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the voice of voluntary & community organisations
In Yorkshire & the Humber

Annual Review

2001-2002



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- The strategic agency for the voluntary & community sector at the regional level
- with 160 members representing around 20,000 voluntary and community organisations across the region.
- The sector as a whole contributes at least £500 million annually to regional economic activity,
- and provides around 18,000 full-time jobs, backed by some 450,000 volunteers ~ almost 1 in 10 of the region's population are active in the sector.

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Chair's report



Neil Irving, with Jane Hustwit and Jane Thomas at the Forum's conference on regionalisation

2001/02 was another successful year for the Regional Forum. Thanks to the skills, inspiration, hard work and dedication of many people, the Regional Forum has really established itself as the regional voice for the voluntary and community sector, enabling the sector to play a key role in planning and development throughout Yorkshire and the Humber.

Partnership working has been crucial to our success, both between sectors and within our own sector. Because of the work of the Regional Forum, strategic regional agencies, such as Yorkshire Forward, the Yorkshire & Humber Assembly and Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, increasingly recognise the value and potential of our sector. Within our own sector, key developments have included facilitating the development of the Regional BME network (for which the Regional Forum was the accountable body until March 2002) and leading a partnership providing advice to voluntary and community organisations on accessing and managing European Union Objective 2 and Objective 3 funding.

2001/02 was also the third and final year of funding from the Community Fund. This funding, the first significant from anywhere for a regional network in England, has enabled the Regional Forum to turn ideas into reality. During the year new funding packages were negotiated with Yorkshire Forward that have enabled the Regional Forum to triple its staff team, and to maintain our existing work while increasing our support for the voluntary and community sector in areas such as social enterprise, local strategic partnerships, and learning and skills.

This success has been in large part brought about by the work of our staff team over the past three years. Helen Thomson, Graham Lewis and Phil Newby, joined in 2001 by Sarah Cookson, continued to produce work of a very high quality, identify new opportunities, and respond enthusiastically to challenges. We are indebted to all four. During the year Graham, and shortly after the year end Sarah and Helen, moved on to exciting, new challenges and we wish them well. As a result we have recently welcomed an almost totally new staff team led by Judy Robinson, and are confident that the Regional Forum's progress and success will continue.

Finally, thank you to the members of the Regional Forum and the Co-ordinating Committee, without whom it would have been impossible to move forward at all.

Neil Irving

"the Regional Forum has really established itself as the regional voice for the voluntary and community sector"

Director's report

Judy Robinson



There's a saying that "if you don't know where you are going, any route will do". It's equally true that you need to know where you've come from! History is important.

And the history of the Regional Forum has given the Forum a culture and firm foundation on which to build. Twice before I've joined new-ish organisations as the second Director and I know that paying attention to what's gone before is important for the future. The Regional Forum has a culture of positive and constructive engagement with regional agencies and agendas but it has kept a critical edge

too; it has won the confidence of the voluntary and community sector and it has promoted its vision of a better society and the well being of all citizens.

It's this 'inheritance' that the new staff group will be trying to take forward. In particular, we are keen to be very active in the region, to ensure that our strategic and policy work is informed by the experience of the voluntary and community sector on the ground. We need to act as a bridge - one which goes both ways - between the sector and policy makers at the regional level. But we need to be careful to balance engagement with regional agencies and agendas with developing an independent voluntary and community sector view drawn from practice.

In the policy arena much of the Forum's work has been concerned to promote social and economic inclusion. It will be important in the future that this social inclusion work is acted upon at every level and that we promote action on inclusion throughout the region. Equally vital is that inclusion is seen as being linked to a very wide set of questions concerned with the quality of life of everyone in Yorkshire and the Humber.

On behalf of all of the Forum's staff I would like to thank everyone for the warm and encouraging welcome we have all received and for the support of our partners and the Forum's Coordinating Committee.

