

# VS6 – Working together to build a stronger Liverpool City Region

**VS6 is a partnership of 14 support organisations working with the 8,600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) groups operating across our Liverpool City Region (LCR).**

## What do we do?

We work together to champion the vital role our sector does and could play in the future of the city region, while seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities.

## How do we do this?

VCFSE support organisations have collectively engaged with public and private sector partners on a city region level since 2004. In 2015, we formally launched the VS6 partnership in order to provide a voice, platform and action model for VCFSE participation.

We're focused on driving positive change by connecting the VCFSE sector with our developing city region. Together, we have links to 8,600 organisations across the six boroughs, and aim to support these groups – many integral to our communities - to collectively influence decision making:

- Offering solutions to some of the most challenging economic issues facing our city region
- Driving community-centred approaches to transforming health and wellbeing
- Providing a single point of contact for the city region's VCFSE sector

## VCFSE in Liverpool City Region

- Over 8,600 VCFSE groups supporting communities across the city region including 5,500 community groups
- 24,000 plus FTE employees working in the sector
- £918m GVA contribution to the city region
- 180,000 volunteers contributing over 500,000 hours per week

**Source:** Measuring the size and scope of the VCS in Liverpool City Region (Liverpool John Moores University: 2015)



“Bringing together a diverse group of interests into a single grouping...is extremely significant for the betterment of the lives and wellbeing of our communities. The work that VS6 does has never been more valuable for those communities, sectors and bodies that it represents.”

**Robert Hough CBE,**  
*former LEP chair*

## Our vision

### We have a vision that our city region will be:

- The most vibrant, 'happening', equal place in the country, where people feel connected and included
- A place where success is shared and measured through economic, health and social outcomes
- A family-friendly city region where people have a work life balance
- Driven by a sustainable, economic strategy that leads on innovation and creativity
- A place where large employers want to bring their businesses
- A place where everyone can have a job, progress in work, develop a successful career and improve their prosperity
- A region where small and large organisations work together to enable people to thrive; and
- Where the VCFSE sector, and its potential, is better understood and seen as essential to a thriving, inclusive economy

### VS6 is made up of the following organisations:

- 3TC
- Community Action Wirral
- Community Foundations for Lancashire & Merseyside
- Expanding Horizons
- Halton & St Helens VCA
- Knowsley CVS
- Liverpool CVS
- Merseyside Disability Federation
- Merseyside Social Enterprise Network
- Merseyside Youth Association
- Network for Europe
- Sefton CVS
- Together Liverpool
- VOLA Consortium



"Together we're developing a new culture of partnership and collaboration across the city region, ensuring a future that has communities at the heart of our city region."

**Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon,**  
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