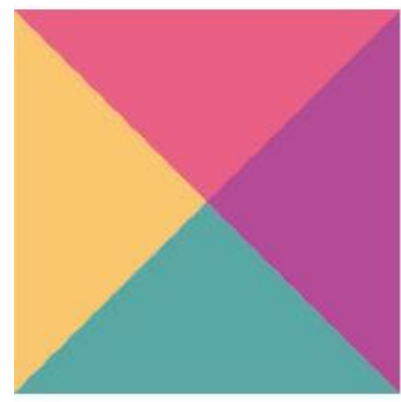


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Borders Community Action, launched on 1 April 2023, is the Third Sector Interface (TSI) for the Scottish Borders.

We work to promote and develop a vibrant local Third Sector.

A one-stop point for charities, social enterprises, community groups and volunteers.

## Our vision, mission and values



To create thriving, resilient and inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their full potential

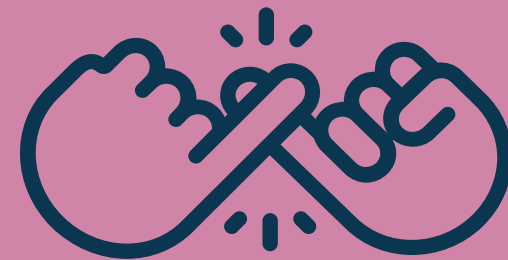


To empower the third sector in the Scottish Borders to create positive change in communities by providing leadership, sharing knowledge and promoting collaboration.



### 'Bold'

We will be bold in how we represent the third sector and the communities you serve.



### 'Trust'

We will always be open and honest with you.



### 'Wise'

We will share our knowledge and nurture the knowledge and skills in others.



### 'Inclusive'

We will embrace diversity in our communities and use its strength to create positive change.



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## Our Strategic Objectives



**Support and develop  
volunteers, Third  
Sector Organisations  
and social enterprises  
via a responsive  
range of services,  
including training,  
information, advice  
and access to  
resources**



**Be a catalyst for  
community  
empowerment,  
enabling a culture of  
collaboration that  
maximises the  
influence and  
impact of the third  
sector across  
communities**



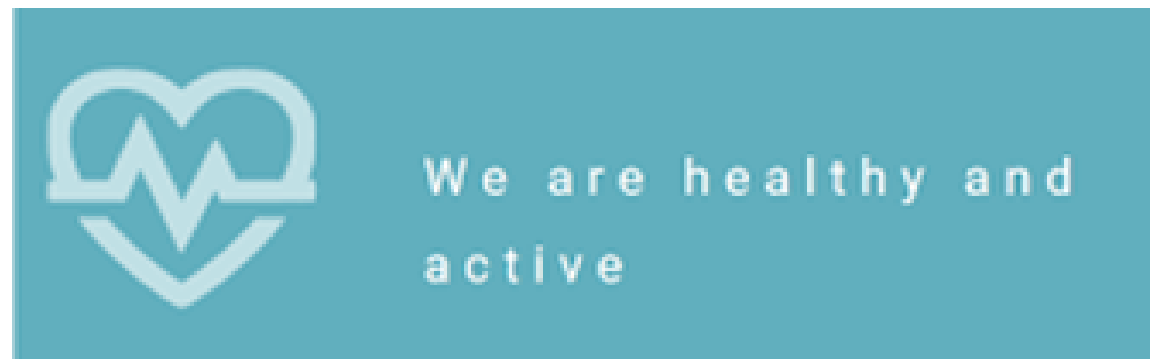
**Amplify the voice of  
volunteers and  
Third Sector  
Organisations  
representing their  
collective needs  
locally, regionally  
and nationally**



**Be an exemplar  
Third Sector  
Organisation  
with its  
members at its  
heart**

## National Shared Outcomes

In addition, Borders Community Action contribute towards national shared outcomes such as the Social Enterprise Strategy[2], the Volunteering for All Framework[3] and National Performance Framework[4] for Scotland as follows:



2.<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2016/12/scotlands-social-enterprise-strategy-2016-2026/documents/00511500-pdf/00511500-pdf/govscot%3Adocument/00511500.pdf>

3.<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2019/04/volunteering-national-framework/documents/volunteering-national-framework/volunteering-national-framework/govscot%3Adocument/volunteering-national-framework.pdf>

4.[https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/sites/default/files/documents/NPF\\_A4\\_Booklet.pdf](https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/sites/default/files/documents/NPF_A4_Booklet.pdf)

## Regional Shared Outcomes

Locally, Borders Community Action support third sector leadership in the decision-making structure of the Scottish Borders Integration Joint Board (IJB) as part of the HSPC (Health & Social Care Partnership), collaborating on shared objectives identified in the HSC Strategic Framework[5], such as

**Prevention and early  
intervention**

**Reducing Poverty and  
Inequalities**

Our Strategy also strongly aligns with the following Scottish Borders Council priorities[6]:

**Fulfilling Our Potential**

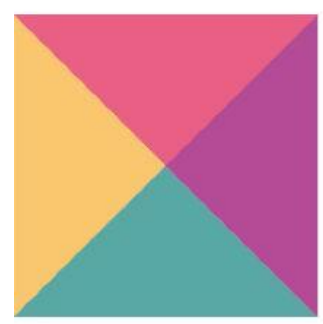
**Strong inclusive economy**

**Good Health and Wellbeing**

**Empowered, Vibrant  
Communities**

5. [https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1577/hscp\\_strategic\\_plans\\_and\\_supporting\\_documents](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1577/hscp_strategic_plans_and_supporting_documents)