Judy Robinson

New developments

A year of change at the Regional Forum

Funding and staff

This year has seen the successful negotiation of a new funding package with Yorkshire Forward, the regional development agency. As well as maintaining the Forum's existing work, this has facilitated the establishment of three new key posts covering:

- Neighbourhood Renewal and Local Strategic Partnerships;
- Social Economy;
- Workforce and Skills.

In addition, the Regional Forum has also been contracted by Yorkshire Forward to manage the next stage of the implementation of Active Partners, which provides a framework for building community participation in regeneration. In particular, Active Partners provides a framework of 'benchmarks' that enable partnerships to set goals for the development of community participation. To take this forward, an Active Partners unit has been established within the Regional Forum, with a team of four people.

The overall effect has been a major increase in the size of the staff team - by November 2002, the Forum will be employing a total of 12 people, compared with four staff just six months before. This has also brought a move to a larger office space, to accommodate the expanded staff team.

Aims and direction

After five years the Regional Forum is having a close look at its aims and direction.

Since the Forum was set up in 1997, the position of regional agencies has changed a lot - we may have regional government; there has been a new Labour administration and the role of the voluntary and community sector is developing fast. So, it's time to take stock, realising that what was appropriate some years ago may need to be revised and updated.

The Forum is keen to make sure that we reflect the concerns and interests of members and the sector and that we use our new resources effectively.

So, we will be using the Annual General Meeting and conference as a means of consulting members; staff are talking with a wide range of organisations about their needs and what they want the Forum to do; we will be carrying out a survey of members and the new Coordinating Committee (the Forum's trustee management group), together with staff will be working on a new Strategic Plan not just for now but for the next 5 or 10 years, and this will be consulted on widely too. If you are interested in any of this please get in touch.



Policy and information

Discussing the White Paper at the Forum's conference on regionalisation



Influencing policy

An important role for the Regional Forum is working to influence policy on key issues which affect the voluntary and community sector. We undertake a range of policy and research work in support of our role as a regional voice for the sector.

In July (2002) the Regional Forum held a Members' conference on regionalisation at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, in Leeds. The focus for the conference was the new White Paper on regionalisation, 'Your Region, Your Choice: Revitalising the English Regions', which was published in May 2002. This includes proposals for further steps to decentralise decision-making to the English regions. A key proposal is for the establishment of elected regional assemblies in regions where there is sufficient support for this.

The keynote speakers at the conference were Jane Thomas (Campaign for Yorkshire) and Jane Hustwit (Yorkshire and Humber Assembly). In the discussions and workshops which followed, there was strong support for increased regionalisation and the establishment of appropriate structures to facilitate this. This included broad support for the principle of a directly elected regional assembly. There were, however, a range of critical concerns which were raised about the White Paper. These focused particularly on the proposals for stakeholder involvement within a directly elected regional assembly. Based on the discussion and issues raised at the conference, the Regional Forum submitted a formal response to government on the proposals contained in the White Paper.

The Regional Forum has also responded to the recent consultation process concerned with reviewing the Regional Economic Strategy (RES). The Forum provided a detailed response to the draft consultation documents for both the new version of the RES (covering 2003-2012) and the new Framework for Regional Employment and Skills Action (FRESA).

The Regional Forum has important links with the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly. In particular, Forum Chair year Neil Irving has represented the Forum on the Assembly over the last year. The Assembly, which was launched in October 2001, has 36 members, comprising the Leaders of the region's 22 local authorities and social, economic and environmental partners. For further information about the work of the Assembly, visit: www.rayh.gov.uk

Research

A key area of work focuses on mapping the contribution of the voluntary and community sector across the region. This is inspired by the need for data on the sector's economic, social and environmental contribution to the region. In 2001 the Forum published its first research output on this theme, with a report entitled '*Mapping the Contribution of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Yorkshire and the Humber*'. The report includes regional estimates of the size and economic contribution of the sector. It was written by Graham Lewis, the Forum's Information Officer (until January 2002). A copy of this is available at: www.yhregforum.org.uk/research/report01.pdf

