



***Durham Community Action works with and for communities across County Durham.***

***We believe County Durham is a better place for having thriving community organisations.***

We run DCA well, so we can support community organisations by:

- Providing expertise and advice which is tailored to needs and circumstances
- Supporting and nurturing community initiatives
- Enabling good volunteering practice and opportunities
- Representing and providing a voice for the community and voluntary sector in County Durham.

Our Values	About Us
<p>Objectivity, honesty &amp; integrity</p> <p>Do the right thing</p> <p>Set high standards for the sector</p> <p>Encourage a can-do culture</p> <p>Accountability and responsibility</p> <p>Professional pride</p> <p>Enabling Leadership</p> <p>Learning the lessons and sharing them.</p> <p>Listening, reflecting</p> <p>Analysis and problem solving.</p>	<p><b>Providing Expertise and Advice:</b> We support community organisations to do their work effectively, by providing advice, training, resources, and help to tackle challenges, and to realise their aspirations.</p> <p><b>Supporting initiatives:</b> We work with networks and communities of interest to track opportunities and challenges for the sector, and to innovate and test new approaches which strengthen our social and community infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Enabling good Volunteering:</b> We provide brokerage and resources to develop volunteering opportunities and good practice in volunteer involving organisations. We champion volunteering across all sectors in the County, and support people who are new to volunteering to find the right opportunities for them.</p> <p><b>Providing a Voice:</b> We apply our knowledge and expertise within the VCS into sector led networks, and multi-agency partnerships in County Durham, the north east and nationally. We achieve this, through effective leadership, and representing sector interests and the issues which affect communities in County Durham. Through championing the interests of our local VCS, we can influence and help shape public sector policy, and the design and commissioning of local services.</p>

#### LINKS:

[www.durhamcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.durhamcommunityaction.org.uk)

[www.countydurhamvolunteering.org.uk](http://www.countydurhamvolunteering.org.uk)