



Our mission - to
develop a strong, diverse
and vibrant voluntary and
community sector in Sutton

Annual Review 2012/2013

2012/13 has been another busy and challenging year for SCVS, but we have continued to go from strength to strength, supporting and advising our 278 member organisations.

The current economic climate has thrown many challenges at the sector, and in response we have seen an increase in demand for our support and training to enable local voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) to seek new funding opportunities, achieve quality standards, demonstrate outcomes and impact, work in partnership with other organisations and set up social enterprises.

At the same time we have made sure that our members are kept up to date with local and national developments and given opportunities to network through our regular e-bulletins, newsletters and forums, as well as representing the sector on at least 22 strategic partnerships or groups.

2012/13 has also seen us successfully deliver our Transforming Local Infrastructure Project in partnership with the Volunteer Centre, the highlights of which have been our role as a founding member of London United Way, the establishment of Sutton Connected to develop relationships between VCOs and local businesses, and progress towards securing a voluntary sector hub at The Grove.

Much of our work focusses on building good relationships between the voluntary and public sector, and in February 2013 the commitment to partnership working was re-affirmed in a new Compact, signed by all local partners. We are absolutely delighted that this work won a national award in November 2013, highlighting Sutton as the best example of local Compact work in the country.

My thanks to the staff of SCVS, my fellow trustees and all our partners and supporters for all their hard work and commitment that has made this success possible.

Denise Crone, Chair of SCVS trustees



Develop

SCVS supports local voluntary organisations in all the key areas of their development.

Small organisations

95 one to one support sessions were provided for small organisations. Five groups have been through the organisational development review and six organisations are being supported as they work towards the PQASSO quality mark.

Health and social care

Specialist support was provided to help VCOs engage in specific commissioning processes e.g. the ASSH Prevention Prospectus, and to develop networks in the community e.g. South Sutton Hello and the Live Well Champions.

Children, young people and families

SCVS supports 75 VCOs who work with children, young people and families. During 2012-2013 we supported 13 VCOs to secure £352,500 of external funding to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Safeguarding

During 2012/13 SCVS concentrated on improving safeguarding practice amongst faith, cultural and community groups. 112 faith groups and 44 BME groups were identified in the London Borough of Sutton, and direct support was provided to 70 of these groups.

Training

265 staff and volunteers attended one of 36 training sessions delivered by SCVS. Courses included first aid, marketing, commissioning and social return on investment. 96% of participants rated the training as good or excellent.



Sutton Community Fund

SCVS administers the Sutton Community Fund which since 2000 has allocated small grants to VCOs.

In 2012/13 £114,701 was distributed, with 18 organisations receiving grants to support a diverse range of projects ranging from training in furniture repair to peer mentoring to a safety DVD.



Connect

SCVS plays a key role in making sure that local organisations are kept up to date with national and local developments, as well as providing regular networking opportunities.

SCVS Forums promote information sharing, networking and collaboration. In 2012/13 there were:

- 2 Voluntary Sector Forums
- 5 Health and Social Care Networks
- 3 Chief Officers Networks
- 4 Social Enterprise Networks
- 4 Children, Young People and Families Forums
- 3 Small Groups Forums

62% of those who attended found them useful/very useful.

Supporting joint working and partnerships

In 2012/13 56 organisations were supported to work together in areas such as substance misuse, the rehabilitation of offenders, social care innovation and early intervention.

South London CVS Partnership (SLCVSP)

SCVS is an active member of the SLCVSP along with the neighbouring CVSs of Bromley, Croydon, Kingston, Merton and Richmond.

The benefits have included reduced purchasing costs (eg. shared IT cloud arrangements); development of state of the sector reports and online tools for local VCOs, plus access to training offered by any of the Partnership CVSs.

In 2012/13 SCVS sent out:

6 *Networker* newsletters

94 e-bulletins

72 additional emails

The information we provide is highly valued by our members. In the annual survey (Feb/Mar 2013):

90% rated *Networker* as good/excellent

91% rated the e-bulletins as good/excellent

84% felt that SCVS is providing the right information



Influence

SCVS makes sure that Sutton's voluntary and community sector organisations have their say on key developments and decisions made that affect them, both at a local and a national level, so that their views have real influence.

