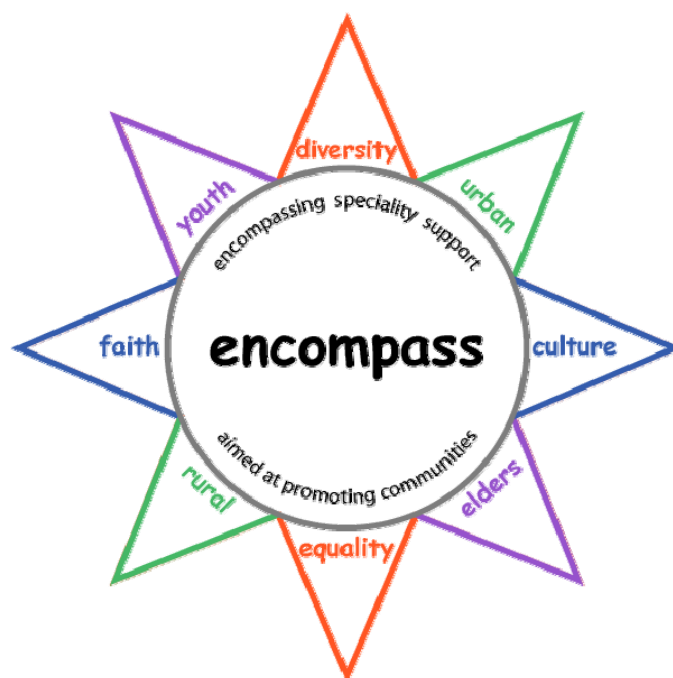


VOLUNTARY IMPACT

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Information Pack for new and emerging voluntary and community groups and organisations



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Setting Up a New Group

Many groups upon start-up are unconstituted. Some of these run for years without a formal process.

Initial help to a new group, when identified, should be:

- Offer the opportunity to provide advice and information
- Offer the opportunity to join the Voluntary Impact Bucks database and receive information updates and newsletters
- Advise of other groups offering similar provision (signpost)
- Outline types of organisation available:
 - Non constituted
 - Registered charity
 - Company Limited By Guarantee
 - CIC – Community Interest Company
 - Social Enterprise
 - LIO – Local Information Organisation
- Discuss their need for a group – objects
- How to achieve their aims – powers
- Explain the need for a committee including Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer
- Open a bank account with two non-related signatories
- Be prepared to discuss basic funding options with an offer of access to a funding officer when the need arises

Next steps for new voluntary and community groups

- Face-to-face meeting
- Training needs discussion
- Registration on the Voluntary Impact Bucks database
- Access the Voluntary Impact Bucks website for suggested links, more resources and to download this information pack

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