

A VCFSE MANIFESTO FOR LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

VS6

Key Policy Areas

- **Climate Change** - A Climate Change Champion to support the VCFSE sector to adjust to the climate transition alongside an online information portal providing advice on guidance on becoming energy efficient organisations.
- **Cost of Living** - Progress the recommendations from the 2022 VS6 Sustainable and Affordable Food Report.
- **Health Inequalities** - Embedding the role of the VCFSE sector in early intervention and prevention services and ensure there is both a VCFSE and health representative on the LCR Business and Enterprise Board.
- **Employment & Skills** - Champion the role of the VCFSE sector in delivering employment and skills services and recognise the role of volunteering as a progression route to employment
- **Equalities** - Align the VCFSE sector to the LCR Race Equality Hub and work with the sector to engage with marginalised communities and groups across the region.

Community Empowerment

- Put community consultation at the heart of decision making and service design with engagement resource for the sector
- VS6 Partnership to be recognised as the point of contact for the VCFSE in LCR
- Ensure the VCFSE sector and LCR community are connected into digital transformation work

Commissioning & Contracts

- Embed partnership working with the VCFSE sector as standard with payment for representation
- Ensure contracts allow for the Real Living Wage and inflationary costs built in
- Work with existing sector infrastructure to support organisations to access commissioning opportunities
- Fortify VCFSE resilience and ability to plan through consistent engagement throughout contract development.

VCFSE Sector Investment

- Lobby for an effective progression of the UK-Shared Prosperity Fund with a long-term vision
- Balance the need for funding innovation and the importance of established VCFSE services, with funding to be in addition to what already exists.
- Build on the success of the #LCRCares Grant Funding with a small grants investment programme

Workforce & Volunteering

- “One Workforce” – Co-ordinated cross-sector workforce development and parity
- Identify opportunities for the VCFSE sector via the apprenticeship levy
- LCR Volunteering Hub to be the single point of contact for promoting volunteering in the region.

Measuring Impact

- Support the development of an economic model for the VCFSE sector to better evidence the sectors impact and value