

SUPPORT FOR SMALL ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) offers a range of services to support small organisations and groups to help you at every step - as you're starting out, establishing or looking to grow...

Funding and running your organisation or group

Training - essential and bespoke

Recruiting and supporting volunteers

Voice, representation and influence

Sharing news, events and jobs

Payroll, room hire, recruitment and more...

FUNDING AND RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION OR GROUP

Voluntary Action Leeds has created a range of really useful resources for starting a new group, running a group or organisation, finance, funding and safeguarding.

You can find these resources on [Doing Good Leeds](#) - the website that Voluntary Action Leeds runs for and on behalf of the third sector in Leeds. [Funding opportunities](#) are regularly added to the site with details of how to apply.

VAL runs the Leeds Funding Support Network, including a [Facebook group](#) and meet-ups. It is free to join and everyone is welcome to share fundraising skills and opportunities.

"It is great to know there are people really willing and able to help."

VAL also offers a free feedback service on draft bids, checking the fit with a funder's criteria and helping to strengthen your application.

Free [training](#) courses are run by VAL on starting your organisation, registering as a charity, introduction to funding, applying for small grants and making your application stand out.



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TRAINING - ESSENTIAL AND BESPOKE

Voluntary Action Leeds offers a range of essential training courses for organisations of all sizes.

Training is offered in safeguarding for adults and children, understanding the roles of volunteers, data protection and cyber security and many other areas to support your development.

Many courses are free and, where there is a cost, courses are priced for third sector organisations.



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"Fantastic training, really valuable content, well-presented, clear and concise."

Bursaries for training courses are available to small groups or organisations, please get in touch to find out more.

Through VAL YOU, the commercial trading arm of VAL, the team can also support with any bespoke training that your organisation needs, which can be delivered in our purpose-designed training rooms or at a location of your choice.

RECRUITING AND SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Centre Leeds, run by VAL, is based in Kirkgate Market, and the team helps organisations to recruit volunteers and supports people looking for volunteer opportunities. They are open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm and can help in person, over the phone or via email.

The Doing Good Leeds website features a citywide volunteering platform. It's free for everyone to use to add roles, search and apply for opportunities and manage current volunteering placements.

A free training course is offered as an introduction to using this platform, including hints, tips and advice on writing and promoting an effective role description.



The Leeds Volunteer Managers' Network is run by VAL for everyone who supports or coordinates volunteers, from organisations of all sizes. They meet every two months to share good practice around volunteer recruitment and support.



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VOICE, REPRESENTATION AND INFLUENCE

There are a number of groups, networks and forums co-ordinated by VAL that ensure all third sector organisations in Leeds are listened to and represented.

The work of these networks and forums includes influencing policies and practices, offering specialist support and co-ordinating activities across the city.

Find out more about each of these and how to get involved on Doing Good Leeds or email info@val.org.uk

VAL is also a lead delivery partner of Climate Action Leeds, which can offer support to small organisations, including linking climate action groups.

Find out more at www.climateactionleeds.org.uk



VAL MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a VAL member is free to all third sector organisations and groups in Leeds.

We keep our members up to date with information for and about the third sector and they have a say in how VAL is run, with voting rights at the VAL AGM and invitations to free member events.

Find out more at doinggoodleeds.org.uk/voluntary-action-leeds/val-membership/

VAL ESSENTIALS SUBSCRIPTION

A VAL Essentials subscription offers a range of money saving benefits including discounts on room hire, training and advertising jobs.

It is paid for annually (the package runs from 1 April to 31 March) and the cost is tiered based on your organisational income.

Find out more at www.doinggoodleeds.org.uk/voluntary-action-leeds/val-essentials/



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SHARING NEWS, EVENTS AND JOBS

Powered by Voluntary Action Leeds, Doing Good Leeds (DGL) is the online hub for jobs, news, events and training for the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Leeds and.

Visited more than 45,000 times a month, DGL is used by hundreds of organisations, groups and individuals who upload their own content. The VAL communications team reviews and publishes these items to share on social media and include in the DGL 'Round-Up' newsletter, which is read by thousands of people across the city.



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It's easy and secure to upload and manage your own content on the site and we are continually updating the site's design and search functions to create a truly interactive and collaborative community.

The VAL comms team also offers drop-in sessions every two months for organisations of all sizes to join online and ask questions about anything related to communications, design and marketing.

PAYROLL, ROOM HIRE, RECRUITMENT AND MORE...

VAL YOU provides high-quality professional services at affordable prices for non-profit organisations and small businesses in Leeds, including meeting room hire, payroll, bespoke training, design, marketing, recruitment and event management.



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VAL YOU is the commercial trading arm of VAL and all profits go straight back to Voluntary Action Leeds to support our work with the third sector across Leeds.