

The Sector Counts



A snapshot of the impact of Lancaster District's Voluntary and Community Sector in 2009...

- *13,423 volunteers*
- *Over 700,000 volunteer hours, contributing over £4,200,000 every year*



Lancaster District Voluntary and Community Organisations

The Facts

In May 2009, 219 Voluntary Community and Faith Sector Organisations were registered with CVS.* This by no means represents the full scale of voluntary activity in the District with the Place Survey indicating that 25.8% of adults participated in regular informal volunteering in 2008-2009.⁽¹⁾

Income

These 219 groups had an estimated total income of **£8,385,000** and between them had approximately **382,423 beneficiaries** in the last year.

Volunteers

Groups had an estimated **13,423 volunteers** who were giving approximately 61,367 hours a month—that's over **700,000 hours a year**. Based on the current minimum wage rate for adults (£5.73) this represents a contribution of over **£4,200,000** a year.

Paid Workers

Of the 219 organisations surveyed, workers hours amounted to the equivalent of an estimated **388 paid full-time jobs**. 70 organisations were employing paid staff, 21 of which employed one, or less than one, full-time worker. The remaining **149 organisations employed no paid workers**.

Notes

* These headline figures complement the Local Infrastructure Action Plan (LIAP) update carried out by Lancaster District CVS this year. The LIAP will primarily be used to inform the delivery of the CVS's Voluntary Sector support work.

This is just a snap shot of membership at this point. Over 100 organisations are still to renew membership this year, and with numerous uniformed groups and smaller groups, we estimate this is representative of just a third of groups operating on a not for profit basis in the District.

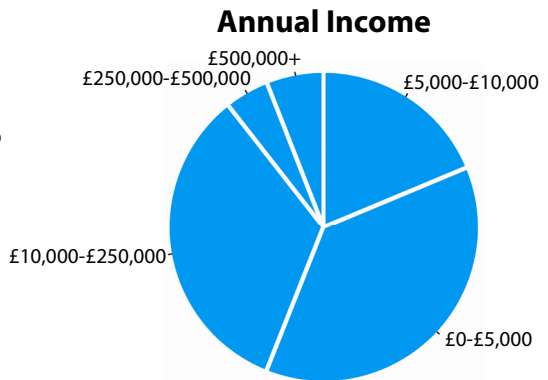
How Voluntary and Community Groups Operate

Annual Income

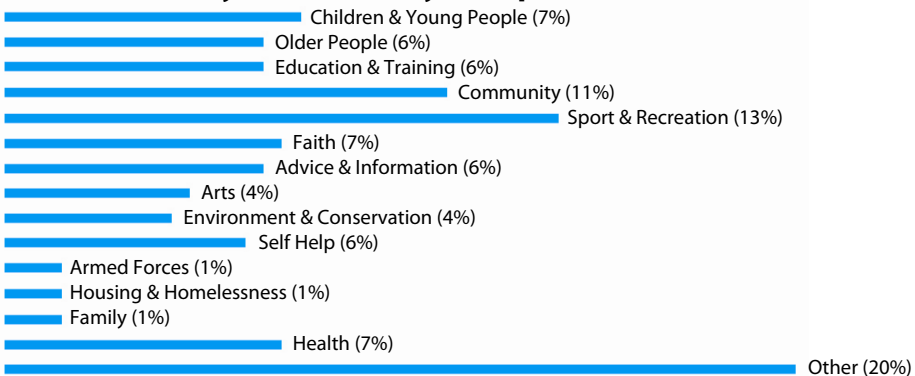
43% of voluntary organisations registered with CVS can be classed as “small” i.e. with an annual income of less than £10,000. 25% had an income of between £10,000-£250,000.

Registered Charities and Not for Profit Organisations

Of the 219 organisations surveyed, 106 were registered charities or other “not for profit” groups (there are 2,976 registered organisations in Lancashire⁽²⁾). That leaves the remaining **48%** as **unregistered charities**, who tend not to be included in national and regional surveys.



What Voluntary & Community Groups Do For The District



CVS add records of new organisations on a weekly basis and conduct an annual review updating details of existing members (if groups are still active) annually.

- (1) LAA Refresh 2009 The Place Survey.
- (2) National Survey of Third Sector Organisations office of the Third Sector, Headline Report for Lancashire
- (3) Feedback from groups about infrastructure support needs following CVS sector consultations carried out in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Supporting Voluntary and Community Groups

The Main Barriers to developing services...⁽³⁾

1. Finance for capital improvements
2. Recruiting volunteers
3. Capacity to develop consortia for public contracts

Infrastructure Support Needs...

1. Accessing finance and funding
2. Support for working together and voicing sector needs
3. Assistance and support to set up new not for profit groups and develop existing ones

Support Provided by CVS, 2008-2009...

1. Funding advice to 125 groups
2. Start up and development support to 71 groups
3. Training for 57 groups
4. Forums & Conference events for 78 groups

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