm MS Teams**

Esther Passingham, VCSE Strategic Lead for Worcestershire will chair the faculty which brings together VCSE organisational leads to determine the joint education, learning & development priorities for the Sector.

Be part of shaping the VCSE Faculty operating model, vision, objectives and indicative VCSE workforce development priorities at this inaugural scoping meeting. This will include:

- Exploring how the ICS VCSE Faculty can strengthen VCSE workforce development, education & training.
- What are the potential opportunities, challenges and priorities?
- Considering the membership of the ICS VCSE Faculty including what commitment and experience is needed
- Agreeing the key principles of a Terms of Reference

This invitation can be transferred to a colleague in your organisation in a senior role with commitment or responsibility for training, development or HR.

Let us know you're coming

Learn about the ICS Academy

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# Alliance Update

## New Alliance Project

**Alliance is partnering with the Health and Care Trust to develop an exciting new research programme**

Thanks to 12 months funding from Clinical Network Research West Midlands the VCSE Alliance is excited to be part of this pioneering **community-led research prioritisation and engagement** project that aims to widen engagement in health and care research across the region to better understand and ultimately reduce health inequalities. This will be a co-produced activity, reflecting the lived experiences and health agendas of people across both counties. Together, we aim to co-design a

community-led research framework which can be sustained beyond the life of this project.

Check Alliance news page for updates



## Help make WeCAN stronger!

**Worcestershire Community Action Network would like to hear from VCSE groups**

Are you part of a Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise group or organisation? Worcestershire Community Action Network (WeCAN) is a partnership of the CVSs and Volunteer Centres across Worcestershire. They are bidding for funds to strengthen the support they can offer VCSE groups across our county. If successful this will mean more training, help with fundraising and better integration of Volunteer Centres meaning cross border volunteering becomes easier!

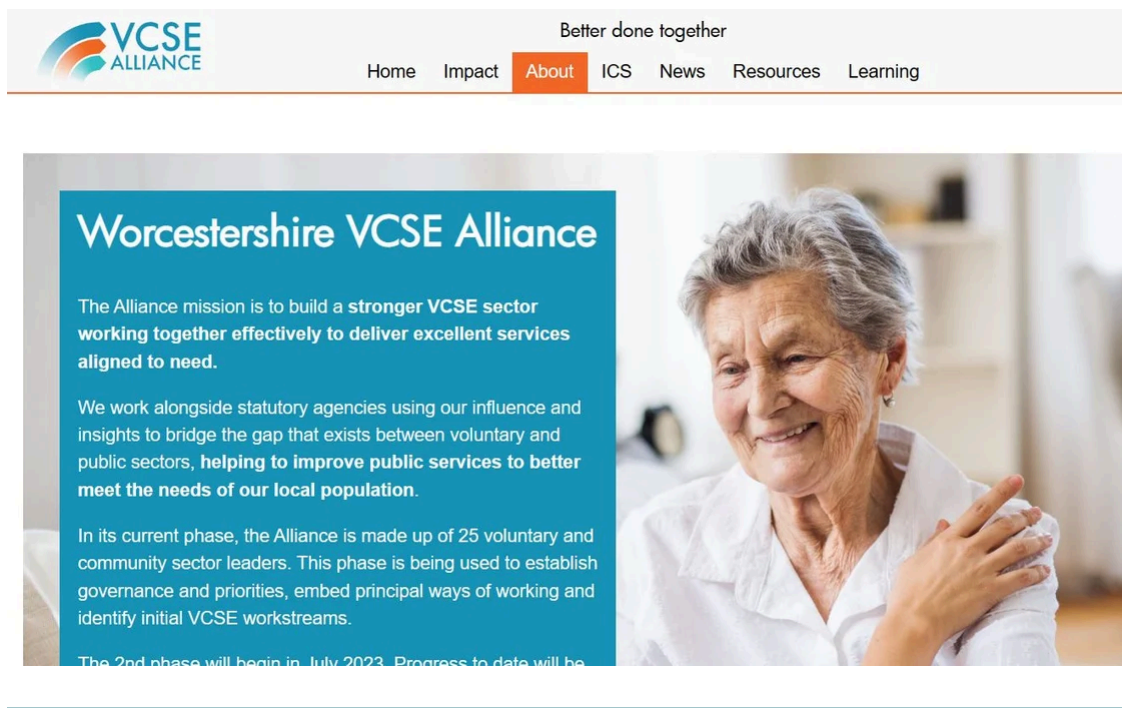
Complete this short form

## Worcestershire VCSE Alliance website

Unsure of how the Alliance works? Where you fit in? What the ICS is? All of these questions are answered on our comprehensive new website.

Visit now to find exclusive VCSE [learning opportunities](#), [jobs](#), [sector news](#) and a bank of helpful [resources](#).

Visit the Alliance website



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