Also published in 2001, was the report '*Parental Learning: An investigation into provision and its impact on the regional learning agenda in Yorkshire and Humber*'. The project was undertaken in partnership with Yorkshire Forward and the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Assembly; the work was conducted by Hashim Vali, on placement from Leeds Metropolitan University. A copy of this available at: www.yhregforum.org.uk/research/report02.pdf

The Forum has been a key partner in the Regional Resettlement Steering Group, with its focus on the resettlement of offenders from custody into the community. The group developed the notion of a Regional Resettlement Framework and commissioned the preparation of a draft consultation document by the Research Centre for Community Justice, at Sheffield Hallam University. This was published in June (2002) as '*Regional Resettlement Framework for Yorkshire and the Humber: Consultation Document*'. An extensive consultation process is currently under way.

As well as undertaking and commissioning specific research work, the Regional Forum is actively involved in key voluntary and community sector research networks - nationally, regionally and sub regionally. These include, for example:

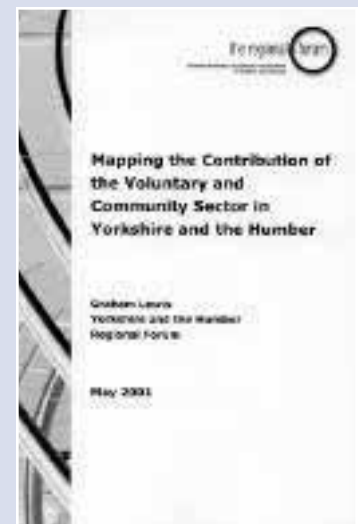
- the Yorkshire Conference on Voluntary Sector Research which is organised by the Centre for Voluntary Sector Research at Sheffield Hallam University; and
- the new Regional Policy and Research Network which is being facilitated by NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations).

Information services

We provide a regular flow of information on regional and region-wide issues which are of particular relevance to the voluntary and community sector.

- This year has seen further development of the Forum's innovative use of email based bulletin board services. These services are used widely within the sector in the region. For example, over 250 people subscribe to the general e-news service (YHRFVConet) which is available to members and associate members.
- Our electronic bulletin boards provide a forum for the dissemination of news and ideas, and for the discussion of issues among members of the Regional Forum. They include the general e-news service for members, together with specialist bulletin boards concerned with a variety of issues including European Funding, Learning and Skills, Neighbourhood Renewal, Regeneration and the Social Economy.
- In tandem with the email based news services, the Forum also produces two regular newsletters: Regional Forum News and European Funding Matters.

For further information about the range of electronic news services provided by the Regional Forum, or to subscribe to either of our regular newsletters, please contact Phil Newby in the office, telephone 0113 243 8188, or email: phil.newby@yhregforum.org.uk



Participation and Neighbourhood Renewal

Neighbourhood Renewal and Local Strategic Partnerships Development

Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs), Community Strategies, Community Empowerment and Neighbourhood Renewal, are all here to stay. All of these initiatives show a commitment to involve communities, develop roles for local people and put them at the heart of decision-making.

Throughout the year, the Regional Forum has been facilitating the Regional Neighbourhood Renewal Network for the voluntary and community sector. This has included network meetings with a focus on the Community Empowerment Fund and Community Chest, together with the Forum's associated electronic network (NRnet).

To develop this work further, Alison Crouch was appointed in July 2002 as Neighbourhood Renewal and Local Strategic Partnerships Development Co-ordinator. The role is to work with the voluntary and community sector to support, co-ordinate and establish a strategic approach to these new ways of working.

Alison links closely with the Community Empowerment Teams and Networks, other staff at The Regional Forum, along with Government Office, Yorkshire Forward and other key agencies. A central element of the job is to organise a regional Community Empowerment Fund Network and co-ordinate an e-mail group. Alison is also working with the sector on the process of accreditation of the Local Strategic Partnerships.

