

Refreshing the Volunteering Strategy for Brighton and Hove



“We recognise the contribution that volunteers make to our services and the importance of putting a real value on the contribution it makes to the health services within our City. Furthermore, we support volunteering as an activity that can have a profound impact on the health and happiness of the volunteers taking part - our City residents.”

Background

- The current strategy runs until 2015
- BHSP (now BHC) adopted it in 2010
- CESSG funding through LAGBI, BHCC and SCP
- Process led by the Volunteer Centre
- Steering group of key partners



What is volunteering?

“We understand the term volunteering to include formal activity undertaken through public, private and voluntary organisations as well as informal community participation and campaigning. For the purpose of this Code, volunteering is defined as an activity that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that aims to benefit the environment or individuals or groups other than (or in addition to) close relatives.”

From the Compact Code of Good Practise on Volunteering

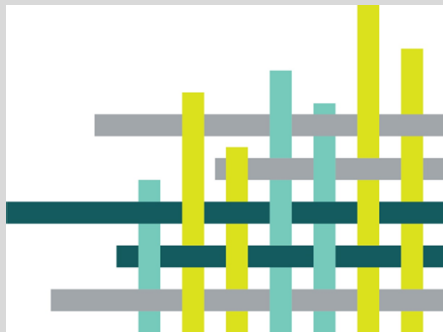
“I’m meeting my community instead of casting my eyes down as I pass them in the street.”





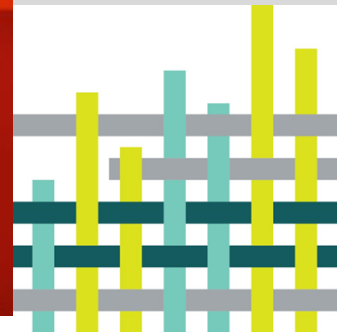
MUTUAL BENEFIT

Recognition





So why the refresh?



The role of BHC

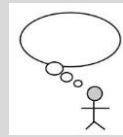
- Engagement
- Leadership
- Gather partner intelligence
- Policy and plan of activities
- Act as critical friend



I give a little, I receive
a little, and I'm part of
the family.

Over to you...





Employment Health and social care
Drug, alcohol & mental health rehabilitation
Trustee Recruitment Business support
Hospital volunteering Universities
Young people Community Safety

Group Work Prompt Questions:

- Does your organisation offer volunteering opportunities?
 - If not, what are the barriers?
 - If yes, in what way?
- What aspirations do you have for volunteering?
- In what way could your organisation contribute to the strategy process?
- What could we join up around?
- How long should the strategy last for? (e.g. 1, 2, 3 years?)

