

Voluntary and Community Sector work with Children and Young People

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What are the characteristics of the VCS?

- Come together around common cause / concern / unmet need
- Management is volunteer led
- May or may not have paid staff



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Range of Sector

- Every type of 'Human Endeavour' is covered by the VCS
- National Childrens Homes, Childrens Society, NSPCC, Princes Trust, to a local Mother and Toddler Group



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The Voluntary Sector Locally

- 650 groups
- 40 faith groups
- 60 with paid staff
- 400 paid staff
- 5000 volunteers



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Strengths and added value of the VCS

- Local control and community involvement
- Flexibility
- Go beyond boundaries
- Volunteer contribution
 - self confidence
 - skill development
 - active citizens
- Social cohesion / builds communities
- Ability to access funding e.g. Trusts, Foundations, Companies



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What do Local Groups do?

- Culture, leisure, sport, arts
- Health / disability / care
- Children / young people, 50 directly / 170 indirectly



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Examples of Major Service Providers with Children and Young People

- West View Project
- Belle Vue Sports and Youth Centre
- Families First
- Barnardos (B76, Heartbeat)
- Patch
- Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group
- Abbey Street
- Hartlepool Youth Limited/Café 177
- Make a Difference
- ADDvance



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Other groups that work with Children and Young People

- Groups working with children and young people where it is not the main focus of the organisation e.g. HVDA, Hartlepool MIND, Hartlepool Carers and many others
- Many smaller groups such as sports and leisure groups
- Uniformed groups
- Churches, e.g Solid Rock Café



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Services being provided

- After school clubs
- Breakfast clubs
- Prevention work
- Support groups
- Advice, guidance and counselling
- Participation in decision making
- Home safety equipment



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Services being provided

- Parent and Child support groups
- Support groups e.g Dyspraxia
- Young carers
- Youth clubs
- Activity groups
- Emotional literacy
- Sexual relationship health
- Mother and Toddler clubs



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Services being provided cont.

- Children with disabilities
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Mentoring
- Family mediation
- Sport e.g Boxing
- Leisure and arts
- Healthy life styles
- Physical activities



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HVDA's Work

- Project development support both to new and existing groups
- Volunteers – placement, support and good practice
- Administration of Community Chests
- Funding advice and straight through money
- Community involvement through LINK and the Community Network



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