



Social media and online networks

This list of networks is designed to help you get familiar with the voluntary and community sector as well as provide ways to communicate with others within the sector.

Social media: getting started

Social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are ideal for connecting with other voluntary and community organisations. Here are some guides that are designed to help you make connections on social media.

[Social Media Planning Guide for Voluntary Sector Organisations](#) (Simon Duncan, 2010)

[A Simple Guide to Digital and Social Media](#) (Allsorts Youth Project, 2014)

[Brighton and Hove City Council's Social Media and Social Networking Guide](#)

[Locality](#) has published a social media toolkit on their website, with video tutorials on how to set up a Facebook page or a Twitter profile.

Local online networks

[BHT Training](#) provides training for the voluntary sector. They have a course calendar where you can find the dates of their training and sign up.

[Black and Minority Ethnic Community Partnership](#) has a list of organisations and groups which work with black and minority ethnic groups

[Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce](#) hold specific networking events which are focused on broadening your sphere of contacts. They offer [Podcasts](#) of speeches from the networking events.

[Brighton and Hove Food Partnership's](#) members receive a fortnightly email update and invitations to member events. It is for everyone who is interested in food.

[Brighton Business Forum](#) is the official web site of the Business Forum and the Economic Partnership in Brighton and Hove.

[Brighton and Hove Jobs](#) lists job opportunities in the Brighton and Hove area.

[Brighton Small Groups Network](#) has a Facebook page. The purpose of the Small Groups Network is to provide training and support around issues that are seen to be a barrier for small groups being more effective.

[Brighton and Hove Social Enterprise Network](#) is the home of social enterprise in Brighton and Hove. This is the place to network with other smaller businesses, to find information and resources to promote your goods and services. They have [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and a [Newsletter](#).

[Citywide Connect](#) supports Brighton and Hove residents to stay healthy, well and independent. It is co-ordinated by [The Fed Centre for Independent Living](#).

[Community Base](#) runs a range of free online information services. These include: community job search, service search, volunteer search and venue search. They also have a [Facebook](#) page.

[Community Buildings Network](#) is a local network that aims to link Brighton and Hove community centres by providing support, training, meetings and information to people that manage community buildings. Contact bhcommunitybuildings@googlegroups.com or pat.weller@btconnect.com for more information on subscribing to the circulation list.

The [CUPP](#) network is a social networking space for those interested in community university partnerships.

[Community Works Members Email List](#) connects members with each other to share information and solutions. You must be a member of Community Works to access this list.

[Community Works](#) has a newsletter that anyone can subscribe to.

[Connect and Share](#) is co-ordinated by the [The Fed Centre for Independent Living](#) and is a place to share community resources.

[Do-It](#) is a national on line database of volunteering opportunities in the UK.

[East Sussex Community Information Service](#) is a community information directory. It is a free resource for everyone and it is free to be listed and free to use.

[Free University Brighton](#) creates alternative education accessible to all, regardless of income and provides a space to think critically about the world. They also have a forum.

[It's Local Actually](#) is co-ordinated by [The Fed Centre for Independent Living](#) It lists activities in the Brighton and Hove area. It is possible to register for free to promote your organisation on this service.

[Juice Breakfast Club](#) holds an informal networking event for businesses every third Friday of every month.

[LGBT Community Groups Network](#) helps smaller not for profit groups get to know and support each other, share opportunities and resources and to access specialist advice, information and support. The network is provided by and for the groups within the network, with the support of Community Works LGBT Reps. Their activities include social events, networking, quarterly members meetings and access to specialist advice and services. They also have an online [Forum](#) and have a [Facebook](#) page.

[Mutual Aid in Sussex](#) is a new network being developed in Brighton and the surrounding area to facilitate mutual aid between co-operatives, small ethical business, community groups and other like-minded people. It is a free platform where mutual aid and support can be more easily achieved through face to face meet ups and online conversations.

[My Life Brighton and Hove](#) provides reliable information to residents and professionals in Brighton and Hove. They have a section for support groups and charities who offer services around health and social care.

[The Resource Centre](#) provides services to help local organisations such as equipment for hire, community print room and information.

[SCIP](#) have a thriving online community where you can share news and ideas with over 1,000 people.

[Sustainable Business Network](#) links like-minded, environmentally-committed businesses to share ideas and build working relationships.

[The Volunteer Centre](#) which is a service of [Community Works](#), promotes a huge range of volunteering opportunities on behalf of groups and organisations in the city.

National online networks

[Compact Voice](#) has a mailing list that and an e- newsletter that contains case studies exploring good practice in partnership working, sharing experiences and knowledge from others across England, updates on government policy developments and new resources to help you work better with other sectors.

[The Guardian Voluntary Sector Network](#) offers news, debates and advertisements. They also have a [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

[Social Enterprise UK](#) is the national body for social enterprise. Social Enterprise UK has a newsletter and offers networking opportunities.

[UKVPMs](#) is a lively, friendly and participative networking and communication resource for all Volunteer Programme Managers working in the UK.