

VSCE Climate Action Network

Code of Conduct & Terms of Reference

Overview: the Village Green VCSE Climate Action Network brings together VCSEs from across North Yorkshire who are not climate action groups but want their organisations to be more environmentally sustainable. The network enables people, groups, and organisations to come together to ask questions, share ideas, learn, and build relationships to create pathways for greater communication and collaborative working.

Purpose:

The VCSE Climate Action Network has five key objectives:

1. Share resources with members and highlight development and learning opportunities
2. Share information with and between members and experiences about topical issues and emerging trends
3. Promote best practice in organisational environmental sustainability and climate action related topics
4. Work together to solve challenges facing members
5. Build connections and facilitate peer support and collaboration outside of network meetings

Roles and responsibilities of Village Green:

- Create accessible physical and virtual spaces for member groups to meet
- Promote and provide administrative support to these meeting spaces
- Deliver or invite others to deliver topical content and information
- Facilitate and create space for discussions between members
- Compile and share resources and information following a meeting
- Create a welcoming environment for all



Membership: membership is free and open to all VCSE organisations existing or operating within North Yorkshire. Members will be invited to join network meetings and any virtual network spaces once they have completed the membership sign-up form and been approved by Village Green. VCSEs from outside of North Yorkshire may join the meeting with permission from Village Green.

Roles and responsibilities of members:

We want the Network to be a welcoming, supportive and beneficial group and therefore we ask all members to agree to be:

- Be welcoming and respectful to other members
- Listen to each other's views with respect
- Respect the confidentiality of other members
- Engage fully in discussions and share experiences, learning, resources and successes
- Share with Village Green if any activities or actions take place because of participation in the network

Village Green reserves the right to remove any member(s) who behave in a manner that is disrespectful to members or disruptive to the network.

Activities:

The network will meet four times per calendar year; two meetings will be virtual and two will be in person. Dates will be advertised to all members in good time. Information and resources from the meetings will be shared with members and made available in advance and after meetings as appropriate. Meeting dates and locations may be subject to change; however, any changes will be communicated clearly and in advance.

For more information about the Village Green VCSE Climate Action Network or to ask any questions, please contact getinvolved@villagegreen.org.uk.

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