

Acronyms 2006

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A		ARVAC	Association for Research in the Voluntary and Community Sector
A4A	Awards for All	AWM	Advantage West Midlands
ABI	Area Based Initiative		
ACAS	Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service		
ACD	Active Communities Directorate (Home Office)	B	
ACDF	Active Communities Development Fund	bassac	British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres
ACE	Arts Council England	BCD	Black and Culturally Diverse
ACEVO	Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations	BCODP	British Council of Disabled People
ACF	Association of Charitable Foundations	BGFOP	Better Government for Older People
ACIE	Association of Charity Independent Examiners	BID	Business Improvement District
ACL	Adult and Community Learning	BiTC	Business in the Community
ACRE	Action with Communities in Rural England	BLF	Big Lottery Fund
ACS	Association of Charity Shops	BMA	British Medical Association
AfA	Action for Accreditation	BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
AGM	Annual General Meeting	BRE	Better Regulation Executive
AIF	Area Investment Framework	BRTF	Better Regulation Task Force
ALI	Adult Learning Inspectorate	BSA	Basic Skills Agency
ALM	Action Learning Matters	BSL	British Sign Language
ALW	Adult Learners' Week	BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
		BTEG	Black Training and Enterprise Group

BURA	British Urban Regeneration Association	CES	Charities Evaluation Services
		CEV	Centre for European Volunteering
		CFC	Change for Children
C		CFN	Community Foundation Network
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau	CFO	Co-Financing Public Sector Intermediary Organisation
CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service	CG	Communities Group (Home Office)
CAMHS	Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services	CHC	Community Health Council
CAS	Community Accountancy Service	CHIP	City Housing Improvement Plan
CBI	Confederation of British Industry	CIC	Community Interest Company
CCG	Community Care Grant	CIO	Confederation of Indian Organisations
CCP	Community Care Plan	CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CCT	Compulsory Competitive Tendering	CIPD	Chartered Institute of Personnel Development
CDF	Community Development Foundation	CLS	Community Legal Service
CDW	Community Development Worker	CLSP(s)	Community Legal Service Partnership(s)
CDX	Community Development Exchange	CO	Chief Officer
CED	Community Economic Development	CoAg	Countryside Agency
CEDC	Community Education Development Centre	COI	Central Office of Information
CEF	Community Empowerment Fund	COVER	Community and Voluntary Forum Eastern Region
CEFET	Central England Forum for European Training	CPA	Comprehensive Performance Assessment
CEHR	Commission on Equality and Human Rights	CPO	Compulsory Purchase Order
CEMVO	Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations	CPPIH	Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health
CEN	Community Empowerment Network	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
		CRE	Commission for Racial Equality
		CRU	Civil Renewal Unit (Home Office)
		CSC	Community Sector Coalition

CSF	Community Support Framework	DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
CSR	Comprehensive Spending Review		
CSV	Community Service Volunteers		
CTN	Charity Trustees Network	E	
CVDU	Charities and VCS Development Unit (Home Office)	EAPN	European Anti Poverty Network
		EC	European Commission
CVS	Council(s) for Voluntary Service	ECM	Every Child Matters
CWG	Compact Working Group	EDE	Economic Development & Enterprise
CYP	Children and Young People		
CYPFD	Children, Young People and Families Directorate (DfES)	EEDA	East of England Development Agency
		EIA	European Information Association
D		EIF	European Investment Fund
DAAT	Drug and Alcohol Team	EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
DAT	Drug Action Team		
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport	EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
		EO	Employers Organisation
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act	EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	EOY	End of Year returns
		ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
DEL	Departmental Expenditure Limit		
DfES	Department for Education and Skills	ERN	English Regions Network (umbrella organisation for Regional Assemblies)
DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant	ES	Employment Service
DH	Department of Health	ESF	European Social Fund
DIAL UK	Disability Information and Advice Line services UK	ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
DIG	Disablement Income Group		
DNGNet	Disability Network Group	ESV	Employer Supported Volunteering
DRC	Disability Rights Commission	ETF	Environmental Task Force (New Deal)
DSC	Directory of Social Change		
DTA	Development Trusts Association	EU	European Union
DTI	Department for Trade and Industry		