Representation

SCVS represented the voluntary sector on 22 different strategic groups in 2012/13, including the Sutton Partnership, Safer Sutton Partnership, the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children's Trust Board.

In addition, in 2012/13 SCVS:

- Held regular meetings with the LBS Chief Executive, councillors and senior officers.
- Organised visits to the sector for the Chief Executive and councillors.
- Supported the development of Special Interest Groups (SIGs), in particular the older person's SIG.
- Helped develop the stakeholder engagement arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Carried out a review of voluntary sector representation on the new LBS Service Committees.

Consultation

During 2012/13 SCVS members have had the opportunity to have their say in **64** significant local and national consultations, including the LBS Commissioning Framework, the London Council's Grant Scheme, Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Children's Commissioning, the Social Care White Paper and Draft Bill.

Sutton Compact

During 2012/13 SCVS represented the voluntary sector, working with the local authority to develop a new Compact that sets out how the public sector and voluntary and community sector in Sutton will work together. The Compact was signed in February 2013 by the London Borough of Sutton, local voluntary and community organisations, the Metropolitan Police, Fire Service and Sutton Clinical Commissioning Group.

Sustainable Funding

During 2012/2013 a number of funding streams came to an end. However, additional income was generated from training and the sale of support services outside Sutton, alongside income from financial services.



Creative Payroll Solution (CPS) Ltd

The trading arm of the Charity, CPS Ltd provides bespoke payroll services to voluntary organisations in Sutton and beyond. The company continues to grow despite the challenging economic circumstances and in 2012/13 ran payroll for 111 organisations.

SCVS is also now generating income by charging 12 organisations to deliver their accountancy services, as well as providing free management advice for small VCOs.

CPS Ltd – **111** clients and a payroll value of just over **£12** million

Voluntary Sector Hub

Sutton has had a long-held ambition to develop a voluntary sector hub. During 2012/2013 SCVS, Volunteer Centre Sutton and LBS have worked closely together and started to make this ambition a reality. Sutton Council has agreed to make a building in Sutton, The Grove, available to the voluntary Sector with some financial support.

healthwatch
Sutton

In April 2013 Healthwatch Sutton replaced the Sutton Local Involvement Network as Sutton's consumer champion for health and social care. SCVS set up Healthwatch Sutton Ltd in October 2012 as a charitable company and supported them to successfully win the Healthwatch tender. Healthwatch Sutton is a partnership with SCILL and Sutton CAB, with SCVS as the support organisation.

Our Accounts

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st March 2013

	Unrestricted funds (£)	Designated funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total funds (£)	2012 (£)
Total incoming resources	339,864	-	617,386	957,250	652,839
Total resources expended	317,379	12,966	648,432	978,777	628,451
Net incoming (outgoing) resources before transfers	22,485	(12,966)	(31,046)	(21,527)	24,388
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	22,485	(12,966)	(31,046)	(21,527)	24,388
Total funds brought forward	158,963	281,387	186,209	626,559	602,171
Total funds carried forward	181,448	268,421	155,163	605,032	626,559

The financial statements have been produced in a format to comply with both Company and Charity Law and the full document is available on request.

SCVS

Chief Executive – Susanna Bennett
 Development Team Manager – Toni Walsh
 Development Manager (Children, young people & families) – Tom Strannix
 Organisational & Volunteering Development Officer – Razia Sattar
 Business Partnerships Manager – Keren Miller (to Sept 2013)
 Finance Manager – Glory Sivaraja
 Community Accountants – Helen Varley, Sue Bell (to Oct 2013)
 Information & Training Manager – Judy Sampson (to Nov 2013)
 Communications & Marketing Co-ordinator – Claire Avery (from Sept 2013)
 Office Administrators – Jackie Parr, Sandra Harvey (to July 2013)

CPS Ltd (Payroll services)

Payroll Officer – Julia Jarratt (to April 2013), Karen Adorjan (from May 2013)
 Payroll Assistant – Melanie Brannan (from Aug 2013)

Healthwatch Sutton

Manager – Janice McCulloch (to Nov 2013)
 Outreach & Engagement Officer – Pam Howe
 Administrator – Sara Thomas (to Oct 2013), Bukky Adedeji-Yusuf (from Oct 2013)

Trustees

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