

2. We are applying for Associate membership

We agree to support and promote VSNW's purposes and to abide by the terms of its constitution and rules.

3. Declaration by all membership applicants

I undertake to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to Voluntary Sector North West's assets if it should be wound up while I am a member or within one year after membership ceases for payment of Voluntary Sector North West's debts and liabilities contracted before I cease to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up.

Signed _____ Date _____

4. I would like to sign up to VSNW's information bulletin and/or networks

I would like to subscribe to the following VSNW bulletins:

<input type="checkbox"/> VSNW Bulletin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> VSNW Health Bulletin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> PROMiSE Bulletin (mental health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> VSNW/NWEL Environment Bulletin	<input type="checkbox"/>

I would like to join the following VSNW-facilitated networks:

<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Learning & Skills (delivery and infrastructure) network	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Third Sector Community Empowerment Practitioners' Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Social Care Network	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> PROMiSE network for mental health service providers	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Which sub-regions do you work in? Please tick all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Merseyside	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cumbria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lancashire	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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VSNW

Voluntary Sector North West

Accountability | Knowledge | Equality

Get connected today!

VSNW is the voluntary sector network for the North West of England. We work to ensure that the voluntary and community sector (VCS), in all its diversity, takes its full part in shaping the future of the North West.

We influence and shape the agendas and policies of public sector decision-makers by:

- Creating more opportunities for the sector to directly engage with and influence decision-makers.
- Building expertise and sharing learning within the sector through policy networks.
- Enabling groups to speak with a more effective voice through training and participation in campaigns such as Listen Value Invest.
- Developing more effective VCS representation on decision-making bodies by providing our representatives with resources and accountability mechanisms.
- Expanding the sector's knowledge and service delivery capacity through providing training and advice, particularly in procurement and commissioning.
- Helping the sector stay well informed and prepare for the future through regular information bulletins, policy briefings and conferences.

Become a member

Our members either work across the region directly delivering services for individuals, or are VCS infrastructure organisations that work with local voluntary and community groups.

The benefits:

- More opportunities to influence the future of the North West
- Reduced rates for VSNW events
- Meet other VCS organisations to share good practice and ideas
- Develop your staff's knowledge and skills through our training
- Play a role in how YOUR infrastructure support organisation works.

Sign up for our information and policy networks

Members and non-members can access free information bulletins and join networks focused on key themes and issues, which play a key role in influencing the development and implementation of public sector policies in our region.

Membership/Networks application

How does my organisation become a member?

Full membership: Annual fee £20 (April 1 to March 31)

Open to any voluntary organisation that supports VSNW's purposes, and falls into one of the following categories:

- An umbrella and/or intermediary organisation that works in development and/or support of other voluntary organisations.
- An organisation that works across the region, across one sub-region or is a regional branch of a national organisation.

Full members can make nominations and vote in elections for trustees of VSNW.

Along with your form, we ask for evidence of your organisation's status as a voluntary or community sector group through a copy of your governing document. You must also show that your membership is not restricted and the majority of your governing body is nominated and elected by and from your membership.

Associate membership: Annual fee £20 (April 1 to March 31)

Open to individuals or organisations who do not fall into the two categories above.

Associate members receive all the rights offered to full members, except voting and nomination rights.

Just complete the form at the end of this leaflet and enclose a copy of your governing document (the latter for full members only). All applications are considered and determined by the Board of Trustees, which may request further information.

**Please see www.vsnw.org.uk/members for full membership terms and conditions, and the definition of a voluntary organisation. Paper copies of this information are available on request.*

The information provided on this form will be held by VSNW and will be used to communicate directly with you and through the VSNW bulletins or networks you subscribe to. VSNW will not pass your information on to third parties.

Please return your completed form to: Administrator, VSNW, The St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ. You can also email it to info@vsnw.org.uk. If you have any queries regarding your membership application please contact us using the details above or on 0161 2769300.

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Organisation name	
Address	
Telephone	
Contact name	
Email	

Please briefly describe your activities, providing further details if possible on a separate sheet (eg website url, publicity materials, constitution etc)

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We wish to apply for membership of Voluntary Sector North West
Please go straight to question 1 below.

I wish to sign up for VSNW's information bulletins and/or networks
Please go straight to question 4 overleaf.

1. We are applying for Full membership

If you are applying for Associate membership please go to question 2 overleaf

Please indicate which category describes your organisation:

An umbrella or intermediary voluntary organisation with a development and/or support role towards other voluntary organisations	
A regional or sub-regional voluntary organisation, or a regional brand of a national voluntary organisation	

I agree to support and promote VSNW's purposes and to abide by the terms of its constitution and rules.

I confirm that my organisation complies with the membership requirements as stated on this flyer and at www.vsnw.org.uk/members. I also agree to support and promote VSNW's purposes and to abide by the terms of its constitution and rules.