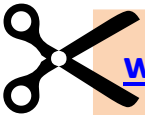


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Let us be the **voice of the Voluntary, Community
and Faith Sectors in Tower Hamlets!**



www.voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk

As public sector funding cuts begin to bite, it is vital that their impact on the voluntary sector and the people it works with is understood. Voluntary Sector Cuts is a new collaborative project which maps intelligence about voluntary groups experiencing reductions in public sector funding.

If you're involved in a voluntary or community group which has been told its statutory funding will be reduced, you can be part of this work by sharing your story. Just fill in the simple form on their website to share your experiences and the impact the cuts will have on the people who use your services. Your contribution will be crucial to building a wider picture of the scale of the challenge ahead in your community, your region, or nationally.

This vital data will be all the more powerful through being made available to everyone: any group can use the information in their campaigning and policy work, while citizens can

see the real impact on the voluntary organisations in their area and the people they exist to serve. Cuts that you share here will be made available publicly in a google spreadsheet.

All the partner organisations involved in this project work hard to support, campaign for and lobby on behalf of their members. This information will help them better target their support, and provide real life examples to show politicians and civil servants the impact of cuts on voluntary organisations and their beneficiaries.

Also, by making the data public they can help other groups, like THCVS, campaign on behalf of voluntary and community organisations, and keep citizens informed of the impact of the cuts on charities in their local area.

The simple form is available on www.voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk.

Discount for our members

Toynbee Hall are delighted to offer all CVS members 10% off all venue bookings made by the end of February, and 15% off bookings made for the month of August. Please email Kendra.duToit@toynbeehall.org.uk or telephone Kendra on 020 7392 2943.



Please join and become a member

Membership to Tower Hamlets' CVS is free and brings many benefits now and into the future. Some current benefits are:

- 1-1 support from our Development Officer, Gemma
- information and details on any funding opportunities available
- a chance for the CVS to understand and promote your work
- access to resources
- access to training courses
- regular e-bulletins and newsletters
- a growing network of contacts within the voluntary and community sector
- putting you in touch with people/organisations doing similar work
- an opportunity for you to stand together with the rest of the sector in Tower Hamlets
- above all, you will have a strong voice through the CVS in places where the sector needs to be heard

You can join through these ways:

- contact Nasrin by telephone on **020 3286 3630**
- fill in a membership form on our website www.thcvs.org.uk and email it to nasrin.patel@thcvs.org.uk
- To those organisations and groups who do not rely heavily on computers for their daily business, Nasrin can also send you hard copy of the form with an SAE, ready for use. Please call her.

Why does Tower Hamlets have such a great reputation for the work of its voluntary sector?

Because Tower Hamlets has always had so many committed and generous volunteers.

*If you have a little time to give to your community, get in touch with the **Volunteer Centre**. Talk to their team – they know where all the opportunities are.*

If you're good, they need you! Contact them on 020 7377 0956



A strong leader for a stronger Third Sector

Chief Executive Officer Vacancy

Tower Hamlets has a new **Council for Voluntary Service**, with the vision to develop an independent, inclusive, trusted and sustainable representative body for the many voluntary, faith-based and community organisations in this lively Borough. We are looking to appoint a dynamic **Chief Executive Officer** – to implement this vision; to build, coordinate and manage all aspects of the CVS and to inspire our staff team.

We are looking for a leader with a strong track record of influencing policy, successful fundraising and commitment to delivering excellence. A leader who will command respect in negotiations, and have a clear ability to work sensitively and positively with all stakeholders – large or small, long-established or about to launch. A leader who has a sound understanding of Third Sector issues in highly diverse communities and experience of working with Black and Minority Ethnic and marginalised communities in an inner-city setting.

Salary for this unique post is £50,000 gross. *For an information pack, please visit our website at www.thcvs.org.uk or email us in confidence at hr@thcvs.org.uk Closing date for applications is **12 Noon on Tuesday 15th March 2011***

Email your completed applications to hr@thcvs.org.uk

1st interviews on 4th April 2011 and 2nd interviews on 6th April 2011 which will be held at an easily-accessible location in Tower Hamlets.

Get in touch with us for a chat about it. Nasrin will ask Board members to speak with you. Our number is **020 3286 3630**.