



Title:	Refreshing the Volunteer Strategy 2015 - 18
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To initiate a dialogue with Brighton & Hove Connected members and wider stakeholders on the refresh the volunteer strategy
Significance to BHC and Delivering SCS outcomes:	Volunteering plays a key role in the city in the delivery of outcomes relating to social care, children's services, employment initiatives,
What is BHC being asked to do?	Brighton & Hove Connected is being asked to provide leadership on the development of the new strategy and its implementation. Individual organisations are invited to be a critical friend in the development of the strategy, utilising their skills and experience in the development of the document and approach.
Next steps and report back mechanism:	The volunteering champions group will provide regular updates to Brighton & Hove Connected and is happy to provide specific updates for interested organisations The strategy will be presented for sign off to Brighton & Hove Connected in Spring 2015

1. Background

Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership (now known as Brighton & Hove Connected) adopted the current volunteering strategy, ***Joining the dots: a triple impact volunteering strategy for Brighton & Hove 2010-2015.***

The City Employment and Skills Steering Group Commissioned the volunteering strategy for the City and funding was provided by the CESSG through Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) funds.

We would now like to refresh the strategy, and ensure that the breadth of volunteering impact is reflected in the new version.

2. Format

Taking a lead from the SCS it is proposed that the new document is short and succinct covering main outcomes of volunteering for example:

- Employment outcomes,
- Health and social care:
- Drug, alcohol and mental health rehabilitation
- Management Boards/ Trustees and recruitment
- CSR/ Corporate Giving/ Business support:
- YP work experience (student placements from school)
- Hospital volunteering and its contribution
- The universities and their contribution to volunteering

Each area will have a dedicated list of implementation actions. We would seek different sectors/areas of work or organisations to volunteer to act as leads for different themes as there is no additional funding available at this stage to implement actions that are identified.

It is suggested that Brighton & Hove Connected will act as the overall governance body, and the more detailed process will be led by a small steering group as part of the volunteering champions group.

3. Role of Brighton & Hove Connected

Brighton & Hove Connected is being asked to:

- Engage partner organisations
- Gather intelligence on needs and opportunities from partners
- Set a realistic policy and impact framework