



Cardiff Third Sector Council
Cyngor Trydydd Sector Caerdydd

Annual Impact Report 2025-26



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About us

Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC) is a charity that supports and champions the voluntary sector and volunteering. By supporting people, community groups, voluntary organisations, faith groups and social enterprises we help local community-led groups and organisations grow stronger, develop sustainably and be more connected, helping make life better for the diversity of communities and people in all walks of life across Cardiff.

We are committed to supporting local people and enabling groups -

- To work together to find money and other resources to help them develop and support the community
- To be well run - and tell the story of the incredible differences third sector groups make in people's lives
- To have a stronger voice by working together - the third sector understands the needs in the local community more than anybody
- To support volunteering and more people and communities to benefit from volunteering

We believe that a thriving voluntary sector is vital to building stronger communities.

Funding & Sustainability

We achieved the following outcomes in 2025/26 supporting community action to grow, develop and connect:

2,296

enquiries received and responded to, including



325 funding enquiries

We supported groups to apply for **£2.05 million** in **funding**

Over **£270,000** delivered to groups as **small grants**

Over **£1.0 million** of **external funding** secured by our member groups and organisations with our support

8

funding sessions delivered to



82 participants



of all participant evaluations reporting **positive outcomes** following our sessions/events.

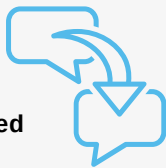


Good Governance

In our work in 2025/26 supporting a thriving local voluntary sector, we achieved the following outcomes:

246

governance enquiries received
and responded to



**5 Trustee
Networks**
facilitated with
52 participants



86%

of all evaluations reporting a
growth in knowledge and skills



150

support sessions delivered,
providing in-depth advice



Influence & Engagement

We achieved the following outcomes in 2025-26 supporting effective engagement and involvement

677

enquiries responded to on third sector influence and community participation

208

consultation opportunities promoted

38

responses and evidence submitted to consultations and influencing opportunities

7 small engagement grants delivered, engaging 40 organisations and 1,089 seldom heard community members

48 network and engagement events facilitated with 1,141 participants

Represented the third sector at 300 public service, governance and partnership meetings



of feedback reporting increase in capacity to influence



of feedback reporting satisfaction with influencing and engagement events

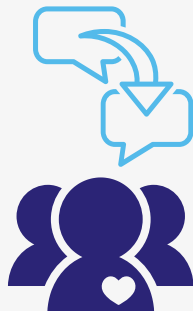
Volunteering

During 2025/26, we achieved the following outcomes, supporting more people and communities to benefit from volunteering:

629

enquiries received and responded to on

managing volunteers



8 volunteer coordinator network events facilitated with **304** participants



of feedback indicating a growth in skills or knowledge

887

new people registered on the

Volunteering-Wales website



We worked with 59 local groups to develop volunteering schemes





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1,350+

member organisations
across Cardiff were
supported under our 4
pillars:



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“ This support hasn’t just strengthened our organisation; it has opened up real opportunities and joy for our community.”

“Your input has been very valuable, and we are grateful for the time and encouragement you provided. This funding will enable us to continue strengthening our community-based work and providing much-needed support to the people and communities we serve.”

“The group has developed massively since we met – we now feel much better informed on how to run a charity.”

“Thank you for all of your encouragement, advice and the connections we’ve made through C3SC.”

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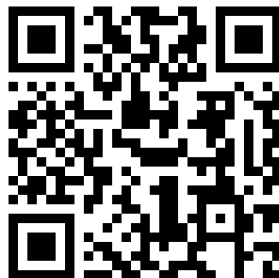
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**Supporting a thriving, diverse and
connected third sector in Cardiff.**

We can help you with:

- ➡ Setting up your Community Group
- ➡ Finding Sustainable Funding
- ➡ Supporting Trustees & Governance
- ➡ Campaigns and Influence
- ➡ Training and Networking
- ➡ Volunteering and Finding Volunteers