

What is a Third Sector Assembly?

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Shaping the Future



What is the Third Sector?

- Voluntary Organisations
- Community Groups
- Charities
- Faith Groups
- Social Enterprises

The Third Sector in Bedford Borough

- 1138 Third Sector Organisations
- 78% have an income of less than £25,000
- 53% are Registered Charities
- 5,804 are employed in the local third sector across Bedfordshire and Luton
- 24% of the population volunteer



Why have an Assembly?

An opportunity to debate and
discuss the big issues



Representation

‘The third sector has a major role in ensuring that the voices of the most excluded people are heard and should seek to inform and influence services.’

Networking!



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**Voluntary Organisations for Children
young people & families**



What do you Think?

- Do we need a Chair?
- How do you want future agendas set?
- How should we elect/appoint representatives?
- How often should we meet?