

The road ahead 2025: Powered by People, Fuelled by Purpose

A conference for charities, groups and volunteers

Thursday 26 June 2024 from 9.30am to 2.00pm

The Vineyard, Unit 7 Brick Knoll Park, Ashley Rd, St Albans AL1 5UG

9.30am	Registration, Refreshments, Networking and chance to attend marketplace
10am	Welcome and Housekeeping Jason John, Chair, Communities 1st
10.10am	The Road Travelled and the Path Ahead Stephen Craker, CEO, Communities 1st
10.25pm	AGM Jason John, Chair, Communities 1st
10.45am	Keynote session: Transforming Operations for a Sustainable Future Tim Kidd OBE, former UK Chief Commissioner for The Scout Association
11.20am	Refreshments, Networking and chance to attend marketplace
11.40am	Workshop 1

Workshop 1 – for Charities & Groups	Workshop 1 – for Volunteers
a) Trends and Challenges in Charities Governance Sue Pearlman, TP Consultants	d) Discovering Your Volunteer Journey David Harrison, Volunteer and Julie Yorston, Assistant Manager, Volunteer Centre
b) Achieving your fundraising goals in 2025/26 Hertfordshire Community Foundation	e) Personal Skill Building for Effective Volunteering Gez Dunne, Volunteer and Debbie Charles, Life Skills Tutor
c) Building Partnerships for Sustainable Change Duncan Lewis, Emmaus St Albans	f) Volunteering and the Power of Personal Stories Patti Hogan, Volunteer and Irina Pirtac, Volunteer

12.20pm – Break

12.30pm Workshop 2

Workshop 2 – for Charities & Groups	Workshop 2 – for Volunteers
<p>a) Storytelling as a Fundraising Tool Anna Reynolds, Royal Literary Fund and Sadaf Rasheed, The Saltways</p>	<p>d) Volunteer Safety, Wellbeing & Self-Care Chris Cloke, Communities 1st Trustee and Volunteer and Sarah Yexley, Communities 1st Trustee and Volunteer</p>
<p>b) Impact Measurement 101 Jyoti Bhojani, Policy Manager – Health and Wellbeing, Hertsmere Borough Council</p>	<p>e) Reflecting on Impact: Celebrating Your Contribution Sue Pearlman, TP Consultants and Mike and Helen Venn, Volunteers</p>
<p>c) How do you get the best out of AI and tech Janinah Mckenzie Knowland, JMK & Co and Consultants for Good and Chloe Parker, Core Insights and Consultants for Good</p>	<p>f) Resilience & Overcoming Challenges June Chapman, CEO Citizen's Advice St Albans</p>

2.00pm End

1:1 Funding Advice Surgery Sessions with the following funders:

(20 mins bookable sessions from 11.20am to 2pm)

- Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF)
- National Lottery
- St Albans City & District Council
- Wellfield Trust

1:1 Advice Surgeries

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- Top Tips for Bid Writing
- Successful Impact Reporting
- Volunteer Recruitment and Management
- Trustee Recruitment (12.40pm – 2pm)