

OVERVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE CUMBERNAULD AND NORTH AREA
 Voluntary Action NL

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

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

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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