Alison is also spending time with the sector 'outside' of Neighbourhood Renewal areas, supporting and developing involvement in Community Strategies and Local Strategic Partnerships.

Active Partners

The Regional Forum has taken its involvement in Active Partners a stage further - and has been contracted to manage the next stage of the implementation of benchmarking community participation.

- The Active Partners Unit has been established within the Regional Forum to build a strategic approach to Community Participation. Since starting work in August 2002, the exciting task of beginning a new Unit has begun - with plans to deliver networking, training and advocacy.
- We are seeking to promote the Active Partners framework to both the Public Sector and the Voluntary & Community Sector, as the way to ensure community participation. At this stage we are seeking to understand the needs of both of these sectors. From this starting point we will be able to tailor our training and networking opportunities to the requirements of these stakeholders.
- Partnerships, in particular Local Strategic Partnerships, are a key area of interest presently. An important part of our work will be that of working with them to build in community participation. We will be available to work with them as they develop appropriate strategies to value community and voluntary members as equal partners.

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Learning and skills

"Creativity and innovation are found throughout our region's communities: the Regional Forum draws on these strengths to ensure that the unique contributions of the third sector are respected and deliver some of the positive changes the region urgently needs."

*Jane Hustwit
Director, External Affairs
Yorkshire and Humber
Assembly*

Workforce and Skills

A key development has been the appointment of John Harris to the new post of Workforce and Skills Development Co-ordinator. Of the learning and skills agenda, John says 'learning is crucial because it's about everyone's right to lifelong learning and the enjoyment and empowerment that this brings, skills are crucial because there are so many out there who want and need new skills to be able to both contribute to their communities and access work and career opportunities for themselves.'

The work for this role covers both workforce development and capacity building (for paid staff and volunteers) and the Adult and Community Learning agenda. In terms of network development and support, John will be continuing the Regional Forum's work with LSConsortia - the grouping of the four sub-regional voluntary and community learning consortia which mirror the Learning and Skills Councils.

At the policy and planning level the aim is to be part of the policy making process rather than policy taking and so there is a challenge to be overcome in terms of working alongside key partners e.g. Yorkshire Forward, The Regional Assembly and the Skills Commission and so on. A further challenge here is for the sector's ambitions to be based on coherent "labour market intelligence" so that we know what the gaps and needs are for us as a sector.

One area of work John is keen to develop is in raising the profile of the voluntary and community sector as a career option and will be looking to work with partners such as Jobcentre Plus and Connexions to further this aim.

ICT Training Fund

The Regional Forum also unveiled its new ICT Training Fund earlier this year. Through the Fund, the Forum is making £20,000 available to member organisations to help them upgrade their ICT skill levels and to develop wider ICT training opportunities. In addition, a further small amount is available for innovative online training in standard office applications or the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL). The results of the first round of applications will be announced shortly.

The ICT Training Fund was set up in response to a number of reports which have highlighted the need to improve ICT training in the voluntary and community sector. Such training is needed to boost skill levels and enable organisations to function more effectively, and to improve career prospects for staff and volunteers.

Social Economy

The Regional Forum has continued to develop support for the social economy and social enterprise and is an active member of the Social Economy Task Group. This year has seen a major step forward in the Forum's involvement in this field, with the appointment of Janette Cawcutt to the new post of Social Economy Development Co-ordinator.

The Forum is working to make the most of opportunities for Social Economic growth in the voluntary and community sector by linking the sector with the key regional agencies and funding bodies, and by co-ordinating sub regional support for the Social Economy. Further, there are opportunities for social enterprises and voluntary and community organisations in the diversification of public service delivery; the Forum will work to influence appropriate public service procurement across the region.

