

## Assembly Activities

To deliver its benefits the activities of the Assembly include:

-  Effective partnership working and representation through Central Bedfordshire Together
-  Appointment of representatives to sit on local partnerships
-  Gathering and feeding back views and information to the sector
-  Providing training and support for Assembly representatives
-  A proactive approach to issues affecting the sector
-  Assembly meetings, networking opportunities and consultations



## Get Involved

If you would like to:

- get involved
- attend Assembly events
- give and receive feedback
- receive future communications,

register your interest with the Partnerships Team at Voluntary and Community Action.

## Contact Information

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## Giving voice to the voluntary and community sector

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## Assembly Purpose

The Assembly provides the voluntary and community sector with a means to:

- 3RD Ensure effective and coordinated representation
- 3RD Empower representatives to advocate on behalf of the sector
- 3RD Influence the design and delivery of local services
- 3RD Provide a focus for consultation and community engagement
- 3RD Provide strong, effective and sustainable partnership working



## Values and Approach

The agreed values and approach adopted by the Assembly to ensure it meets its aims, and achieves all potential benefits, will:

- 3RD Build on existing good practice and relationships with partners
- 3RD Ensure we work collaboratively and there are benefits for all stakeholders
- 3RD Ensure the Assembly is the recognised voice for the wider third sector
- 3RD Enable active participation of third sector organisations in local partnerships and forums



## Assembly Benefits

The benefits the Assembly will bring to the broad and diverse range of voluntary and community sector organisations working in Central Bedfordshire include:

- 3RD Information about issues affecting your organisation, members and service users
- 3RD Opportunities to take part in consultation exercises and stakeholder events
- 3RD Have your voice heard at an early stage by decision and policy makers
- 3RD Network with others and contribute to local forums and theme groups

