

Purpose

The Forum is a group of organisations working to deliver stronger safer communities in Gloucestershire

Its purpose is to bring together voluntary and community organisations who are interested in or are working towards a county where individuals and communities are stronger through mutual support and resilience, and where communities and individuals are safer, as a result.

The current Forum membership includes organisations and community groups that work with people who are at risk of offending or have committed crime, and also groups who work with those individuals and communities who have experienced it. Our common aim is to help people and communities to find strength and recover and have a strategic voice.

Specifically the Forum will be:

- a voice for VCS organisations working in or interested in stronger, safer communities in the county
- an opportunity to share information and best practice
- a network, to better understand work taking place in the county and where possible where we can work collaboratively.
- an opportunity to collaboratively feedback to statutory partners, specifically the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- an opportunity to discuss issues and ideas, and to help shape policy making
- a constituency of interested parties
- useful to both large and small VCS organisations.
- a facility for commissioners and policy makers to engage with the VCS on a range of issues.

The Stronger Safer Communities Forum is run by the Gloucestershire VCS Alliance.

Who can attend

Membership is open to all voluntary and community sector organisations who work to achieve stronger and safer communities in Gloucestershire.

Attendance by non VCS organisations can be requested by any person or organisation and will be considered by the Alliance and Chair.

Meetings

The Forum will meet at least three times a year across the county. All meetings aim to have a clear purpose and to achieve this each meeting will focus on a theme of common thread. All members can contribute items for the agenda AND discuss new projects and areas of work.

Chair

The Forum will appoint a chair from its membership for a period of 2 years. The chair will be appointed from the forums membership with approval from the Alliance board. The same chair can be re-elected.