Local Covenant Partnerships

Improving the Relationship Between Civil Society and Government

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What is the Local Covenant Partnership Fund?

- A three-year programme (2026–2029)
- Designed to strengthen relationships
- Supports 15 local areas
- Focuses local priorities and community outcomes.
- £11.59 million

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What are we trying to achieve?

- Develop a Local Covenant Partnership Agreement Partnership - to ensure effective service delivery and policy-making
- Build trust between local government, the VCFSE sector and wider partners.
- Collaborate and share decision-making.
- Establish effective governance arrangements.
- Local action plan.
- Implementing locally agreed priorities in Years 2 and 3
- Capture learning

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What support is available?

- A dedicated Relationship Manager.
- Up to 22 days of specialist support per year.
- Access to a national peer network
- Focus on prevention and early intervention.

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What does participation mean locally?

- A three-year commitment
- Senior representatives from both the local authority and VCFSE sector
- Develop the Local Covenant Partnership Agreement.
- Access to Funding
- Local Area Lead Organisation chosen

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Next Steps

- Sense-making workshop
- Thursday 26th November 2026
- t Maries
- 1.00pm – 4.30pm
- Event Booking Form

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