- The Forum took the lead role in organising the FOOTSEY 100 (Federation of Organisations Trading in the Social Economy) trade fair which took place in October (2002) at Magna, in Rotherham. This was the first regional social economy trade fair celebrating the diversity within Yorkshire and Humber's burgeoning social economy. The event received high praise and there was keen support for another event to be held in 2003.
- The Social Economy Development Framework for the region was launched at FOOTSEY. The Framework was developed by the Social Economy Task Group in consultation with a wide range of organisations throughout the region. It sets out the support needed to achieve growth in the social economy and how such support will be delivered. The forum will be involved in taking forward the commitments made by the key partners involved in writing the framework.



Delegates enjoy live entertainment from 'No Masters' at the FOOTSEY trade fair.

"I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to all members of the Regional Forum for the organisation of 'FOOTSEY 100'. I feel that it was the best event of its kind I have ever attended in the region. The variety of voluntary sector enterprises, the commitment so apparent to all visitors and the willingness to share expertise by all made for a wonderful occasion."

*George Baker, Community Development Worker
Withernsea and Southern Holderness*



Pennine Camphill Community's winning stand provided delegates at FOOTSEY 100 with freshly pressed apple juice



Social economy

An area of activity existing between the private, market sector on the one hand and the public sector on the other. It includes not only social enterprise organisations but also voluntary and community organisations, foundations, trade unions, religious bodies, housing associations, co-operatives and others.

Social enterprise

A social enterprise is a business with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners.

(from 'The Social Economy: A Development framework for Yorkshire and the Humber', 2002)

The Heeley City Farm stand at FOOTSEY 100. (Source: Yorkshire and Humber DTA)



Partnerships and networks

Working with others

The Regional Forum works with a host of organisations, partnerships and networks throughout the region. While these are far too numerous to mention them all, our regional partners include the Yorkshire & Humber Assembly, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, Yorkshire Forward, Churches Regional Commission and the Royal Society of Arts.

The Forum continued its support for various other national and regional strategic networks, including the Regional Voluntary Sector Network Forum, the Urban Forum, the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and the National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service (NACVS).

Equally important is networking with other voluntary and community sector networks within the region. These include, for example, South Yorkshire Open Forum, the BME Regional Network, local Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS) and their counterparts.

BME Regional Network

The Regional Forum has continued to support the development of the BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) Regional Network, which held its regional conference in January 2002. The conference reinforced the mandate to continue developing the Network as a regional 'voice' for the BME community. After acting as the initial accountable body for the BME Network, the Forum handed over this responsibility at the end of March 2002 to Sheffield-based Black CARD.

For further information about the BME Regional Network, telephone 01274 482 323, or email: bme.network@ukonline.co.uk

Public Order and Community Cohesion

The regional Public Order and Community Cohesion (POCC) work came about as part of a national Government response to the summer 2001 riots in areas such as Bradford, Oldham and Burnley. The Regional Forum, in partnership with The Government Office for Yorkshire and The Humber, appointed Karl Oxford as Regional Co-ordinator for POCC in November 2001. The work focused on developing a Community Facilitation programme; since April 2002 the work has been based at The Government Office.

For further information contact Karl Oxford, Regional Co-ordinator for POCC, telephone 0113 283 6541, email: koxford.goyh@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

Working with a host of organisations throughout the region

"Yorkshire Forward recognises that effective partnership is vital to achieving the region's objectives. Sustainable economic growth depends on the contribution from all sectors in society and we very much welcome our developing partnership with the Regional Forum."

*Martin Havenhand,
Chief Executive
Yorkshire Forward*

Treasurer's Report

November 2002

Audited Accounts *April 2001 to March 2002*

The Forum has seen another successful year. Our reputation and position as a key regional player has grown through building on our successes in delivering quality information, policy and consultation services. The Forum has been an active lobbyist and advocate for the sector with Government Office, the Assembly and Yorkshire Forward.

Over this period our funding was from the following main sources;

- Community Fund grant of £132,815 for general staffing and running costs
- Home Office grants of £58,000 for our generalist work and £53,000 for the BME Network
- Government Office grants of £19,039 for Community Cohesion work and a further £10,500 from Objective 3 TA donations.
- European Community Technical Assistance Grants of £144,647 for the European Funding Services Partnership.
- Membership fees, Conference fees & other income £19,407

The Organisation expended a total of £418,311 in this period in the course of its work; 78% of this being in direct charitable expenditure, mainly information dissemination, service delivery and conference organisation. The remainder was spent on the management and administration supporting this work.

