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**Coventry VCSE Alliance**

**Membership Eligibility**

VCSE Alliance membership is open to all voluntary, community organisations or social enterprises based (or active) in Coventry.

Subject to the restrictions below, VCSE membership is open to:

* social enterprises
* independent employee/member/retired persons social associations
* sports and leisure clubs and societies
* parent / teacher associations and out of school clubs
* independent ‘Friends Of’ associations or similar
* volunteering associations supporting public sector organisations such as hospitals, provided that such associations have full financial and decision-making independence from the public sector organisations they support
* Saturday / supplementary schools
* faith organisations

VCSE Membership is not open to:

* Private sector organisations
* Any organisation able to distribute profits to individual or corporate members or owners
* Public sector organisations including executive agencies and quangos
* Political parties, trade unions and party political organisations
* Organisations or projects owned or controlled by public or private sector organisations (e.g. local authority controlled companies)
* Subsidiary organisations of an existing VAC member (e.g. trading subsidiaries)
* Any organisation with objectives which contravene VAC’s Equality & Diversity policy or which are, in the reasonable opinion of the VAC Board, inconsistent with the values of VAC.

**Approval process**

**Approval of VCSE membership of VAC is based on meeting the above eligibility criteria. VAC does not vet organisations in any way nor their policies and procedures or working practices.** VCSE Alliance membership is subject to the Chief Executive’s approval. **The Management Board of VAC will be notified of the approved groups at their subsequent meeting.**

Organisations not deemed eligible may still be held on the database and receive VAC communications but will not have membership rights nor access to some benefits.