

## Voluntary Sector Acronyms

<b>A</b>	
ABI	Area Based Initiative
ACAS	<a href="#">Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service</a>
ACC	Association of County Councils
ACDF	Active Communities Development Fund
ACE	<a href="#">Arts Council of England</a>
ACEVO	Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations
ACF	Association of Charitable Foundations
ACIE	Association of Charity Independent Examiners
ACRE	<a href="#">Action with Communities in Rural England</a>
ACS	Association of Charity Shops
ACU	Active Community Unit (Home Office)
AfA	Action for Accreditation
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIF	Area Investment Framework
ALI	Adult Learning Inspectorate
ALM	Action Learning for Managers
APS	Anti-Poverty Strategies
ARVAC	Association for Research in the Voluntary and Community Sector
<b>B</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
BA	Benefits Agency
BASSAC	British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres
BCD	Black and Culturally Diverse
BGFOP	Better Government for Older People
BID	Business Improvement District
BITC	Business in the Community
BME	Black Minority Ethnic
BSA	Basic Skills Agency
BSL	British Sign Language
BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
BTEG	Black Training and Enterprise Group
BURA	British Urban Regeneration Association
<b>C</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
CAF	Charities Aid Foundation

CAMHS	Community Acute Mental Health Service
CAS	Community Accountancy Service
CC	Consumer Council
CCETSW	Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work
CCG	Community Care Grant
CCP	Community Care Plan
CDF	Community Development Foundation
CED	Community Economic Development
CEDC	Community Education Development Centre
CEDR	Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution
CEF	Community Empowerment Fund
CEFET	Central England Forum for European Training
CEMVO	Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations
CEN	Community Empowerment Network
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CES	Charities Evaluation Services
CFN	Community Foundation Network
CFO	Co-Financing Public Sector Intermediary Organisation
CHIP	City Housing Improvement Plan
CIC	Community Interest Company
CIO	Confederation of Indian Organisations
CIPD	Chartered Institute of Personnel Development
CLC	Community Learning Chest
CLS	Community Legal Service
CoAg	Countryside Agency
COI	Central Office of Information
CPR	Child Protection Register
CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality
CSA	Child Support Agency
CSC	Community Sector Coalition
CSF	Community Support Framework
CSR	Comprehensive Spending Review
CSV	Community Service Volunteers
CTN	Charity Trustees Network
CVS	Council(s) for Voluntary Service
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DAAT	Drug and Alcohol Team
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act

DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant
DIAL	Disability Information and Advice Line services UK
DIG	Disablement Income Group
DLA	Disability Living Allowance
DRC	Disability Rights Commission
DSC	Directory of Social Change
DTA	Development Trusts Association
DTI	Department for Trade and Industry
DWA	Disability Working Allowance
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
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EAPN	European Anti Poverty Network
EAZ	Education Action Zones
EC	European Commission (Civil Service of the European Union)
EC	Experience Corps
EIA	European Information Association
EIF	European Investment Fund
EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ES	Employment Service
ESF	European Social Fund
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ESV	Employer Supported Volunteering
ETF	Environmental Task Force (New Deal)
EU	European Union
EZ	Employment Zones
<b>F</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
FAWN	Funding Advice Workers Network
FCWTG	Federation of Community Work Training Groups
FE	Further Education
FIAC	Federation of Independent Advice Centres - now <a href="#">advice UK</a>
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GAYE	Give As You Earn
GCVS	Gloucester Centre for Voluntary Services
GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
GOPA	Gloucestershire Older Persons' Assembly
GOR	Government Office in the Regions
GSCC	General Social Care Council

GSP	Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership
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HA	Housing Association
HAD	Health Development Agency
HAT	Housing Action Trusts
HAZ	Health Action Zone
HE	Higher Education
HIMP	Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HLC	Healthy Living Centre
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
HO	Home Office
HR	Human Resources
HRD	Human Resource Development
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
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IAPR	Intensive Activity Period Routeway (New Deal programme)
ICA	Invalid Care Allowance
ICT	Information & Communication Technologies
IDeA	Improvement and Development Agency (local government innovation)
IiP	Investors in People
ILA	Individual Learning Account
ILP	Independent Living Project
IPPR	Institute for Public Policy Research
IS	Industrial Society
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
ISG	Information Services Group
<b>J</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
JCB	Joint Commissioning Board
JIP	Joint Investment Programme (Health and Social Services)
JRCT	Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
JRF	Joseph Rowntree Foundation
JSA	Job Seekers' Allowance
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LA	Local Authority
LA21	Local Agenda 21
LAP	Local Action Plan
LASA	London Advice Services Alliance
LDA	Local Development Agency
LEA	Local Education Authority

