



**The fund was launched by Phil Hope, Minister of State for Care Services on the 13 December 2009**

He said: "Volunteers do an amazing job and are vital to the lifeblood of the NHS and social care services. This new funding system offers more scope for national projects in areas such as obesity, smoking and young people's health. It will make our money worker harder by opening up funding opportunities to more organisations and systematically embedding volunteering in health and social care by supporting projects and their organisations to forge partnerships with commissioners and local statutory organisations."

**HSCVF Support Package**

The new fund is innovative in that it delivers not just grant but a whole support package for the health and social care volunteering sector.

- An organisation diagnostic – a facilitated session using an Organisation Diagnostic Tool (ODT) that aims to bring about organisational change through a review of the organisation's performance and identification of potential improvements.
- Support consultancy - where project managers can discuss various aspects of project delivery depending on their needs. There is no set agenda. Delivery is tailored to each organisation.
- Action Learning Networks – 5 workshops (accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management) designed to establish projects as robust / fundable initiatives.
- Training - on volunteer management that includes volunteer selection, matching volunteers' needs to roles, supervision, volunteer pathways to employment, dealing with difficult volunteers, retention and recognising volunteers and their contributions.
- The opportunity to take part in an online forum - a virtual discussion portal.

**Who is involved?**

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Lead partner  
Call for applications, project selection process helpdesk, website, monitoring, finance, dissemination, communication and reporting



**Delivery Partners**

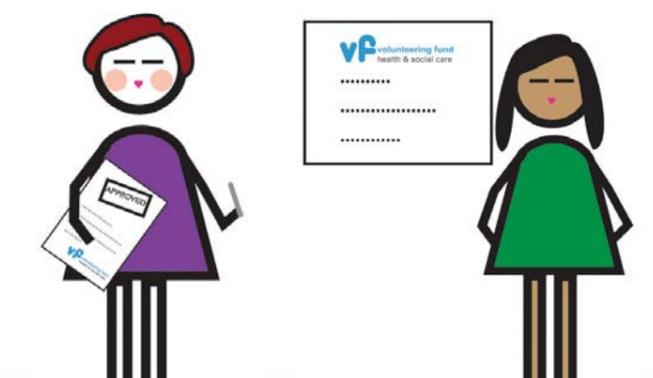
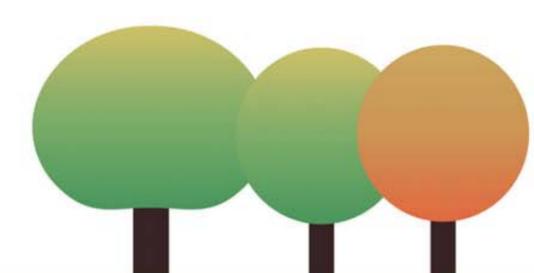
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**Stakeholder Reference Group**

Convened by the DH  
Advises on the Strategic Vision for Volunteering and the HSCVF  
Representation from VC sector, Health and Care Agencies

The HSCVF delivery partnership gradually takes on the funding of new health and social care projects as the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme finalises its projects. The new HSCVF is aligned with current health and social care policy on an annual basis.



# 2010- Launching our first grant schemes.

## This year sees the first local and national grant scheme!

**Local grant scheme** – for locally constituted Voluntary Sector organisations supporting volunteering. Priority is given to projects focused on local health, public health and social care needs.

**National grant scheme** – for national organisations / partnerships with national reach. Successful projects will deliver strategic or developmental volunteering projects in the health, public health and social care sector.

## Local Grant Scheme key facts 2010

- We hold 7 pre-application events across England.
- We receive a total of 232 applications to the fund from across England.
- A total of £550,000 is offered to 43 successful local voluntary sector organisations.



## Snapshot of the Support Package 2010

- 61 delegates attended the first Action Learning Network
- Organisational Diagnostic Facilitator - feedback from Lawrence from Fair Shares

*"His work with Fair Shares has proven to be extremely valuable. I have worked with several 'business consultants' over the years that have often portrayed themselves as being there to show the Voluntary Sector how to run its business; that they know better. This has not been the case with the HSCVF consultant."*

## February

Local grant scheme fund launched.

## August

Local Grant Scheme funding decision announced! 43 projects are successful

## November

Our first national grant scheme launched on the 16th November 2010. The programme is designed to support national level projects that are strategic and developmental in their approaches to volunteering in the health and social care sector.

## May

Karen and Gino joined the team.



## Snapshot of the team's work 2010

- Helpline email enquiries reaching over 796 enquiries (this number disregards email correspondence about regional events)
- 21,637 visitors to the website of which 15,998 have been new visitors

## October

Improvements to the website



## December

First Stakeholder Reference Group meeting. The Stakeholder Reference Group takes responsibility for ensuring that the HSCVF is delivered in line with the strategic objectives and direction approved by the Group and support the development of the DH's Strategic Vision for Volunteering.





