

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 |
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| 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 |
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| a) Storytelling as a Fundraising Tool Anna Reynolds, Royal Literary Fund and Sadaf Rasheed, The Saltways | d) Volunteer Safety, Wellbeing & Self-Care Chris Cloke, Communities 1 st Trustee and Volunteer and Sarah Yexley, Communities 1st Trustee and Volunteer |
| b) Impact Measurement 101 Jyoti Bhojani, Policy Manager – Health and Wellbeing, Hertsmere Borough Council | e) Reflecting on Impact: Celebrating Your Contribution Sue Pearlman, TP Consultants and Mike and Helen Venn, Volunteers |
| 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 | f) Resilience & Overcoming Challenges June Chapman, CEO Citizen's Advice St Albans |

1.10pm Lunch, Networking and chance to attend marketplace

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)