

Cardiff CAN

Cardiff Community
Anchor Organisations
Network

Cardiff CAN (Community Anchor Network) is an active network of 18 community led organisations coordinated by Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC). We have come together to work more closely and support each other. We aim to help local communities grow stronger and more active.

Cardiff CAN members include:

- Place-based community anchor organisation
- Interest based community anchor organisations or allies



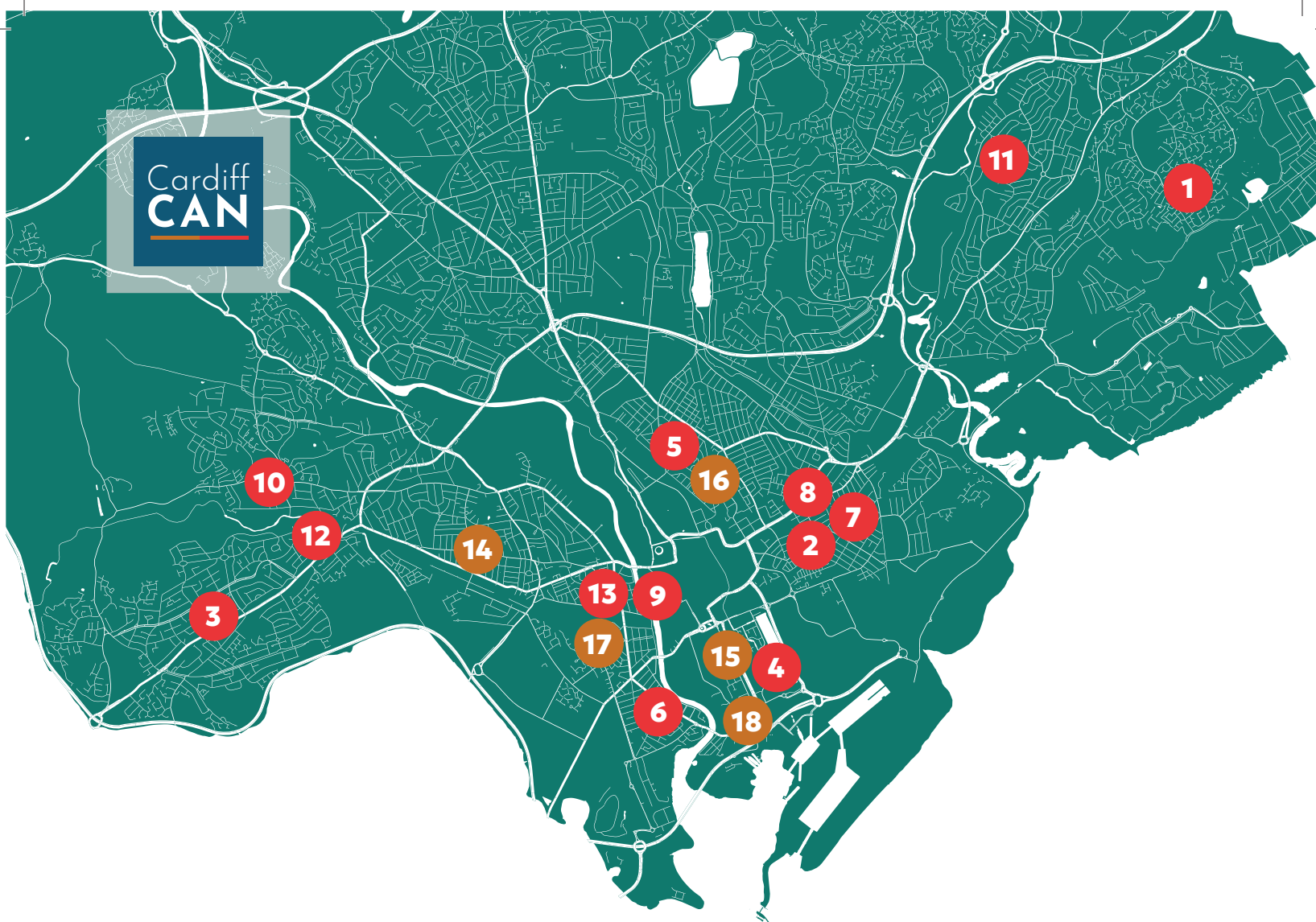
What do we mean by Community Anchor Organisation?

A community-led organisation that:

- Is rooted in and represents its local community
- Promotes inclusion, equality and social justice
- Supports local groups and brings people together
- Offers a range of activities to meet community needs
- Works with other grassroots organisations for the wider good

Together we:

- Bring over £8.7 million investment per year into Cardiff's poorest communities.
- Manage 14 community buildings
- Provide employment for over 200 local people
- Work with over 650 volunteers.
- Help over 30,000 people every year, providing holistic support to some of the city's most marginalised people.



