

Our vision is for local communities to be strong, healthy, diverse, vibrant and flourishing

Our mission is to **EMPOWER the voluntary sector** – ENABLE volunteering – **CONNECT communities**
This is our ultimate purpose. It defines what we aim to achieve every day, through every decision we make

Mission

EMPOWER the voluntary sector

to survive and thrive, by providing expertise, support, development opportunities and training

improve quality and governance of VCS organisations

support growth and sustainability of VCS organisations

sustain and develop CAN as a strong umbrella infrastructure charity

ENABLE volunteering

through our Volunteering Hub, helping everyone to play an active role in their community

Champion the role of volunteering

Enable people to volunteer

Support organisations to promote, recruit, train, induct and provide ongoing support to volunteers

CONNECT communities

by helping to create conditions where everyone's voice is valued and heard by facilitating great local networking and communication

Promote & champion the sector – increase the visibility of CAN

Be the point of contact, reference and information for the sector locally. Identifying need and effectively communicating, developing and influencing policy

Enable effective involvement and codesign of services, through meaningful community connection

Objectives to achieve our mission

We will:

- provide expert bespoke advice and guidance through 1:1 and group work
- deliver and facilitate high quality training and webinars
- recruit and support a strong board of trustees to oversee the effective running of the charity, and ensure we have excellent operational processes in place

We will:

- actively promote volunteering to the public, young people and organisations
- provide a volunteering platform, which enables organisations to recruit volunteers and volunteers to access volunteering opportunities
- provide expert advice, guidance and training on all matters relating to volunteering to individuals, businesses, stakeholders and the voluntary and community sector

We will:

- actively champion and promote the work of our sector and CAN to support joined up collaborative working
- increase membership and reach – gather and share knowledge about our sector locally and nationally
- develop and deliver voluntary and community sector led engagement and networking through VCS Leaders exCHANGE, Networks and Forums