

Liverpool City Region VCFSE Manifesto 2021 – 2024 Summary:

Building a Compassionate, Caring and Successful City Region

This manifesto has been developed by VS6 in consultation with the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector in Liverpool City Region to highlight the aims and ambitions of the sector for the next three years, including our key asks of the Combined Authority to support the sector and our communities.

VCFSE Vision for Liverpool City Region

- ✓ A place where the VCFSE sector, and its potential, is better understood and seen as essential to a thriving, attractive and inclusive economy.
- ✓ The most vibrant, 'happening' and equal place in the country, where people feel connected, involved, and included.
- ✓ A place where success is shared and measured through economic, health and social outcomes.
- ✓ A City Region where everyone has access to opportunities with a good work life balance.
- ✓ A place where everyone can have a sense of purpose, progress in life, and improve their prosperity.
- ✓ A region where small and large organisations work together to enable people to thrive.
- ✓ A place where diversity is respected, and everyone has their voices heard.

Our Manifesto Aims

A Healthy VCFSE Ecosystem

1. Dedicated and sustainable **investment into the VCFSE sector** including a 1% Community Levy on all public sector contracts over £1million to be invested in VCFSE delivery.
2. **Developing a sustainable and resilient VCFSE sector** with long-term contracts to enhance the stability of the sector and the role of the sector in generating social value for communities.
3. Nurture **mature and collaborative working relationships** with greater transparency on funding decisions, setting out agreed working arrangements with the Combined Authority.

An Economy That Works For All

4. Strengthening the **role of the VCFSE sector as a key driver for growing local economies** through investment in communities with a "bottom up" economic model.
5. Providing opportunities for all to **build resilient communities with greater economic benefits.**
6. **Community approaches to digital inclusion** with the sector as a key partner in the developing digital infrastructure delivery including support for the sector to embrace digital.
7. **Building upon the legacy of volunteering** by developing a City Region VCFSE Volunteer Management System building upon the learnings from the local COVID-19 volunteer mobilisation.
8. Build our collective ambitions for the VCFSE sector at the centre of a **green and inclusive recovery.**

Championing Our Communities

9. **An equal and diverse VCFSE city region** for all where everybody feels safe, respected, and listened to, making sure the VCFSE sector works in collaboration with the Combined Authority to address inequalities.
10. **A sustainable, affordable, and inclusive food plan for the City Region** to eradicate food insecurity, including associated issues such as fuel and transport poverty.
11. Ensure the sector has a defined and equitable role in health system transformation in order to **reduce health inequalities across the region.**
12. **A whole-system approach to mental health**, emotional wellbeing, and resilience with dedicated investment into the VCFSE sector for both service delivery and workforce mental health support and training.

We invite all LCR Metro Mayor Candidates to commit to the delivery of our VCFSE manifesto.

Our detailed manifesto document can be found [here](#) or on the VS6 website: <http://www.vs6partnership.org.uk>

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