

Tender Brief – VCSE Enabler Post – Telford

As part of the [Place Based Development phase funded by Sport England](#), we are pleased to invite expressions of interest from organisations to host a new role of VCSE Enabler in Telford & Wrekin.

This opportunity is aimed at organisations who are well-placed to host or deliver this strategic role, helping to strengthen the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector's contribution to physical activity, health, and wellbeing across the borough.

The Strategic Oversight Group (see logo's above) have worked collaboratively to shape the development phase and secure investment from Sport England.

Throughout this process, it became clear that the VCSE sector plays a vital role in encouraging more people to be active and lead healthier lives. At the same time, [the In Kind Direct report](#) highlighted the need for additional capacity and coordination within the sector to enable meaningful participation in system-level work.

The VCSE Enabler will act as a connector, facilitator, and advocate: building relationships across the VCSE and statutory sectors, supporting shared leadership, and enabling inclusive engagement in the Place Partnership programme. It is anticipated that the role will be operational 3 days a week and have a flexible and hybrid working arrangement.

Delivery Approach

We encourage applications via **tendered project proposals, secondment** from VCSE organisations or **external consultants**. This approach is intended to build local capacity and avoid lengthy onboarding processes, aligning with our commitment to sustainability and sector resilience.

Location: Flexible/Hybrid (Local system-based working in Telford and Wrekin expected)

Duration: Fixed term until March 2027

Reporting to: Strategic Oversight Group

Total contract award up to: £45,000

Contracts will be scored on the EOI responses which will include an additional weighting towards an earlier start date – maximising the award delivery period.

Role Purpose:

The VCSE Enabler will play a critical role in supporting the development of shared leadership within the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector, particularly in relation to physical activity, health, and wellbeing as part of Sport England's Place Partnership investment into Telford and Wrekin. This role is intended to help connect and strengthen the sector's voice and presence within the broader system and enable meaningful collaboration that drives better outcomes for local communities.

Key Outcomes:

Engagement and System Integration

- Build and maintain strong, trusting relationships across the VCSE sector and statutory system partners.
- Continue to map and engage VCSE organisations and community groups active in health, wellbeing, and physical activity.
- Test and refine engagement approaches to reach a wide range of organisations, ensuring inclusivity and representation.
- Act as a key contact and facilitator for VCSE involvement in system-level conversations and decisions reporting to the Strategic Oversight Group.

Shared Leadership and Sector Development

- Facilitate opportunities for shared leadership to emerge from within the sector, providing coaching, facilitating space, and support as needed.
- Identify and nurture emerging leaders in the VCSE space, particularly those with lived experience and community credibility.
- Support sector capacity building by helping organisations understand opportunities for development, collaboration, and resourcing.
- Work alongside organisations to understand and articulate the outcomes they help achieve and how they can align with wider system priorities.
- Work collaboratively with Lloyds Bank Foundation Local Implementation Lead and Energize Strategic Place Lead to support wider system connectivity.

Communication and Learning

- Develop accessible communication tools and feedback loops to share information, learning, and opportunities across the sector.
- Coordinate and lead learning sessions, reflective workshops, or communities of practice to build mutual understanding and shared purpose.
- Contribute to evaluation of the enabler approach, sharing insight on what works in building shared leadership and sustainable engagement.

Reporting and Evaluation

- Provide regular updates to the VCSE working groups established to connect and drive the wider VCSE work forwards.
- Provide quarterly reports to Strategic Oversight Group, and attend when requested.
- Connect and influence evaluation approaches, embedding learning through the wider Sport England investment.

Eligibility

VCSE organisations and independent contractors are welcomed to submit an EOI for the tender. All the following governance/compliance standards must be in place to be eligible, we will need to request copies to keep on file as part of our contracting process:

- Public Liability/Indemnity Insurance
- Data Protection / GDPR Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Financial security
- Safeguarding Adults and Children Policy/Policies
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy (Desirable)
- Environmental Sustainability Policy (Desirable)

Expression of Interest

We encourage applications via the expression of interest here: [Expression of Interest - VCSE Tender November 2025 – Fill in form](#)

With a deadline of **midnight, Sunday 7th December.**

We aim to communicate outcomes to applicants w/c 15th December.

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