F		GOWM	Government Office for the West Midlands
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions		
FAWN	Funding Advice Workers Network	GOYH	Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
FCAS	Federation of Charity Advice Services	GSCC	General Social Care Council
FCDL	Federation for Community Development Learning		
FE	Further Education	H	
FIAC	Federation of Independent Advice Centres	HA	Housing Association
FPS	Free Professional Services	HACT	Housing Associations Charitable Trust
FSO	Forum Support Organisation	HAZ	Health Action Zone
		HC	Healthcare Commission
		HCOP	Healthier Communities & Older People
G		HDA	Health Development Agency
GAYE	Give As You Earn	HE	Higher Education
GLA	Greater London Authority	HIMP	Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan
GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification	HLC	Healthy Living Centre
GO(s)/ GOR(s)/ GRO	Government Office(s) in the Region(s)/Government Regional Office	HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
GOE	Government Office for the East of England	HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
GOEM	Government Office for the East Midlands	HMT	Her Majesty's Treasury
GOL	Government Office for London	HO	Home Office
GONE	Government Office for the North East	HR	Human Resources
GONW	Government Office for the North West	HRD	Human Resource Development
GOSE	Government Office for the South East	HSE	Health and Safety Executive
GOSW	Government Office for the South West		
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		IAG	Information and Guidance
		ICAS	Independent Complaints Advisory Service
		ICT	Information and Communication Technologies

IDeA	Improvement and Development Agency	LBGU	London Borough Grants Unit
IEG statement	Implementing Electronic Government statement	LDA	Local Development Agency
liP	Investors in People	LEA	Local Education Authority
ILP	Independent Living Project	LEGI	Local Enterprise Growth Initiative
IPCC	Independent Police Complaints Commission	LEI	Local Employment Initiative
IPPR	Institute for Public Policy Research	LETS	Local Exchange Trading System
IRT	Identification, Referral and Tracking	LGA	Local Government Association
ISBN	International Standard Book Number	LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered
ISG	Information Services Group	LIF	Local Initiatives Fund
ISO	Infrastructure Support Organisation	LIFT	Local Improvement Finance Trust (NHS LIFT)
ISP	Internet Service Provider	LIO	Local Infrastructure Organisation
J		LIT	Local Implementation Team (usually attached to targets in the NSF)
JAR	Joint Area Review	LPSA	Local Public Service Agreement
JCB	Joint Commissioning Board	LRD	Labour Research Department
JIP	Joint Investment Programme (Health and Social Services)	LSC	Learning and Skills Council
JRCT	Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	LSC	Legal Services Commission
JRF	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
JSA	Job Seekers' Allowance	LVDA	Local Volunteering Development Agency
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LA	Local Authority	MEP	Member of European Parliament
LAA	Local Area Agreement	MHF	Mental Health Foundation
LAP	Local Action Plan	MIS	Management Information Systems
LASA	London Advice Services Alliance	MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
		MP	Member of Parliament
		MV	Millennium Volunteers

