



# Kensington and Chelsea Social Council

## What we do

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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 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](http://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](http://www.kcsc.org.uk)
- Updates on changes in health services and community engagement work regarding Grenfell
- An [online directory](#) of local voluntary and community organisations

### Forums and networking opportunities

- Several [forums](#) where organisations can hear about local initiatives and meet with other organisations. Forums are themed around specific areas of interest such as health and wellbeing and children, young people and families.
- The meetings incorporate guest speakers, group discussions and the opportunity to publicise the latest projects or events
- They are a chance to network with sector colleagues, find out what is happening in the local area and where the latest opportunities are (e.g. for feeding in views, accessing funding or partnership working)

### Organisational development support

We help 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 get the basics right, so that they are in a strong position to access funding and ensure they are robust and sustainable. Services include:

- One to one advice on organisational development topics (such as setting up, governance, fundraising, policies) plus access to specialist support such as legal or finance advice
- Help to develop a strategic plan that sets out a clear direction for an organisation, and demonstrates its impact
- A wide range of training through our [Reaching Potential Programme](#)

- An organisational development check to help organisations identify their strengths and areas for development plus tailored follow up support
- Regular [updates on funding opportunities](#) as they arise and an annual Funders Fair event
- Support for organisations to work in partnership to attract funding and develop more joined-up services for their users
- Support for boards such as with strategic planning, trustee recruitment or understanding roles and responsibilities
- Information to help organisations keep up to date with changes in legislation

## 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
- We support representatives from the sector by providing them with advice and guidance and help with preparation for strategic meetings
- We respond to 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

## Grants and contract management

- We seek new opportunities and broker new deals on behalf of the local voluntary and community sector
- By liaising with commissioners we work to ensure that grants and commissioning processes for the voluntary sector are fair and accessible
- We manage a number of grants programmes on behalf of other agencies such as health services, working with the voluntary and community sector. We are currently administering part a Self Care project supporting people over the age of 65 to improve their health and wellbeing, and mental health and Patient and Public Engagement grant programmes. See more about this work on our Health and wellbeing webpages: [www.kcsc.org.uk/health-wellbeing-vcs](http://www.kcsc.org.uk/health-wellbeing-vcs)

**To find out more about our services and how to access them contact us at:  
support@kcsc.org.uk or 020 7243 9800 [www.kcsc.org.uk](http://www.kcsc.org.uk)**

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[www.kcsc.org.uk/organisation-registration-0](http://www.kcsc.org.uk/organisation-registration-0)*