

Voluntary
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Islington

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- Membership association for local community organisations
- Accredited Volunteer Centre for Islington

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Our membership

- 443 member organisations
- Many with an interest in health e.g. African Health Forum, Sickle Cell Centre, More Life, Migraine Centre, Hillside Clubhouse, Women's Therapy Centre
- Online directory of voluntary organisations at www.vai.org.uk

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Islington voluntary and community sector organisations directory

Welcome

You can use this search facility to find out details about local voluntary and community organisations in Islington and what services and activities they provide.

If you would like to appear on the directory of local organisations in Islington, then you will need to complete our questionnaire by clicking on the link below.

[Join the Directory](#)

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Search by organisation name (e.g. 'Voluntary Action Islington' or 'Action')

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- Barnsbury
- Caledonian
- Clerkenwell
- Highbury East
- Hillrise
- Junction
- St Georges
- St Peter's
- Not applicable - N/A

- Bunhill
- Canonbury
- Finsbury Park
- Highbury West
- Holloway
- Mildmay
- St Mary's
- Tollington

Our mission

- Empowering the community to take greater control of decisions by public authorities and others, which impact on their lives and communities
- Developing and supporting voluntary action by individuals and organisations
- Encouraging collaboration and cooperation

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Some things we do (1)

- Advice sessions for people running community organisations- for example when starting up
- Recruiting and placing volunteers through the Volunteer Centre. This includes:
 - a drop-in twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm)
 - Specialist support for people with disabilities or who people who need some extra help to volunteer
- Providing regular information to voluntary organisations – for example about funding and community events

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Some things we do (2)

- Bringing together local organisations at networking events- to share expertise and resources
- Ensuring the role of the voluntary sector is recognised by statutory agencies such as the CCG and the Council
- Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Supporting the Patient Participation Groups

Volunteering

- A wide range of roles such as mentoring a young person, serving food to a Friday evening group, visiting older people, being a trustee, helping in reception, wheel chair ice skating
- Benefits for volunteers – education, employment/career, health, meeting new people

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Some ways we could work with you

- If you are interested in forming or currently run a community group we can help you get started or develop your ideas e.g. a support group for patients (and their carers) with a chronic condition that does not already have a local presence
- We can help you find a volunteering opportunity
- We would be interested in promoting volunteering through GP surgeries and would be interested in your ideas about how you might be able to support this

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Discussion

- How can we work together to strengthen the links between local voluntary organisations and Patient Participation Groups (operating at surgeries and in the borough as a whole)?
- How can we work together to encourage and support more people to get involved, and benefit from taking part in, volunteering?
- What kind of problems do you or your friends/family experience that prevent you from volunteering and is there support that could make it possible to take part?

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