

who are we ?



Who are we?

Midlothian Voluntary Action (MVA) is the Midlothian Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and is an independent voluntary organisation. MVA became a Charity in 1974 and became a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2001. We are now also part of the Midlothian Third Sector Interface (TSI) which also includes the Volunteer Centre Midlothian, and SEAM (Social Enterprise Alliance Midlothian) and work closely together with Midlothian Council.

Mission Statement

Midlothian Voluntary Action (MVA) exists to support and develop community and Third Sector organisations in Midlothian and facilitate the effective representation of the sector in powerful partnership working.

We provide information and advice as follows:

New organisations

- setting up a new group;
- setting up your management committee;
- how to write your constitution and apply for charitable status; etc;

Existing community groups and voluntary sector organisations

- running your management committees/boards;
- managing and running your group/organisation;

Funding

- we publish a regular briefing that is sent out by e-mail;
- we can also give you advice on funding sources and applying for funding;

Newsletters

- we publish an MVA newsletter;
- In addition, the Midlothian Community Care Forum (MCCF) Development Worker produces a MCCF newsletter, and also supports the production of newsletters by Forward Mid (disabled people), and Platform and Voice (older people);

E-briefings and e-mails

We send out the following regular e-briefings:

- Funding Digest;
- Midlothian Info;
- Training News;

We send out occasional single issue e-briefings, e.g. Charity Law.

We have a number of e-mail groups for sending targeted e-mails— further information on our website.

Websites

- the MVA website www.mvacvs.org.uk contains lots of information aimed at groups and organisations; and links to our other sites including the new **MVA Community Toolkit**.

We provide the following services:

Training

we run training programmes throughout the year, we also send out a monthly Training e-bulletin;

Support Services

for example, photocopying, printing, and meeting room (see separate leaflet);

Marketing

We can publicise your organisation, events, services, etc., through our e-mail lists; our e-briefings and newsletters; and our website, including our online Events and Training calendar - www.mvacvs.org.uk/calendar.

We support voluntary sector representation in Community Planning:

Representation

MVA facilitates representation of the voluntary sector in the Community Planning process through the Voluntary Sector Forum (and sub-groups).

Social Enterprise

MVA is actively involved in the Social Enterprise Alliance Midlothian (SEAM).

Community Care

The Community Care Forum Development Worker seeks to represent interests, views and concerns of service users regarding Community Care to Midlothian Council, NHS Lothian and those who deliver services across Midlothian; in particular, older people, and people with disabilities.

We CANNOT

- **offer help and information on volunteering**—contact the Volunteer Centre Midlothian, tel: 0131 660 1216, website: www.volunteermidlothian.org.uk
- **write up or sign off your accounts**—we do however occasionally offer training in financial record-keeping and for Treasurers.

By becoming a member of Midlothian Voluntary Action we hope you will play an active role through MVA in the future development of the voluntary sector in the Midlothian area. Members benefit from discounted charges for the use of the resource/training room(s) and equipment, and for colour and black-and-white printing.

Further details can be obtained from:

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We can provide information in other formats, for example, large print, on request.

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