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MEMBERSHIP OFFERING

Join us as we advance **research**, **dialogue**, and **new voices** across the voluntary sector



ADVANCING RESEARCH

across the voluntary sector

The Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) connects **researchers**, **practitioners**, and **policymakers** working across charities, volunteering, philanthropy, and civil society. We support the exchange of ideas that inform practice, shape policy, and strengthen organisations.

A TRUSTED SPACE FOR SECTOR DIALOGUE

VSSN creates a trusted space where evidence, experience, and ideas come together to shape a stronger voluntary sector.

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OUR MEMBERS

VSSN membership is for those who undertake research within and on the UK voluntary sector or who have an interest in using the outcomes of such research. At present the membership includes academics, practitioners, independent researchers and research managers in UK voluntary organisations, umbrella bodies and government. Membership is open to anyone over 18 who supports the aims and pays the current subscription.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

VSSN offers a range of membership options, supporting members to connect, contribute and collaborate.

- **Individual Membership** is for those who undertake research within and on the UK voluntary sector or who have an interest in using the outcomes of such research. **Subscription fees starting from £35pa**

- **Organisational Membership:** adds to the benefits that individuals get and it's open to smaller charities or voluntary and community groups.
- **Subscription fees starting from £250pa**

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Become part of a network of like-minded individuals who care about voluntary sector and volunteering research.

- Receive a subscription to the Voluntary Sector Review journal, featuring the latest research by leading researchers working in this field.

- Direct access to a supportive editorial board, who provide accessible information sessions on how to publish and constructive feedback on submitted papers.

- Access to funding opportunities through our small grants programme which fund projects that support and develop ideas or activities beneficial to voluntary sector studies e.g. seminars, workshops, creative outputs like podcasts or short films.

- A generous discount on entry to our research annual conference (as well as other events), which brings practitioners, academics and policy makers together in-person to hear from different speakers and explore key topics together.

- 'New Researchers' have access to a dedicated sub-network, that provides a welcoming and inclusive environment through discussion groups and peer support sessions, an exclusive new researchers day at the annual conference, and a reduced rate for the annual conference.

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"At a time when things can feel dispersed, members can find a nurturing space within the network."

Amy Sanders and Vita Terry
(VSSN Co-Chairs)

- Receive a vote at any major decisions raised at the annual general meeting and towards the election of VSSN trustees.

- Keep up to date with key information from us, Voluntary Sector Review and voluntary sector research through our twice annual newsletters and jiscmail (where you ask questions, collaborate and share information to like minded colleagues across the UK and internationally).

- Providing support for VSSN to meet its mission statement, including organising a range of events and networking opportunities (many of which are free to attend), providing online resources, and amplifying

Join the **CONVERSATION**



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