



Kensington and Chelsea Social Council

What we do

Kensington & Chelsea Social Council (KCSC) is the principal charity working to strengthen local voluntary and community organisations and support community action across the Borough. We provide a host of innovative services to support organisations to be as effective as they can be and have a greater impact in the local community. With an established history going back to the 1960s which we celebrated in 2020 ([read more here](#)), we are in a unique position in our understanding of the local voluntary and community sector. Our services include:

Information

- A regular e-bulletin with useful information such as funding and training opportunities and upcoming events (sign up to our mailing list at www.kcsc.org.uk/mailling-list-sign)
- A website with news and resources relevant to the local voluntary and community sector: www.kcsc.org.uk
- Updates on changes in health services and community engagement and participation work regarding Grenfell and other local issues for residents.
- An online directory of local voluntary and community organisations

Forums and networking opportunities

- Regular forums throughout the year, at which organisations can hear about local initiatives and meet with colleagues. Most of the forums are themed around specific areas of interest such as health and wellbeing and children, young people and families.
- We also run meetings on specific topical issues such as NHS reorganisation or specific council initiatives.

[Sign up](#) to receive mailings about meetings which are of interest to you.

Support for Organisations

- We help [eligible](#) organisations identify the support they might need, so that they have the appropriate skills, knowledge and resources in place. We share best practice, helping organisations to get the basics right, so that they are in a strong position to access funding and ensure they are robust and sustainable.
- We offer one-to-one advice, training sessions, an in-house Finance Service, and access to other specialist support such as legal advice.

Find out more [here](#).

See our calendar of [events and training](#).

Voice

- We facilitate the voice of the local voluntary and community sector by gathering views and representing them at a strategic level. We meet regularly with key decision makers in the council and commissioners to advocate on behalf of the sector.
- We work to ensure there is voluntary sector representation on numerous local strategic committees, and support representatives by providing them with advice and guidance and help with preparation for strategic meetings
- We respond to local government and NHS consultations and support local voluntary and community organisations to engage in these so that they can have their say and influence change
- We support organisations to gather the views of their users in the community and put these across to decision makers

Find out more [here.](#)

- We also support community led social action and voice through community development support, providing training, facilitating community meetings on local issues that matter and co-ordinating meetings with decision makers

Find out more [here.](#)

Health and Wellbeing grants and contract management

- We manage a number of Health and Wellbeing grants programmes and contracts on behalf of funders such as the NHS and Public Health, working with the voluntary and community sector.

Find out more about [social prescribing and our Self Care programmes.](#)

- By liaising with statutory funders, we work to ensure that grants and commissioning processes for the voluntary sector are fair and accessible. We seek new opportunities and broker new deals on behalf of the local voluntary and community sector.
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