LEI	Local Employment Initiative
LETS	Local Exchange Trading System
LGA	Local Government Association
LGB	Lesbian Gay and Bisexual
LIF	Local Initiatives Fund
LIT	Local Implementation Team (usually attached to targets in the NSF)
LRD	Labour Research Department
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
LSC	Legal Services Commission
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
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MEP	Member of European Parliament
MIS	Management Information Systems
MP	Member of Parliament
MV	Millennium Volunteers
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NACAB	National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux
NACRO	National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders
NACVS	National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service
NAWO	National Alliance of Women's Organisations
NCBV	National Coalition for Black Volunteering
NCH	National Children's Homes
NCP	Neighbourhood Consultancy Project
NCV	National Centre for Volunteering
NCVCCO	National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations
NCVO	National Council for Voluntary Organisations
NCVYS	National Council for Voluntary Youth Services
NDC	New Deal for Communities
NDC	National Disability Council
NDPB	Non Departmental Public Bodies (Quangos)
NEF	New Economics Foundation
NESTA	National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
NFP	Not for profit
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
NHS	National Health Service
NI	National Insurance
NIACE	National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education
NICE	National Institute of Clinical Excellence
NICEC	National Institute for Carers and Educational Counselling

NICVA	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action
NIP	Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (part of SRB6)
NISW	National Institute for Social Work
NJC	National Joint Council (for Local Government Services)
NLC	National Lottery Commission (National Lottery regulator)
NNDR	National Non Domestic Rate
NOCN	National Open College Network
NOF	New Opportunities Fund
NRC	National Regionalisation Consortium
NRF	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund
NRS	Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy
NRU	Neighbourhood Renewal Unit
NSF	National Service Framework
NSNR	National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal
NTO	National Training Organisation
NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications
NYA	National Youth Agency
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OCN	Open College Network
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OHS	Occupational Health Service
OISC	Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner
OU	Open University
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PALS	Patient Advocacy and Liaison Service
PAT	Policy Action Team
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
PC	Patients' Council
PCG	Primary Care Group (Health)
PCO	Primary Care Organisations
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PF	Patients Forums
PFI	Private Finance Initiative (public / private sector partnership)
PIC	Public Interest Company
PIU	Performance and Innovation Unit
PLA	Pre School Learning Alliance
PPI	Patient and Public Involvement
PPP	Public Private Partnership (similar to PFI above)
PQASSO	Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations

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RCC	Rural Community Council
RCO	Refugee Community Organisations
RCU	Regional Co-ordination Unit
RDA	Regional Development Agency
RDA	Rural Development Area
REACH	Retired Executives Action Clearing House
REC	Racial Equality Council
RNIB	Royal National Institute for the Blind
RNID	Royal National Institute for Deaf people
ROTA	Race on the Agenda
ROW	Rights of Women
RSA	Royal Society of Arts
RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury
RSIN	Rural Stress Information Network
RSL	Registered Social Landlord
RSVP	Retired and Senior Volunteers Programme
RVSN	Regional Voluntary Sector Network
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SBS	Small Business Service
SCF	Save the Children Fund
SCP	Short Course Programme
SDA	Sex Discrimination Act
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEU	Social Exclusion Unit
SING	Sexuality Issues Network Group
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time related
SME	Small or Medium Sized Enterprise
SMP	Statutory Maternity Pay
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (relates to accountancy practice for charities)
SRB	Single Regeneration Budget
SSC	Sector Skills Council
SSD	Social Services Department
SSE	School for Social Entrepreneurs
SSP	Statutory Sick Pay
SSP	Sub-regional Strategic Partnership
SSRG	Social Services Research Group
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
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TEC	Training and Enterprise Council
TLA	Three Letter Acronym
TNA	Training Needs Analysis
TOPSS	Training Organisation for Personal Social Services
TPAS	Tenants Participation Advisory Service
TQM	Total Quality Management
TUC	Trades Union Congress
<b>U</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
UDC	Urban Development Corporation
UFI	University for Industry
UNISON	Public service union
URC	Urban Regeneration Company
URL	Uniform Resource Locator (web address)
<b>V</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
VA	Voluntary Action
VAT	Value Added Tax
VB/VBx	Volunteer Bureau(x)
VCS	Voluntary and Community Sector
VOCOSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Economy
(VS)NTO	(Voluntary Sector) National Training Organisation
VSO	Voluntary Sector Option (New Deal)
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
<b>W</b>	<a href="#">Top of page</a>
WAI	Web Accessibility Initiative
WEA	Workers' Education Association
WEETU	Women's Employment Enterprise and Training Unit
WEN	Women's Environment Network
WRC	Women's Resource Centre
WRVS	Women's Royal Voluntary Service
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