

Acronyms 2006

Jane O'Connell presents NACVS' latest annual guide to help you unravel voluntary and community sector jargon

A		ARVAC	Association for Research in the Voluntary and Community Sector
A4A	Awards for All	AWM	Advantage West Midlands
ABI	Area Based Initiative		
ACAS	Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service		
ACD	Active Communities Directorate (Home Office). Now Office of the Third Sector (Cabinet Office)	B	
ACDF	Active Communities Development Fund	bassac	British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres
ACE	Arts Council England	BCD	Black and Culturally Diverse
acevo	Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations	BCODP	British Council of Disabled People
ACF	Association of Charitable Foundations	BGFOP	Better Government for Older People
ACIE	Association of Charity Independent Examiners	BID	Business Improvement District
ACL	Adult and Community Learning	BIG	Big Lottery Fund
ACRE	Action with Communities in Rural England	BiTC	Business in the Community
ACS	Association of Charity Shops	BMA	British Medical Association
AfA	Action for Accreditation	BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
AGM	Annual General Meeting	BRE	Better Regulation Executive
AIF	Area Investment Framework	BRTF	Better Regulation Task Force
ALI	Adult Learning Inspectorate	BSA	Basic Skills Agency
ALM	Action Learning Matters	BSL	British Sign Language
ALW	Adult Learners' Week	BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
		BTEG	Black Training and Enterprise Group

BURA	British Urban Regeneration Association	CEFET	Central England Forum for European Training
		CEHR	Commission on Equality and Human Rights
C		CEMVO	Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau	CEN	Community Empowerment Network
CAF	Charities Aid Foundation	CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service	CES	Charities Evaluation Services
CAMHS	Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services	CEV	Centre for European Volunteering
CAN	Community Action Network	CFC	Change for Children
CAS	Community Accountancy Service	CFN	Community Foundation Network
CASH	Community Accountancy Self Help	CFO	Co-Financing Public Sector Intermediary Organisation
CBI	Confederation of British Industry	CHC	Community Health Council
CCG	Community Care Grant	CHIP	City Housing Improvement Plan
CCP	Community Care Plan	CIC	Community Interest Company
CCT	Compulsory Competitive Tendering	CIO	Confederation of Indian Organisations
CDF	Community Development Foundation	CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CDFA	Community Development Finance Association	CIPD	Chartered Institute of Personnel Development
CDFI	Community Development Finance Institution	CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
CDW	Community Development Worker	CLS	Community Legal Service
CDX	Community Development Exchange	CLSP(s)	Community Legal Service Partnership(s)
CED	Community Economic Development	CO	Chief Officer
CEDC	Community Education Development Centre	CoAg	Countryside Agency
CEF	Community Empowerment Fund	COI	Central Office of Information
		COIN	Chief Officers' Information Network
		COVER	Community and Voluntary Forum Eastern Region

CPA	Comprehensive Performance Assessment	Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
CPO	Compulsory Purchase Order	DEL	Departmental Expenditure Limit
CPPIH	Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health	DfES	Department for Education and Skills
CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England	DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau	DH	Department of Health
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality	DIAL UK	Disability Information and Advice Line services UK
CRU	Civil Renewal Unit (formerly Home Office, now Department for Communities and Local Government)	DIG	Disablement Income Group
		DNGNet	Disability Network Group
		DRC	Disability Rights Commission
CTSFU	Charity and Third Sector Finance Unit (Treasury)	DSC	Directory of Social Change
		DTA	Development Trusts Association
CSC	Community Sector Coalition	DTI	Department for Trade and Industry
CSF	Community Support Framework		
CSR	Comprehensive Spending Review	DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
CSV	Community Service Volunteers		
CTN	Charity Trustees Network		
CVS	Council(s) for Voluntary Service	E	
CWG	Compact Working Group	EAPN	European Anti Poverty Network
CYP	Children and Young People	EC	European Commission
CYPFD	Children, Young People and Families Directorate (DfES)	ECM	Every Child Matters
		EDE	Economic Development & Enterprise
		EEDA	East of England Development Agency
D		EIA	European Information Association
DAAT	Drug and Alcohol Team		
DAT	Drug Action Team	EIF	European Investment Fund
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government	EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport	EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act	EO	Employers Organisation
		EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission

