

Changes in volunteering across the East Midlands

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EVDC

- England Volunteering Development Council
- 1 in each of the 9 English regions
- Brings together colleagues across all sectors; business, statutory and VCS incl funders
- Good practice, avoiding duplication, promote collaboration and improving quality of volunteering

Survey

- Significant changes being reported by EVDC colleagues and of interest to Cabinet Office
- Online survey, similar to 2010 survey, space for comment on changes
- 3 main areas of enquiry
 - Change in number of opportunities
 - Change in number of placements
 - Demographic changes

Respondents

- 2010 – 80 responses
- 2011 – 40 responses, including 22 from 2010
- 33% volunteer broker
- 66% volunteer involving organisations

Change in number of opportunities offered?

There has been a slight change, some new organisations have started recruiting but we have also seen organisations that historically took a lot of volunteers disappear

“Not enough people to provide a flexible and good level of support to volunteers and no funding to cover travel expenses”

"Drop in opportunities for two reasons:
a) Opportunities affected by projects closing/restructuring
b) We are more effective with our targeted brokerage"

On the other hand

Less opportunities
being advertised
as positions being
filled and retained

Expanded services and capacity
to support volunteers

We have lost some roles due to
funding cuts & services closing, but
we have gained others & developed
new roles

Higher or lower than 2010?

- Overall, no change in number of opportunities being offered
- More in public sector, less in health, broader range of opportunities “not just admin or fundraising”, job replacement

People placed into volunteering

- 124% increase in number of people placed in volunteering
- Average 298 per organisation in 2011, 133 in 2010

Change in people who want to volunteer

- Unemployed and Job Centre referrals
- Students and school leavers
- Retirees
- 2nd career
- More highly qualified and educated people
- Short term
- Leading to paid work

So what?

Next steps

- If you haven't completed please do so
- Further interrogation of the data
- Email you a copy of the report
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Acts Trust, Age UK Lindsey, Business in the Community, Buxton Volunteer Centre, CASY (Counselling and Support for Young People), Chair Call Advocacy, Children's links, clubs for young people, Communities Inc, DCIL, Groundwork North Northamptonshire, Hettys, Home-Start Grantham, Home-Start Sleaford & District, LHA-ASRA Group, Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Museum Development Officer (Lincs) Renaissance East Midlands, Museum Development Officer, Northamptonshire, Renaissance East Midlands, Nacro, Nene Valley Community Action, Newark & Sherwood Volunteer Centre, Northampton Volunteering Centre, Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action, Northamptonshire YMCA, Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service, Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, Nottinghamshire Partnership, NYON, Oak Tree Neighbourhood Management Team, Playworks, Retford Action Centre, Rugby Football League, rushcliffe volunteer centre, South Lincolnshire CVS, St Giles Neighbourhood Team, The University of Northampton Centre for Community Volunteering, VCS West Lindsey, Voluntary Centre Services Lincoln (Urban Challenge), Voluntary Centre Services North Kesteven, Volunteer Centre South Derbyshire