## Snapshot of the HSCVF team activity

- Guides: Dissemination guide - to maximise the impact of their work and highlight the various tools involved in dissemination. Evaluation guide – to help projects understand how to evaluate their project effectively.
- New portal - Search for a partner portal – created to help applicants find partners for their applications.

### February

Financial and Monitoring Advice Surgeries

End of year financial and monitoring advice surgeries for all 2010 local project managers on how to complete the required documents.

### April

Launched our own Youtube Channel



### June

Funding announced for national grant scheme. 13 different charities funded for a diverse range of projects. Grant award winning projects are selected for their innovative ideas / initiatives and ways of working with volunteers in the sector.

### October

2011 the HSCVF team hold a start up event for the Local Grant Scheme 2011 projects. The HSCVF team are joined by the Minister for Care Services Paul Burstow and Olivia Butterworth from the Department of Health



### November

Annual report celebrates the Fund's achievements and the programme's outcomes



### December

Awarded one of the top three Social Change Great Givers and receive an award! Nominated by Diabetes UK, and shortlisted from over 600 applications



### February

Published our first newsletter



### April

Second local grant scheme launched on the 6th April 2011. In total:

- 984 organisations registered their interest in applying
- 794 organisations who registered were eligible to apply
- 423 organisations complete an application

### May

The first evaluation of the HSCVF activity. Survey respondents are really positive about the support provided by the HSCVF team, the online systems and the support package. This is the first evidence that the support package is really valuable to the sector.

### October

Funding announced for local grant scheme. 51 local projects funded.

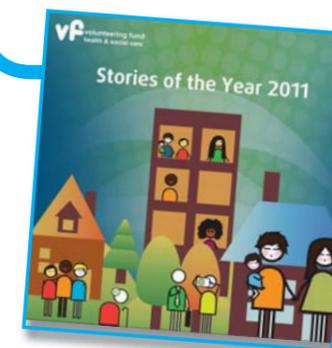
These projects have proven their ability to deliver local health and social care projects alongside statutory agencies, and are addressing health inequalities and supporting social care delivery through volunteering.

### October

Launch second round of the national grant scheme.

### November

Stories of the Year - Projects send in case studies and testimonials from volunteers, staff and their support consultants. They speak in their own words about how HSCVF funding has helped people tackle real-life challenges and opportunities.



Our nomination said... "HSCVF's online application process was smooth and user friendly. They have been very supportive post grant award and accommodating - the team at HSCVF are polite, helpful and efficient."



# 2012 – Where we are now...

## March Impact of the support package

We have evaluated the HSCVF every step of the way. We now have a clear body of evidence of positive change that results from the HSCVF support package. This is an achievement the DH and the HSCVF delivery partnership is very proud of.

## June

### Celebrating HSCVF Conference

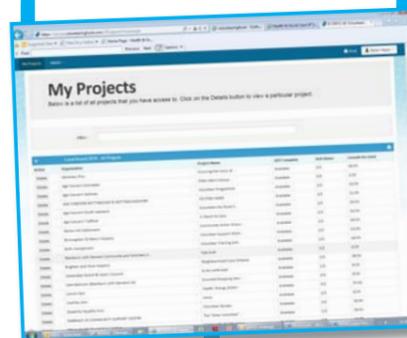
HSCVF projects have a lot to be proud of and good reasons to celebrate the work they have done / are doing. On the 18th June HSCVF projects, the HSCVF Managing Body, the Department of Health and other key sector bodies came together to network and share their knowledge and expertise at an event in Birmingham.

Launch of our own Twitter page



## September

HSCVF Hub launched!



## November

Funded announced for national grant scheme 2012. The 13 successful projects will work collaboratively with statutory health and / or social care commissioners to test volunteer-led approaches to provision that complement existing statutory services.

### HSCVF wins DSC's Great Giving Funders Award.

"We are absolutely delighted to be recognised by the sector for the work we have put in to developing the bespoke organisational support package, which has helped to make the HSCVF such a success. The organisations we have supported vary enormously, from working with hard-to-reach families in their homes to help reduce anti-social behaviour in young people to working with elderly people to help them maintain their independence and confidence. That's what really counts and what motivates us to do the best that we can to support them."

### Minister for Care Services Norman Lamb said:

"I'm really excited to announce such an innovative and diverse selection of projects, working with people to find new ways to give their time and volunteer to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in society. I'd like to encourage people to get involved and share their experiences to make these projects a success."



## April

New team member Jodie joined the team.



## June

Fumie joined the team to work on the Bursary



## August

Leeds Met University commissioned as independent evaluators of the HSCVF programme

## October

77 bursary applications approved to develop projects capacity, capability and sustainability.

### Inspiring Stories

This booklet combines these real-life HSCVF project experiences to create our Inspiring Stories 2012



## December

Interactive Map launched



37 Local 2012 projects announced!

