

Its time to give time campaign

During 2005 the Council launched a campaign to encourage the voluntary and community sector to adopt employer-supported volunteering schemes as its contribution to the Year of the Volunteer. The campaign continues as part of the legacy of the Year.

You can find out more about the campaign at

www.volunteering.org.uk/givetime

The Commission on the Future of Volunteering

During discussions about the Council's support for the Year of the Volunteer careful thought was given to the legacy of the Year. In considering this the Council agreed to establish a Commission on the future of volunteering, which will shape a ten year vision (in effect from 2007-2017) for the evolution of volunteering in England.

Information about the Commission will be available via the Council's website

Further information

To find out more about the Council visit www.volunteering.org.uk/evdc or email evdc@volunteeringengland.org

The Council wishes to thank Volunteering England and the Volunteering Hub for funding its work.

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Introducing the England Volunteering Development Council

The England Volunteering Development Council was established in 2004 as a high-level representative platform for volunteering. The Council engages, both with government and opposition parties and captures the collective intelligence of volunteer-involving organisations, volunteering infrastructure providers and volunteers, to provide a powerful, coordinated lobby to steer government policy and community action.

In 2006 the Council is developing regional bodies to enhance its ability to deliver its objectives, effectively.

The Council's Terms of Reference can be found on its website.

Membership of the England Volunteering Development Council

Council members are drawn from the voluntary, community, public and private sectors. Members from the voluntary and community sectors represent a wide range of interests, activities, and specialist volunteering and the generic infrastructure.

A full list of members and current vacancies can be found on the Council's website.

Strategic development of volunteering infrastructure in England

The England Volunteering Development Council has responsibility for the monitoring and development of *Building on success: strategy for volunteering infrastructure in England 2004-2014*. It has published a report on achievements during the first year of the strategy. In 2006 the Council will consult on taking the strategy forward, including the detailed targets for 2007 – 2009. The strategy links closely to ChangeUp and has been used as the basis for the development of the Volunteering Hub business plan.

The England Volunteering Development Council and the Volunteering Hub

In 2005 the Council agreed to act as the Volunteering Hub Advisory Group, and in this role it scrutinised the Volunteering Hub business plan.

The accountable body for the Volunteering Hub is Volunteering England. Its Board of Trustees has established the Volunteering Hub Scrutiny Committee to oversee the detailed activity of the Hub, including making all decisions about resource allocation. Members of the Committee have been drawn from the England Volunteering Development Council. The Council's independent Chair acts as the Chair of the Committee.

You can find out more about the Volunteering Hub at www.volunteering.org.uk/hub