EOY	End of Year returns	G	
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund	GAYE	Give As You Earn
ERN	English Regions Network (umbrella organisation for Regional Assemblies)	GLA	Greater London Authority
ES	Employment Service	GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
ESF	European Social Fund	GO(s)/GOR(s)/GRO	Government Office(s) in the Region(s)/Government Regional Office
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	GOE	Government Office for the East of England
ESV	Employer Supported Volunteering	GOEM	Government Office for the East Midlands
ETF	Environmental Task Force (New Deal)	GOL	Government Office for London
EU	European Union	GONE	Government Office for the North East
EVS	Empowering the Voluntary Sector (joint NAVCA/PLP project)	GONW	Government Office for the North West
		GOSE	Government Office for the South East
		GOSW	Government Office for the South West
F		GOWM	Government Office for the West Midlands
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions	GOYH	Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
FAWN	Funding Advice Workers Network	GSCC	General Social Care Council
FCAS	Federation of Charity Advice Services		
FCDL	Federation for Community Development Learning		
FE	Further Education	H	
FIAC	Federation of Independent Advice Centres	HA	Housing Association
FPS	Free Professional Services	HACT	Housing Associations Charitable Trust
FSB	Fundraising Standards Board	HAZ	Health Action Zone
FSO	Forum Support Organisation	HC	Healthcare Commission
		HCOP	Healthier Communities & Older People
		HAD	Health Development Agency

HE	Higher Education	ISO	Infrastructure Support Organisation
HIMP	Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan	ISP	Internet Service Provider
HLC	Healthy Living Centre		
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund		
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs	J	
HMT	Her Majesty's Treasury	JAR	Joint Area Review
HO	Home Office	JCB	Joint Commissioning Board
HR	Human Resources	JIP	Joint Investment Programme (Health and Social Services)
HRD	Human Resource Development	JRCT	Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
HSE	Health and Safety Executive	JRF	Joseph Rowntree Foundation
		JSA	Job Seekers' Allowance
I			
IAG	Information and Guidance		
ICAS	Independent Complaints Advisory Service	L	
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies	LA	Local Authority
IDeA	Improvement and Development Agency	LAA	Local Area Agreement
IEG statement	Implementing Electronic Government statement	LAP	Local Action Plan
liP	Investors in People	LASA	London Advice Services Alliance
ILP	Independent Living Project	LBGU	London Borough Grants Unit
INP	Infrastructure National Partnership	LDA	Local Development Agency
IPCC	Independent Police Complaints Commission	LEA	Local Education Authority
IPPR	Institute for Public Policy Research	LEGI	Local Enterprise Growth Initiative
IRT	Identification, Referral and Tracking	LEI	Local Employment Initiative
ISBN	International Standard Book Number	LETS	Local Exchange Trading System
ISG	Information Services Group	LGA	Local Government Association
		LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered
		LIF	Local Initiatives Fund
		LIFT	Local Improvement Finance Trust (NHS LIFT)
		LINKs	Local Involvement Networks (for health and social care).

LINX	Local Infrastructure News eXtra (NAVCA's email bulletin)	NCVO	National Council for Voluntary Organisations
LIO	Local Infrastructure Organisation	NCVYS	National Council for Voluntary Youth Services
LIT	Local Implementation Team (usually attached to targets in the NSF)	NDC	New Deal for Communities
LPSA	Local Public Service Agreement	NDC	National Disability Council
LRD	Labour Research Department	NDPB	Non Departmental Public Body (Quango)
LSC	Learning and Skills Council	NEF	New Economics Foundation
LSC	Legal Services Commission	NESTA	National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership		
LVDA	Local Volunteering Development Agency	NFP	Not for profit
		NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
		NHS	National Health Service
		NHSE	National Health Service Executive
M		NI	National Insurance
MEP	Member of European Parliament	NIACE	National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education
MHF	Mental Health Foundation	NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
MIS	Management Information Systems	NICEC	National Institute for Carers and Educational Counselling
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	NICVA	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action
MP	Member of Parliament	NIMHE	National Institute for Mental Health in England
MV	Millennium Volunteers	NIP	Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (part of SRB6)
		NJC	National Joint Council (for Local Government Services)
		NLC	National Lottery Commission (National Lottery regulator)
N		NNDR	National Non Domestic Rate
NACRO	National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders	NOCN	National Open College Network
NAVCA	National Association for Voluntary and Community Action	NOMS	National Offender Management Service
NAWO	National Alliance of Women's Organisations		
NCH	National Children's Home		
NCVCCO	National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations		