6. [https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies\\_plans\\_and\\_policies/252/council\\_plan](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/252/council_plan)



## Regional Shared Outcomes

Borders Community Action advocate for the third sector on the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership on the following priority themes:

**'Economy, Skills and Learning'**

**'Enjoying good health and wellbeing'**

**'Place and Community'**

and regionally, through theme 6 of the South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy[7]:

**Thriving & Distinct Communities Activating & Empowering Communities**



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## Our Vibrant Communities





# Our Approach – from what’s wrong to what’s strong

**A B  
C D**

**Asset Based  
Community  
Development**



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## Accreditations



The Volunteer Friendly Award is a user-friendly quality standard to support, recognise and reward groups who are good at involving volunteers.



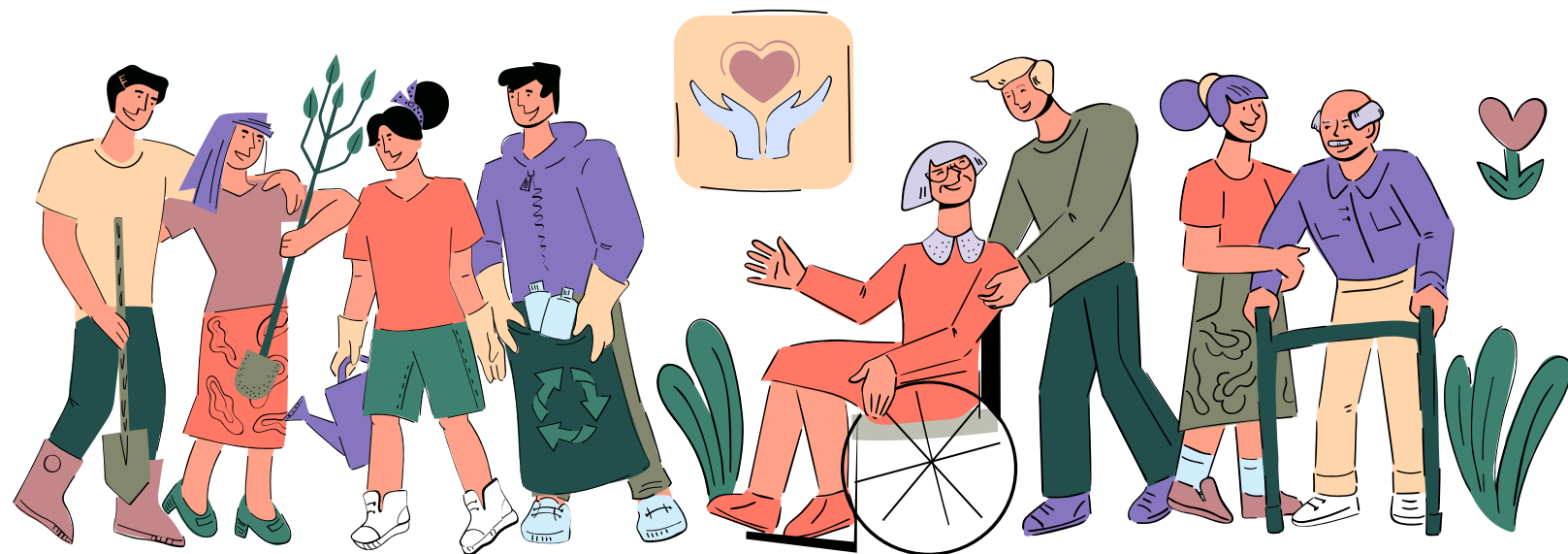
The Scottish Government's Saltire Awards acknowledge the dedication, impact, and accomplishments of young volunteers in Scotland between the ages of 12 and 25.



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## Volunteering Match - Making

- Volunteers and organisations can quickly register to create their profiles
- Opportunities are listed on Borders Community Action website + Vol Scot



- A dedicated member of our team matches volunteers to the right role for them – making it quick and easy for organisations to find suitable matches, and individuals to find the right role for them.



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## Corporate Volunteering

Corporate volunteering days allow employees to participate in community action days, improving groups, organisations and community spaces for local communities to enjoy.



It also helps with team-building in organisations:

- opportunities to boost team dynamics
- staff morale
- learn new skills
- connect with local communities
- and have fun outside of the work environment.



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## Training



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### **Borders Community Action Training & Events Programme**

**September 2023 - March 2024**

Our training courses and networking events are developed to respond to the needs of third sector organisations, including social enterprises, community groups and volunteers.

Our courses are delivered by trainers with in-depth knowledge of the third sector.

Our sessions are **free for members**, non-members please contact [info@borderscommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:info@borderscommunityaction.org.uk)



- **The Saltire Awards Scheme**
- **Managing and Supporting Volunteers**
- **Charity Treasurer Workshop**
- **Supporting Young Volunteers**
- **The Volunteer Friendly Award Information Session**

# Our work in the Scottish Borders so far...

**Saltire Awards:** 229 young people registered since April 2023

**Volunteering Match Making:** 59 volunteers - 27 new volunteers registered + 32 informal volunteers X 32 new volunteering opportunities registered and 120 ongoing across the Borders

**Corporate Volunteering:** Discussions with SBC, SOSE, Chamber of Commerce and other businesses

**Volunteer Friendly Award:** 16 expressions of interest





# Why Volunteering Matters







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