At the end of the financial year in question our balance sheet is healthy, with a Bank balance of £178,015 and fixed assets of £2,342. The organisation also had other assets of £15,438; predominantly made up of money due from European Funds. Total current assets amounted to £193,453

The accounts also show liabilities of £44,525 at the end of the year; consisting of £20,194 outstanding bills since paid up, £14,339 European grants due to the partnership awaiting the income to cover them, £7,169 due to other partners, £998 in respect of membership fees in advance and a notional £1,825 of deferred capital grants to cover the remaining depreciation of fixed assets.

The Forum has a prudent policy to generate a designated reserve to cover contingent liabilities and ensure the charity has sufficient resources to cover core funding requirements for a period of 4 months; this reserve totalled £41,000 at the year end. There were also accumulated restricted funds which amount to £109,681. The majority of this money was earmarked for running costs, conferences and training opportunities early in the following financial year and has now been spent. Finally there was £589 of free unrestricted funds. These funds collectively total £151,270.

Summary of Annual Accounts

Summary Statement of activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2001
Total Income	17187	460,740	477,927	256,753
Charitable expenditure				
• Grants to partner organisations	0	121770	121770	19954
• Support Costs	0	204286	204286	142672
• Management and Administration	0	92255	99255	63603
Total expenditure		418311	418,311	226229
Balance of Funds at 31/3/02	41589	109681	151270	91654

Summary Balance Sheet

	2002	2001
Tangible fixed Assets	2342	21915
Debtors	15438	32333
Bank	178015	96908
Creditors	(44525)	(59502)
Assets-Liabilities	151270	91654
Capital & reserves		
Unrestricted fund	589	24402
Designated Fund	41000	0
Restricted Funds; NLCB	59382	51,964
Restricted Funds; Home Office Generalist	11868	1,494
Restricted Funds; Home Office BME Network	0	5,695
Restricted Funds; ICT training fund	20000	0
Restricted Funds; Government Office TA	9796	0
Restricted Funds; European Funds	8635	8099
Total Funds	151270	91654

Trustees Statement

The financial summaries in this Report are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002. The full annual accounts were prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice, approved on 27 September 2002 and received an unqualified audit opinion.

The summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity. For further information, the Annual Accounts, the Auditor's report on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies may be obtained from the Charity's Head Office, Goodbard House, Infirmary Street, Leeds, LS1 2JS.

The trustees will submit the accounts to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 4 November 2002.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Hugh Rolo, Hon Treasurer

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002

*John Gordon Walton & Co,
Yorkshire House,
Greek Street,
Leeds, LS1 5ST
10 October 2002.*

Regional Forum Staff

Some members of the new staff team (from left to right):

*Martin Houghton-Brown
Jenny McGuire
Phil Newby
Judy Robinson
Alyson Nicholds
Janette Cawcutt
Steve Webster*



Janette Cawcutt	Social Economy Development Co-ordinator
Alison Crouch	Neighbourhood Renewal & LSP Development Co-ordinator
Samantha Grainger	European Funding Project Co-ordinator (until October 2002)
John Harris	Workforce and Skills Development Co-ordinator
Cath Joyce	European and Regeneration Officer
Jenny McGuire	Administrative Support
Phil Newby	Office Manager
Judy Robinson	Director
Steve Webster	Information and Policy Officer

Active Partners Team

Michael Hirst	Administrative Support (joining November 2002)
Martin Houghton-Brown	Network and Training Officer
Alyson Nicholds	Information and Training Officer
Peter Richardson	Head of Unit (joining November 2002)

During the last year we've said goodbye to:

