



## **Kent Charity Leaders Partnership and Development Programme**

Do you lead a charity or other non-profit in Kent? Would you like to join other leaders in exploring strategic issues and opportunities that can help you?

With funding from the KCC infrastructure fund, Stronger Kent Communities is launching a new Partnership and Development programme. Over the next 18 months, you will attend regular meetings with other charity leaders, identifying common issues and working on strategies and solutions to address these.

The programme builds on well tested principles and practices in Medway where, with National Lottery funding, charity leaders have successfully developed the VCS Transformation Academy and Voluntary Sector Alliance. You can find more about this work here: <https://www.mva.org.uk/organisations/vcs-transformation-academy-alliance-2>

### **What we would like to achieve**

We are all facing difficult times and we know this is likely to continue. We believe that working together is essential and we want to support the development of strong partnerships and create a shared space for charity leaders to think about the future and how they can support each other to thrive.

### **How will we achieve this?**

Central to working effectively together will be the need to connect and develop stronger relationships with our peers; so utilising some Transformation Academy model practices, we will run face to face and online sessions that will help you to meet others both locally and across Kent to develop shared aims and objectives. We will provide the facilitation support for these sessions – freeing you up to shape and direct their content to suit the needs of your organisations and local network.

### **Who should attend?**

Leaders and decision makers of voluntary organisations in Kent. Your organisation can be any size and structure, e.g. registered charity, CIC, CIO, Community group, etc. You might be a Trustee, CEO, Charity Manager or Lead Volunteer. Please choose the best person in your organisation to attend, because only one space is available.

### How will this work?

We have split Kent into three broad geographic areas and will deliver the programme in each area. The content of the first two group sessions will be exactly the same across all three areas; they will then likely evolve to reflect the needs/interests of each individual area.

We would prefer that you choose **one area group** and then participate and attend your meetings in the same area group, so that you can get to know the other participants. You will, however, be given opportunities to also connect and network with participants from all the areas.

The areas are as follows (however it is entirely your choice which local group you attend):

<b>West Kent</b>	<b>Mid Kent</b>	<b>East Kent</b>
Dartford Gravesham Sevenoaks Tonbridge and Malling Tunbridge Wells	Maidstone Swale Ashford	Canterbury Thanet Dover Folkestone and Hythe
Face to face sessions will be held in Sevenoaks	Face to face sessions will be held in Ashford	Face to face sessions will be held in Canterbury

Over the next 18 months, we will run five face to face sessions in each area as well as regular online groups in between.

There will also be a Kent wide group, which we will encourage you to join. The Kent wide group will focus on developing the Voluntary Sector Alliance in Kent. There will be three Kent wide face to face sessions and several online sessions in between. The Kent wide sessions will be open to people who attend the regional groups as well as those that would prefer to just attend the countywide sessions.

### ASHFORD

**The Singleton Environment Centre, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**10am - 2pm (including lunch)**

<https://www.singletonenvironmentcentre.org.uk/>

Find us using What3Words <https://w3w.co/radar.magma.circle>

**Register here** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kent-charity-leaders-partnership-and-development-programme-ashford-tickets-771413447387>

### CANTERBURY

**Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

**10am - 2pm (including lunch)**

<https://www.thaningtonnrc.co.uk/>

**Register here** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kent-charity-leaders-partnership-and-development-programme-canterbury-tickets-771420157457>

**SEVENOAKS**

**The Stag, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**10am - 2pm (including lunch)**

<https://stagsevenoaks.co.uk/about-us/>

**Register here** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kent-charity-leaders-partnership-and-development-programme-sevenoaks-tickets-771410538687>