NPS	National Procurement Strategy	P	
NRF	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	PAF	Performance Assessment Framework
NRS	Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy	PALS	Patient Advocacy and Liaison Service
NRU	Neighbourhood Renewal Unit (formerly ODPM, now DCLG)	PAT	Policy Action Team
NSF	National Service Framework	PAYE	Pay As You Earn
NSNR	National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal	PC	Patients' Council
NTO	National Training Organisation	PCG	Primary Care Group (Health)
NVMF	National Volunteer Managers Forum	PCO	Primary Care Organisations
NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications	PCT	Primary Care Trust
NWDA	North West Development Agency	PDF	Portable Document Format
NYA	National Youth Agency	PF	Patients' Forum
		PFI	Private Finance Initiative (public/private sector partnership)
		PIC	Public Interest Company
		PLA	Pre School Learning Alliance
		PLP	Public Law Project
		PPI	Patient and Public Involvement
		PPP	Public Private Partnership (similar to PFI above)
		PQASSO	Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations
		PSA	Public Service Agreement
O			
OCN	Open College Network		
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education		
OHS	Occupational Health Service		
OISC	Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner		
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union		
ONS	Office for National Statistics	Q	
OTS	Office of the Third Sector (Cabinet Office)	QSTG	Quality Standards Task Group
OU	Open University		
OWW	One World Week	R	
		RA	Regional Assembly
		RAISE	Regional Action and Involvement South East
		RAWM	Regional Action West Midlands

RCC	Rural Community Council(s)	SCIE	Social Care Institute for Excellence
RCE	Regional Centre of Excellence		
RCO	Refugee Community Organisations	SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
		SCVO	Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
RCU	Regional Co-ordination Unit (formerly ODPM, now DCLG)	SCVS	CVS Scotland
RDA	Regional Development Agency	SDA	Sex Discrimination Act
RDA	Rural Development Area	SEAN	Social Enterprise Advisors' Network
REACH	Retired Executives Action Clearing House	SenU	Social Enterprise Unit
REC	Racial Equality Council	SHA	Strategic Health Authority
RIN	Rural Issues Network	SING	Sexuality Issues Network Group
RNIB	Royal National Institute for the Blind	SKiLD	Skills and Knowledge for Local Development (NAVCA project)
RNID	Royal National Institute for Deaf People	SLA	Service Level Agreement
		SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-related
ROTA	Race on the Agenda		
ROW	Rights of Women		
RPI	Retail Price Index	SME	Small or Medium Sized Enterprise
RSA	Royal Society of Arts	SMP	Statutory Maternity Pay
RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury	SOFA	Standard of Financial Activity
RSIN	Rural Stress Information Network	SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (charity accounts)
RSL	Registered Social Landlord	SR	Spending Review
RSVP	Retired and Senior Volunteers Programme	SRB	Single Regeneration Budget
RVSN	Regional Voluntary Sector Network	SRI	Socially Responsible Investment
		SSC	Safer & Stronger Communities (LAA block)
		SSC	Sector Skills Council
S		SSCF	Safer & Stronger Communities Fund
SACRE	Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education	SSD	Social Services Department
SAZ	Sports Action Zone	SSE	School for Social Entrepreneurs
SBS	Small Business Service	SSP	Statutory Sick Pay

SSP	Sub-regional Strategic Partnership	VDA	Volunteer development agency
SSRG	Social Services Research Group	VE	Volunteering England
SU	Strategy Unit (Cabinet Office)	VCO(s)	Voluntary and Community Organisation(s)
SWF	South West Forum	VCS	Voluntary and Community Sector
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats	VFI	Voluntary Finance Initiative
		VOCOSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Economy
T		VONNE	Voluntary Organisations Network North East
TCD	Trainers and Consultants Direct	VSNT0	Voluntary Sector National Training Organisation
TLA	Three Letter Acronym	VSO	Voluntary Sector Option (New Deal)
TNA	Training Needs Analysis	VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
TPAS	Tenants Participation Advisory Service	VSSN	Voluntary Sector Studies Network
TSO	The Stationery Office		
TUC	Trades Union Congress		
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Provision of Employment) Regulations 1981		
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		WAI	Web Accessibility Initiative
U		WCVA	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
UCE	Unsolicited Commercial Email (spam)	WEA	Workers' Education Association
UDC	Urban Development Corporation	WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EU Directive)
Ufi	University for Industry	WEETU	Women's Employment Enterprise and Training Unit
URC	Urban Regeneration Company	WEN	Women's Environment Network
URL	Uniform Resource Locator (for access to the internet)	WF	Work Foundation
V		WRC	Women's Resource Centre
VA	Voluntary Action	WRVS	Women's Royal Voluntary Service
VAT	Value Added Tax	Y	
VC	Volunteer Centre	YOT	Youth Offending Team

Guardian Glossary

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