Helen Thomson	Director (until July 2002)
Sarah Cookson	European Funding Project Co-ordinator (until June 2002)
Graham Lewis	Information Officer (until January 2002)

Forum Co-ordinating Committee

Officers

Neil Irving	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations (Chair)
Chris Hollins	Charities Information Bureau (Secretary)
Hugh Rolo	Development Trusts Association (Treasurer)

Elected members

Lee Barker	Prince's Trust, Yorkshire & Humber Region
Alan Bell	CISWO, Disabled Miner's Centre
John Haslam	MEDIAhouse Interactive Developments
Margaret Jackman	Bingley Voluntary Action
John Kaye	Burley & Hyde Park Community Safety Project
Peter McGee	Hull CVS
Caroline Schwaller	Keighley Voluntary Services (CVS)
Ann Stacey	RSA
Caroline Stockwell-Brown	Yorkshire Rural Community Council
Les Sudron	Leonard Cheshire Foundation
Mohammed Suleman	Yorkshire Trust
Rosemary Suttill	York CVS

Co-opted members

Zulfiqar Ahmed	QED
Mehri Takhvar	Black Community Forum
Jane Tanser	South Yorkshire Open Forum

With thanks to the following elected members who stepped down during the year:

Debbie Bell	ENCAMS (until March 2002)
Onita Harrison	CEMVO (until March 2002)

Member organisations

2002

Action for Business Ltd. (ABL)
 Age Concern Yorkshire Region
 Assoc. of Volunteer Bureaux
 (Yorkshire & Humber)
 Association of Charity
 Independent Examiners
 AVP York
 BALCAS Community Accounting
 Barnardo's Yorkshire
 Barnsley Dial a Ride & CT
 BASSAC
 Bingley Voluntary Action
 Bishop of Whitby
 Black & Asian Community Project
 (BACP)
 Black Community Forum
 BME Regional Network
 Boothferry CVS / Voluntary Action
 East Riding
 Bradford Action for Refugees
 Bradford Community Broadcasting
 Bradford CVS
 Bradford LGB Net
 Bradford Resource Centre
 Bramley and Rodley Community
 Action (BARCA)
 Brickwall Studios
 BTCV
 Burley & Hyde Park Community
 Safety Project
 Business in the Community
 Cardigan Centre
 CEMVO Yorkshire & Humber
 Centre 88 (Voluntary Sector
 Resource Centre)
 Charities Information Bureau
 (CIB)
 CHAS; Catholic Housing Aid
 Society (York)
 Childcare Information Service
 Children's Society
 Churches Regional Commission
 CICERO (Capacity building in a
 European Context)
 CISWO, Disabled Miner's Centre
 CLISK
 College of Chinese Physical
 Culture (CPC)
 Community Development
 Foundation (CDF)
 Community Development Policy
 Unit
 Community Economic
 Regeneration Team (CERT)
 Community Foundation for
 Calderdale
 Community Fund (NLCB)
 Community Matters
 Community Service Volunteers
 (CSV)
 Community Work Training
 Company
 Consortium Hull
 Consortium of Lesbian, Gay and
 Bisexual Voluntary
 Co-operative Group
 Council for Mosques Day Centre
 Craven Voluntary Action (CVS)
 CRUSE Bereavment Care (North)
 Development Trusts Association
 (Y&H DTA)
 Diocese of Bradford
 Disability Action Yorkshire
 Disability Doncaster
 Doncaster CVS
 East End Quality of Life Initiative
 East Riding (Central) CVS
 East Yorkshire CVS
 East Yorkshire Rural Stress
 Initiative
 Economic & Community
 Development Unit
 ENCAMS (Keep Britain Tidy)
 Encephalitis Support Group
 ESCAPE Training & Development
 Experience Corps
 Federation Disability Sports
 Organisations (FDSO)
 Federation of Information &
 Advice Centres
 Friends of the Earth- Yorkshire &
 the Humber
 Grimethorpe Shafton Brierley
 Community Partnership
 Groundwork Wakefield
 Groundwork Yorkshire & the
 Humber
 HANWaG (Neighbourhood Watch
 Assoc.)
 Harrogate Area CVS
 Harrogate District Community
 Transport
 Harrogate Stay Put
 Help the Aged
 Homeless Link
 HomeStart UK; Yorks Humber &
 North East
 Hooper Kelah