N		NICVA	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action
NACRO	National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders	NIMHE	National Institute for Mental Health in England
NACVS	National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service	NIP	Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (part of SRB6)
NAVCA	National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NACVS' new name with effect from June 2006)	NJC	National Joint Council (for Local Government Services)
NAWO	National Alliance of Women's Organisations	NLC	National Lottery Commission (National Lottery regulator)
NCH	National Children's Home	NNDR	National Non Domestic Rate
NCVCCO	National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations	NOCN	National Open College Network
NCVO	National Council for Voluntary Organisations	NOMS	National Offender Management Service
NCVYS	National Council for Voluntary Youth Services	NPS	National Procurement Strategy
NDC	New Deal for Communities	NRF	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund
NDC	National Disability Council	NRS	Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy
NDPB	Non Departmental Public Body (Quango)	NRU	Neighbourhood Renewal Unit (ODPM)
NEF	New Economics Foundation	NSF	National Service Framework
NESTA	National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts	NSNR	National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal
NFP	Not for profit	NTO	National Training Organisation
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation	NVMF	National Volunteer Managers Forum
NHS	National Health Service	NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications
NHSE	National Health Service Executive	NWDA	North West Development Agency
NI	National Insurance	NYA	National Youth Agency
NIACE	National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education	O	
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence	OCN	Open College Network
NICEC	National Institute for Carers and Educational Counselling	ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education	Q	
OHS	Occupational Health Service	QSTG	Quality Standards Task Group
OISC	Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner		
ONS	Office for National Statistics	R	
OU	Open University	RA	Regional Assembly
OWW	One World Week	RAISE	Regional Action and Involvement South East
		RAWM	Regional Action West Midlands
P		RCC	Rural Community Council(s)
PAF	Performance Assessment Framework	RCO	Refugee Community Organisations
PALS	Patient Advocacy and Liaison Service	RCU	Regional Co-ordination Unit (ODPM)
PAT	Policy Action Team	RDA	Regional Development Agency
PAYE	Pay As You Earn	RDA	Rural Development Area
PC	Patients' Council	REACH	Retired Executives Action Clearing House
PCG	Primary Care Group (Health)	REC	Racial Equality Council
PCO	Primary Care Organisations	RIN	Rural Issues Network
PCT	Primary Care Trust	RNIB	Royal National Institute for the Blind
PDF	Portable Document Format	RNID	Royal National Institute for Deaf People
PF	Patients' Forum	ROTA	Race on the Agenda
PFI	Private Finance Initiative (public/private sector partnership)	ROW	Rights of Women
PIC	Public Interest Company	RPI	Retail Price Index
PLA	Pre School Learning Alliance	RSA	Royal Society of Arts
PPI	Patient and Public Involvement	RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury
PPP	Public Private Partnership (similar to PFI above)	RSIN	Rural Stress Information Network
PQASSO	Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations	RSL	Registered Social Landlord
PSA	Public Service Agreement	RSVP	Retired and Senior Volunteers Programme
		RVSN	Regional Voluntary Sector Network

S		SSE	School for Social Entrepreneurs
SACRE	Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education	SSP	Statutory Sick Pay
SAZ	Sports Action Zone	SSP	Sub-regional Strategic Partnership
SBS	Small Business Service	SSRG	Social Services Research Group
SCIE	Social Care Institute for Excellence	SU	Strategy Unit (Cabinet Office)
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy	SWF	South West Forum
SCVO	Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations	SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
SCVS	CVS Scotland		
SDA	Sex Discrimination Act	T	
SenU	Social Enterprise Unit	TLA	Three Letter Acronym
SEU	Social Exclusion Unit (ODPM)	TNA	Training Needs Analysis
SHA	Strategic Health Authority	TPAS	Tenants Participation Advisory Service
SING	Sexuality Issues Network Group		
SKiLD	Skills and Knowledge for Local Development	TSO	The Stationery Office
SLA	Service Level Agreement	TUC	Trades Union Congress
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-related	TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Provision of Employment) Regulations 1981
SME	Small or Medium Sized Enterprise	U	
SMP	Statutory Maternity Pay	UCE	Unsolicited Commercial Email (spam)
SOFA	Standard of Financial Activity	UDC	Urban Development Corporation
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (charity accounts)	Ufi	University for Industry
SR	Spending Review	URC	Urban Regeneration Company
SRB	Single Regeneration Budget	URL	Uniform Resource Locator (for access to the internet)
SRI	Socially Responsible Investment		
SSC	Safer & Stronger Communities	V	
SSC	Sector Skills Council	VA	Voluntary Action
SSCF	Safer & Stronger Communities Fund	VAT	Value Added Tax
SSD	Social Services Department		

VC	Volunteer Centre	W	
VCGU	Volunteering and Charitable Giving Unit (Home Office)	WAI	Web Accessibility Initiative
VDA	Volunteer development agency	WCVA	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
VE	Volunteering England	WEA	Workers' Education Association
VCO(s)	Voluntary and Community Organisation(s)	WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EU Directive)
VCS	Voluntary and Community Sector	WEETU	Women's Employment Enterprise and Training Unit
VFI	Voluntary Finance Initiative	WEN	Women's Environment Network
VOCOSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Economy	WF	Work Foundation
VONNE	Voluntary Organisations Network North East	WRC	Women's Resource Centre
VPDU	Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership & Delivery Unit (Home Office). Formerly Active Community Unit	WRVS	Women's Royal Voluntary Service
VSNTO	Voluntary Sector National Training Organisation	Y	
VSO	Voluntary Sector Option (New Deal)	YOT	Youth Offending Team
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas		

Guardian Glossary

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