

# WHAT IS THE VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR?

Social impact not profit

Independent of government

Largest category = charities

Includes Community Interest Companies & community groups

Focuses on particular issues or groups

30% of the public have benefited from services of a charity (Charity Commission 2017)

165,000 charities  
in the UK.

80% have an  
annual income <  
£100,000

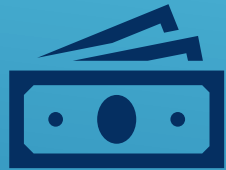
Almost half have  
less than £10,000

Charities in C2C  
= 8,500

10 -14 key  
umbrella  
organisations  
across C2C region

HOW BIG IS IT?

# HOW IS IT FUNDED?



**Mixed funding model**



**Core funding = gold dust!**

- sales
- service contracts
- donations
- fundraising events
- grants
- allowances



**C2C Community Grants**



- ▶ Supports hardest to engage/assist
- ▶ 90% VCS provide real work experience or jobs
- ▶ 33% provide education, training and employment - job clubs, young enterprise business advisers??

WHAT ROLE DOES IT  
PLAY?



Open access for  
all



Roll on roll off



Outreach



Wrap around  
support



Smaller course  
numbers –  
bespoke needs



Use of volunteers



Brokerage

APPROACH TO DEVELOPING SKILLS?



Reduced grant funding but more VCS orgs survived than expected

VCS hit ground running and creative in providing support

Easier for VCS to engage some individuals

Loss of volunteers e.g. older and drivers

Impact has been on individuals supported

Local research shows people need to re-engage

Employment, mental health support, volunteering

Issues with IT equipment and security

# IMPACT OF COVID?

# OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS?

## As an employer

- ▶ Offer work experience & employment
- ▶ Costs rising e.g. premises
- ▶ Need more digital resources
- ▶ Fewer funding opportunities/short-term funding
- ▶ Uncertainty about what will happen next

## Supporting individuals into work

- ▶ Community Renewal fund/Transformation Fund?
- ▶ New models and Partnership working
- ▶ Reduction in local authority funding
- ▶ ESF contracts ending in 2023
- ▶ Evidential requirements not suited to client groups supported
- ▶ Sector overlooked when formulating strategies e.g. participation



# HOW TO ENGAGE?



Chichester	Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester (VAAC)
Arun	
Mid Sussex	Mid Sussex Voluntary Action
Crawley	Crawley Community Action
Worthing	Community Works
Brighton & Hove	
Adur	
Horsham	Horsham District Council - The Voluntary Sector Support team
Lewes	3VA
Mole Valley	Central Surrey Voluntary Action
Epsom & Ewell	
Reigate & Banstead	Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead
Tandridge	Tandridge Voluntary Action
Croydon	Croydon Voluntary Action

- ▶ Research into need & impact (conference?)
- ▶ Flexible funding opportunities
- ▶ Practical support from Business (CSR) e.g.
  - Space on in-house courses
  - Share business skills
  - Share IT expertise