

# **VAC membership development**

**Developing Voluntary and Community  
sector voice and influence**

**Voluntary Action Forum May 2021**

# WHY?

- New 'USP' for becoming a member of VAC – traditional 'perks' no longer viable or may return in a different way/ only return in part e.g. hot desking, discounted training.
- Big changes are taking place that involve the VCS: transition from Covid 19 emergency; acceleration in policy developments already in progress pre covid e.g. health and care transformation; neighbourhood strategies; health inequalities; digital exclusion, food poverty....
- Clear means for VCS to engage: contribute viewpoints, ideas, insights, expertise.

**What?** VAC is connected to local, sub regional , regional and national forums where the VCS can have influence.

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Local Care Strategy Board
- Neighbourhood Boards / strategic overview groups
  
- North Central London emerging Integrated Care System (North London Partners)
  
- London Plus / Thriving Communities Programme
- GLA / Healthy London Partnership
  
- NAVCA – national voice

# HOW?

- Develop VAC membership as forum to present a powerful VCS voice and perspectives – viewpoints, ideas, detailed insights; expertise.....
- Dedicated mailing list to circulate agendas and key information on where VCS is affected and opportunities for the sector.
- Opportunities to input – via dedicated mailing list, membership meetings / forums where appropriate, one to one ( we may ask for your expertise for detail or insights on specific issues).
- A Camden VCS manifesto – for ongoing influence at all levels, to be developed by September 2021 and reviewed annually.

# How to join VAC

You can join VAC as an organisation or an individual:

<https://vac.org.uk/get-involved/membership/>