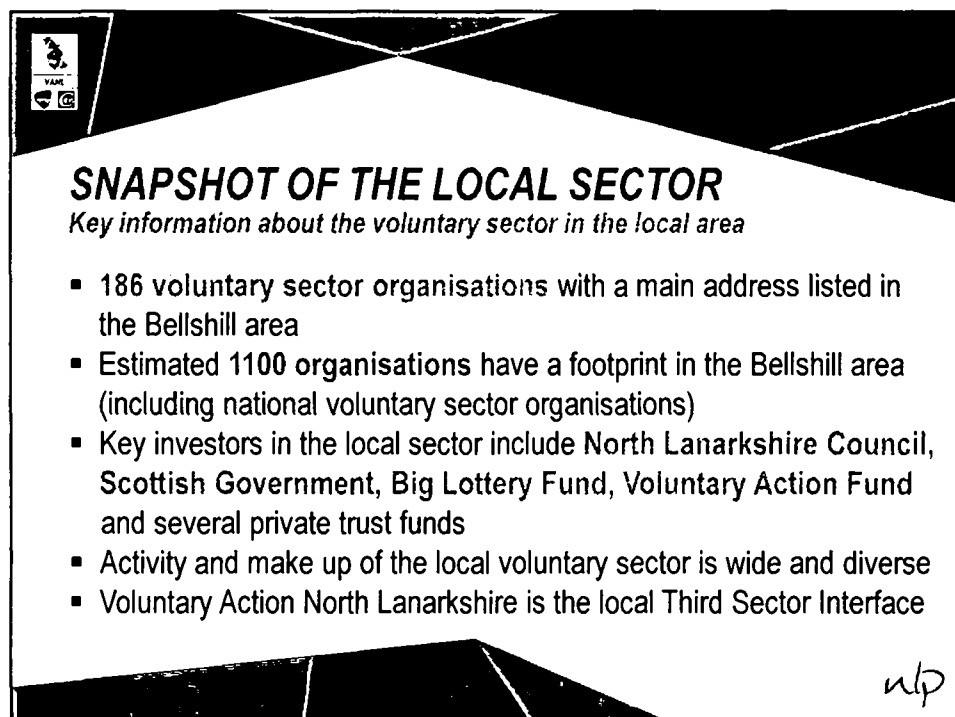


OVERVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE BELLSHILL AREA

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SNAPSHOT OF THE LOCAL SECTOR

Key information about the voluntary sector in the local area

- 186 voluntary sector organisations with a main address listed in the Bellshill area
- Estimated 1100 organisations have a footprint in the Bellshill 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

- Less than average number of national intermediaries and local authority wide organisations based locally
- Thriving close-knit voluntary sector in smaller towns of Holytown and Viewpark

Prominent Locations for Sector Activity

- Bellshill Academy and Cardinal Newman
- Bellshill Cultural Centre
- Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre



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ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN LOCALITY

Highlighting a few of the key groups in the Bellshill area

Local Voluntary Sector Organisations

- Bellshill and Mossend YMCA, Bellshill and District CAB, Bellshill and District Community Forum, Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre

Local Authority Wide Organisations

- Active4All, Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society, Liber8 Lanarkshire Ltd, Routes to Work Ltd

National Voluntary Sector Organisations

- British Red Cross, Cancer Research UK, The Salvation Army, SSVF

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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 Bellshill 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
- 96 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

- Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre 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

- Bellshill 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 Bellshill locality...

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