Housing Estates Link Parishes
(HELP)
Hull CVS
Humber & Wolds Rural
Community Council
(HWRCC)
Humber Community Partnership
Humbercare
Humberside Learning
Consortium
Hyde Park Source
Ilkley & District CVS
Indian Muslim Welfare Society
Inspiral.org ltd
ITSUVO
Kala Sangam
Keighley Healthy Living Network
Keighley Local Enterprise Agency
Keighley Voluntary Services
(CVS)
KMS (UK)
Lai Yin Association
Leeds CAB
Leeds City Credit Union
Leeds Community Enterprise
Consortium
Leeds Industrial Mission
Leeds Older People's Forum
Leeds VOICE - Voluntary and
Community Partnership
Leeds Voluntary Sector Learning
Disabilities Forum
Leonard Cheshire Foundation
MatheMagic
MEDIAhouse Interactive
Developments
Mental Health Matters
MIND in Barnsley
Mind the... Gap
Miscarriage Association
NACAB (Northern Region)
NACVS
Nari Ekta Ltd
National Children's Centre
National Open College Network
(NOCN)
NCVCCO Yorkshire & Humber
NCVO
New Working Ways
Newsome Community Forum
North Bank Forum
North East Lincs Community
Business
North Halifax Partnership
North Yorkshire Forum for
Voluntary Organisations
Northallerton & District VSA
(CVS)
Northern College Community
Leaders
Northern Refugee Centre

NSPCC
Oriental Arts (Bradford) ltd
Peacemakers
Pecket Well College
Penistone Line Partnership
Preston Road Womens Centre
Prince's Trust; Yorkshire &
Humber Region
Public Arts
QED
Refugee Council
Regional Consortium for Asylum
Seekers & Refugees
Regional Forum for Yorkshire &
Humber
Resourcing the Community
Richmondshire Volunteer Centre
(CVS)
Ripon CVS
Rossington Community
Partnership
Roundabout
Royds Community Association
RSA
RSDC
Rural Stress Information
Network
Russell Street Project
Save the Children (Yorkshire &
Humberside)
Scarborough District CVS
Scarman Trust
SCOPE
Scout Dike Activity Centre
Selby District AVS (CVS)
Shaftesbury Society
Sheffield Community Transport
Sheffield Mind
Single Homeless Accommodation
Project (SHAP)
Sobriety Project
South Craven Community Action
South Yorkshire Community
Foundation
South Yorkshire Funding Advice
Bureau (SYFAB)
South Yorkshire Open Forum
St William's Foundation
STEP Community Resource
Centre
Student Volunteering UK
(Northern Branch)
Sue Ryder Care
Survivors of Bereavement by
Suicide
Thirsk Sowerby & Dis.
Community Care Assoc.
(CSV)
Tuke Centre
Unity in Community
Vera Media

VOLCOM
Voluntary Action Barnsley
Voluntary Action Calderdale
Voluntary Action Kirklees (CVS)
Voluntary Action Leeds
Voluntary Action NE Lincs
Voluntary Action North
Lincolnshire
Voluntary Action Rotherham
Voluntary Action Sheffield
Voluntary Action Wakefield
District
Voluntary Arts England (Yorks &
Humber Office)
Volunteer Reading Help (North)
Wakefield Diocese
WEA Yorkshire North District
Welfare Benefits Unit
West Yorkshire Enterprise
Agency
West Yorkshire Youth Association
Womens Health Matters
WRVS
York CVS
Yorkshire & Humberside Low Pay
Unit
Yorkshire MESMAC
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Council (YRCC)
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