



### Great news!!!

East Sussex Community Voice are delighted to confirm it will host the East Sussex VCSE Alliance for three years from 1 April 2025. Our A – Z highlights Alliance values and activity.

We look forward to working with Alliance members and strategic partners to improve services and reduce health inequalities to benefit the residents of East Sussex.

<b>A</b>	Accountability	<b>N</b>	Newsletters published monthly
<b>B</b>	Best practice	<b>O</b>	<u>Our Journey</u> – annual report
<b>C</b>	Collaboration & co-production	<b>P</b>	Priorities & Position Papers
<b>D</b>	Direct commissioning	<b>Q</b>	Quarterly reporting
<b>E</b>	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion – Alliance EDI Charter	<b>R</b>	Representation & relationships
<b>F</b>	Financial Inclusion working group	<b>S</b>	Strategic & trusted partners
<b>G</b>	Generous Leadership	<b>T</b>	Tackling inequality & injustice
<b>H</b>	Holistic approach	<b>U</b>	Unity in everything we do
<b>I</b>	Infrastructure organisations – gateway & voice of wider sector	<b>V</b>	Voice of the voluntary sector
<b>J</b>	Joined up thinking	<b>W</b>	<u>Website &amp; resource page</u>
<b>K</b>	Kaleidoscope of expert services & support	<b>X</b>	eXcellence in Commissioning Programme
<b>L</b>	Listening & engaging with partners	<b>Y</b>	3 Years further funding
<b>M</b>	25 Members	<b>Z</b>	Zoom & Teams- successful remote working

## Alliance members: news and updates



**Age UK East Sussex** is delighted to continue their work with Macmillan Cancer Support with the introduction of **Information and Advice Support Workers** located in Hastings and Eastbourne.

The positions are funded for four years and, alongside their partner East Sussex Health Trust and a dedicated team of volunteers, are providing an information and advice service based at Hastings Community Information Hub, with outreach into the wider Hastings and Rother area.

A further position based at Eastbourne hospital, beginning early summer 2025, will cover Eastbourne, Lewes and Wealden.

AgeUK East Sussex look forward to developing this service and filling a gap in support for people affected by cancer across East Sussex.

### **Amaze Sussex Neurodevelopmental (ND) Family Support Service**

has been recognised as an example of good partnership working between health services and the voluntary sector at the NHS England Best Practice Health Partnership in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Celebration 2025.



The award acknowledges the impact the **ND Family Support Service** has had in supporting local families who are waiting for an assessment (or post assessment) for autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental differences.

The ND Family Support Service works with families with children and young people up to 25 who are pre- or post-assessment for a neurodevelopmental difference such as autism, ADHD or learning disabilities in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

### **Healthwatch East Sussex - hosted by East Sussex Community Voice**



are running a **focus group on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025** for children aged 8 - 11 and their parent/guardians, to hear experiences of paediatric care in East Sussex.

The session will explore experiences through creative activities for children and parents and guardians. Parents can sign up via this [link](#). Please share with any interested individuals.

### **East Sussex Community Voice are seeking to appoint three new Trustees**



You will be part of a committed and **forward-thinking Board**, acting as a “critical friend” to the Executive Team and offering clear governance oversight.

You will have the opportunity to support the planning and implementation of ESCV projects and help develop and shape long-term business plans. To find out more visit [ESCV website](#).

For further information please get in touch

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## System partners: news



**NHS Sussex** have worked with a group of young people to create a new online platform for Sussex young people aged 13 – 24 and are looking for new members!

The **Independent Youth Panel** is an online space where health and care partners can share surveys, polls and information on local engagement activities, and young people can share their own questions and ideas. The Panel content is reviewed by our local Young Designers to make sure it works for our members.

Young people can participate in whatever interests them, in their own time. NHS Sussex staff will make sure that feedback from panel members is shared with relevant services, commissioners and other decision-makers, and that the young people get feedback on what's happening as a result.

Partners are asked to share this information with the young people they work with, to ensure the Panel can reach as diverse a range of young people as possible – contact the email address below for more information and posters, or see the videos [here](#).

If you are a Sussex health and care partner interested in sharing something with the Independent Youth Panel, please email [sxicb.cyp-voice@nhs.net](mailto:sxicb.cyp-voice@nhs.net)

## Wider VCSE Sector: news



**Making it Happen Programme**

**Celebration event, Saturday 29 March 2pm:  
The Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne**

Join the Making it Happen team in a celebration of the fantastic achievements driven by communities in East Sussex.

Hear highlights from the programme: what has worked, how, why and for whom.

Latest TV are compiling highlights from the fantastic 'Phenomenal Happenings' series, which showcased groups and activities from each District & Borough. Register [here](#).

## Alliance members: training



**Care for the Carers:  
Think Carer Training**

FREE training for professionals & volunteers in East Sussex. Training includes:

The importance of identifying & supporting carers - The impact of caring - Carers Rights - Support available - The role we can all play to build a carer friendly East Sussex.

**When & Where –**

Various online and in person dates. [Book here](#).

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