Place based anchor organisations:

- 1 Hope St Mellons - The Hive** is a community-led hub delivering support projects including a Food Pantry and garden, friendship groups and nature-based activities. Together we are working for a safe, connected and thriving community.
- 2 Green Squirrel - Railway Gardens** connects community wellbeing with climate and nature action, we run a green community hub and garden in Splott, making space for everyone to shape and share a greener future.
- 3 ACE - Action in Caerau and Ely** a community-led organisation tackling poverty by helping people build skills, resilience and wellbeing. We co-create spaces, projects and services with local people to support sustainable communities.
- 4 Butetown Community Association** runs a vibrant community centre offering services such as a food pantry, wellbeing activities, education, gardening, and a space where local people from all backgrounds can connect and thrive.
- 5 Cathays Community Centre** is a long-established community-led anti-poverty charity. We run inclusive activities for additional learning needs, dementia and LGBTQ+ groups, as well as a community fridge, gardening club and affordable music spaces.
- 6 Grange Pavilion** is a community-led hub in an inner-city park that brings people together through inclusive activities, events and services exemplifying what can be achieved when community voices and knowledge are prioritised.

- 7** **Oasis Cardiff** is a charity and community space, which supports over 2500 asylum seekers and refugees annually by offering free, holistic services - including a daily hot lunch- to help them rebuild their lives and achieve their aspirations.
- 8** **Splott Community Volunteers** is a community-based charity providing essential support for people facing food, fuel and social poverty, while also offering volunteering pathways that build skills, confidence, and employability.
- 9** **The Sustainable Studio - The Canopi** are welcoming creative hubs supporting artists and freelancers through affordable spaces, collaboration, events, and community-led cultural activity that foster creativity, innovation, and sustainable growth.
- 10** **Vision 21 Cyfle Cymru - Sbectrwrm** is a community hub empowering people with learning disabilities to build independence, develop life skills and access meaningful opportunities in an inclusive and supportive environment.
- 11** **Llanrumney Hall** is a historic, thriving community-run hub that supports local people by tackling poverty and offering community rooms, arts spaces, a recording studio, polytunnels, a crèche, a welcoming café, and holistic therapy rooms.
- 12** **St Vincent's Ely Bridge** is a welcoming community hub supporting people facing poverty and disadvantage. We offer practical support and wellbeing activities to help people build their confidence, connection, resilience and thrive.
- 13** **South Riverside Community Development Centre (SRCDC)** is a welcoming space in a vibrant and diverse community, delivering activities that improve life, connect communities, support learning, and inspire positive change.

Interest based anchor organisations and allies:

- 14** **Cardiff People First** is run by people with a learning disability. We provide the genuine independent view of people with a learning disability in Cardiff. We campaign and educate for our human rights.
- 15** **Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC)** supports and represents voluntary and community groups in Cardiff by providing advice, resources, and a collective voice to strengthen their impact and engagement.
- 16** **Cardiff University's Community Gateway** develops long-term, equal and mutually beneficial partnerships with Grangetown residents and Grangetown community-focused organisations.
- 17** **Cardiff City FC Community Foundation** uses the power of football to inspire change, tackling inequalities and removing barriers. We support healthier lifestyles, learning and skills, and stronger communities.
- 18** **ProMo Cymru** communicates, designs, and builds with young people and communities to make change happen. We build partnerships to imagine, test, create, more equitable services that are designed and delivered with people.

Our work and Impact

- **Strengthening the Network**
We connect members through regular meetings, shared learning, and collaborative projects.
- **Demonstrating Impact and Value**
We capture real stories through Most Significant Change and measure our economic impact with Cardiff University.
- **Influencing and Contributing**
Together we influence local policy, and we support wider initiatives like a Wales-wide network and Manifesto for Change.
- **Building Capacity and Resources**
We deliver training, map shared skills and assets, and secure joint funding to grow the network.

Contact us

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What do we offer?

- **Meaningful and inclusive community engagement and development**
Helping people have a voice
- **Co-design and participatory service innovation**
Improving local services together
- **Impact evaluation and community research**
Showing what difference projects make
- **Training and leadership development**
Building people's and organisation's skills.
- **Policy influence and systems change**
Connecting communities and decision-makers
- **Community insight and intelligence**
Sharing community insights to inform decisions
- **Facilitation and partnership building**
Maximising collaboration



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