

**OVERVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE CUMBERNAULD AND NORTH AREA**  
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**SNAPSHOT OF THE LOCAL SECTOR**  
 Key information about the voluntary sector in the local area

- 409 voluntary sector organisations with a main address listed in the Cumbernauld and North area
- Estimated 1400 organisations have a footprint in the Cumbernauld and North area (including national voluntary sector organisations)
- Key investors in the local sector include North Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Government, Big Lottery Fund, Voluntary Action Fund and several private trust funds
- Activity and make up of the local voluntary sector is wide and diverse
- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire is the local Third Sector Interface

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**LOCALITY PROFILE OF THE SECTOR**  
 Useful facts and intelligence about the voluntary sector in the locality

Notable Local Voluntary Sector Trends

- Higher than average number of national intermediaries but less than average number of local authority wide groups
- Thriving close-knit voluntary sector in smaller towns of Chryston, Croy, Kilsyth, Moodiesburn, and Stepps,

Prominent Locations for Sector Activity

- Muirfield Community Facility
- Palacerigg Country Park

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**ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN LOCALITY**  
*Highlighting a few of the key groups in the Cumbernauld and North area*

Local Voluntary Sector Organisations

- CACE Older People Active Lives, Cumbernauld Citizens Advice Bureau, Cumbernauld YMCA-YWCA, Three Local Community Forums

Local Authority Wide Organisations

- North Lanarkshire Leisure Ltd, RECAP Community Project, The Alpha Project, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire

National Voluntary Sector Organisations

- Quarriers, Scottish Spina Bifida Association, The Richmond Fellowship

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**IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL SECTOR**  
*Impact and value of local voluntary sector services clearly evident*

Services in High Demand

- Welfare Benefits and debt advice
- Employability services and projects
- Food Banks
- Basic computer training
- Mental health support services



Challenges for Organisations

- Strain of managing increased demand for services on tight funding and budgets
- Sustainability and innovation

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**VOLUNTEERING IN THE LOCAL AREA**  
*Volunteering more important than ever socially, culturally and economically*

Volunteering in the North Area

- Local levels of volunteering higher than at any point in the last decade
- Young people aged 16-25 give more time to volunteering than any other age group
- 154 local volunteering opportunities active on VANL database at present



Why Are Local People Volunteering?

- Volunteering and employability
- Schools and youth volunteering

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**RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**  
*Scottish Government investment in preparing for older people's care*

**Change Plan Contribution**

- Voluntary sector is one of four key partners to sign off local Change Plan
- Devolved budget of 20% for Community Capacity Building and Carer Support

**Structure and Progress**

- CACE Older People Active Lives leads on local voluntary sector coordination via NL Locality Partnership Development Programme and hosts local consortium



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**COLLABORATION AND NETWORKS**  
*Identified structures to enable local voluntary sector to work together*

**Structures and Representation**

- NL Voluntary Sector Partnership Group
- Mandated Representational Matrix
- Local Area Partnership Representatives appointed on two-year cycles

**Voluntary Sector Networks**

- Cumbernauld and North Area Voluntary Sector Locality Network
- Voluntary Sector Thematic Networks (e.g. Children and Families Network)



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**THIRD SECTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**  
*Local programme exploring voluntary sector within Community Planning*

**Self-Assessment Journey**

VANL working with local voluntary sector and Community Planning Partners during 2014-15 to self-assess the voluntary sector's connectivity within local Community Planning



**Improvement Planning**

Improvement Plan being developed to ensure that sector participates in, contributes to and benefits from Community Planning

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**THANK YOU!**  
*Contact us for more information about the voluntary sector in the  
Cumbernauld and North locality...*

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