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Third Sector Hub

What is the Third Sector Hub?

The Third Sector Hub continues to extend the support already offered by VANEL to voluntary and community sector organisations, by providing resources, training and developmental services and initiatives to support, encourage and empower local groups and enable them to develop their own abilities to adapt to change, improve and grow for a sustainable, thriving future.



Hub services are all about developing groups own capabilities rather than 'doing it for them'. To do this, the Hub delivers a wide range of initiatives tackling different approaches to sustainability. In addition, the Hub supports the wider sector strategically via the Third Sector Partnership which enables individuals groups to become a proactive part of the wider, local, connected voluntary & community sector.

What does the Hub offer?

- § We encourage Trusteeship and support Trustees of Charities and Boards of Trustees through the Thrive Trustee Network.
(www.thrivetrustees.org.uk)
- § We encourage the development of leadership skills in the sector through our Thrive Leaders Network (www.thriveleaders.org.uk) which will be developed further during 2010.
- § We support organisations with ICT (including websites and online social media) through a number of training & support options all linked together through our new IT Supporters Network.
(www.thirdsectorhub.org.uk/itnet)
- § We deliver an ongoing training programme which covers developmental topics not otherwise provided locally. These typically include trustee development, financial sustainability, better communication, development of leadership and empowerment through understanding of public law.
(www.thirdsectorhub.org.uk/training)
- § We provide resources to the sector including a meeting & training room, 10 PC state-of-the-art IT training suite, equipment hire including laptop hire and soon to be delivered, a number of community computers and multi-media equipment and tools. (www.thirdsectorhub.org.uk/resources)
- § We also coordinate Common Treasury equipment available for use across our sector. (www.vanel.org.uk/treasury)
- § We provide developmental support direct to groups on a range of topics. These include effective use of IT, websites and social media, development of community anchors and understanding of asset transfer, and improving

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knowledge and understanding of Public Law and the Compact.
(www.thirdsectorhub.org.uk)

- § We project manage programmes and services on behalf of other groups and organisations and lever in local support for the sector by working with regional and national providers and infrastructure organisations.
- § We support the local Third Sector Partnership, Third Sector Forum and working groups including secretariat services and website provision.
- § The team continues to manage Grassroots Grants locally and now delivers the Community Learning Champions programme to encourage learning within the community. (www.vanel.org.uk/learning)

Who is the Hub here to help?

Any voluntary or community organisation (including social enterprises) based in or operating in North East Lincolnshire can take advantage of the services offered through the Hub. Much of the information and guidance made available by the Hub is online and freely available through our range of websites. Certain initiatives such as the Trustee Network are of particular interest to certain segments of the sector (Charity Trustees in this case), work more directly to the benefit of these groups and incur a membership charge. We otherwise encourage any organisation taking advantage of Hub services to also ensure they are VANEL members.

The training & support provided through the Hub is about developing capabilities of Third Sector Organisations for long term sustainability, so the subjects tackled are of particular interest to those groups willing and able to adapt to change and instigate change themselves.

So what specifically should I look for?

- § If you are a Charity you could develop your board of Trustees through our Trustee Network.
- § If you lead your organisation or have a leadership role then you could develop yourself and get support through our Leaders Network.
- § Any organisation can benefit through involvement with our IT Supporters Network – get the individuals who support your IT to get involved.
- § If it's support with financial sustainability you're after, then look at the Hub website & make your way to our Fundraising Plus project who can support you with this.
- § If your groups works at all with the public sector then you may need to find out about Public Law through the Hub briefings.
- § You could hire our meeting room, our IT training suite, hire our laptops, projectors and other equipment or get IT guidance from the Hub on ways to be more effective with technology.

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- § If your group has a building or land or is looking to acquire, develop or maintain property then contact the Hub who can direct you to appropriate support.
- § The Third Sector Hub can also help organisations outside the sector – those in private business or in the public sector – to understand the sector, to connect with the right organisations, to contract with or to buy services from the sector.
- § Third Sector Organisations with specific issues or agendas should contact the Third Sector Hub to see how we can direct or guide you.

How do I find out more?

Much of the information and guidance provided through the Hub is available online. Start with the main Hub website at www.thirdsectorhub.org.uk.

The Thrive Trustee Network is at www.thrivetrustees.org.uk

The Thrive Leaders Network is at www.thriveleaders.org.uk

You can track latest information from many of our initiatives by using the RSS news feeds on many of the sites. Short updates on Hub events and initiatives can be found by following us on Twitter [@thirdsectorhub](https://twitter.com/thirdsectorhub)

The Third Sector Partnership website is www.neltsp.org.uk

Working Group websites can be found at www.neltsp.org.uk/regen or [/ssc](http://www.neltsp.org.uk/ssc), [/hcop](http://www.neltsp.org.uk/hcop), [/cyps](http://www.neltsp.org.uk/cyps)

Common Treasury info at www.vanel.org.uk/treasury

Compact at www.vanel.org.uk/compact

Grassroots Grants is at www.thirdsectorhub.org.uk/grassroots

Community Learning Champions is www.vanel.org.uk/learning

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