

**Worcestershire Association
of Voluntary Organisations in Community Care**

Membership year: 1 April—31st March

I/We agree to become an Organisational Member/Associate Member of
Worcestershire Association of Voluntary Organisations in Community Care.

Contact Name:

Organisation

Address

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Tel.

Email

Please tick as appropriate: Full Membership (voluntary organisations)

Associate Membership (others)

Data Protection Act:

This record will be held on a database which provides WAVOCC with a mailing list to keep you informed of its work, in particular any opportunities, schemes or proposals which may be of benefit to you. I/We agree that WAVOCC may share this information with other organisations working in the same field.

Signed **Date**

To register as a member of WAVOCC for the current year, please return this form, together with a cheque for either Full Membership (Voluntary Organisations) or Associate Membership, to Jim Smith or Terra Newman at WAVOCC, The Bradbury Centre, 2 Sansome Walk, Worcester, WR1 1LH. Cheques should be made payable to WAVOCC.



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**Working
together
to improve
Care in the
Community**



Website: www.wavocc.org.uk

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WAVOCC aims to achieve

- A stronger voice for the voluntary sector
- Better understanding and exchange of information between voluntary organisations
- Greater scope for working together at local level
- Effective communication with health providers, adult and community services, housing and other agencies

How does WAVOCC work?

- We provide and disseminate up to date information on national and local issues
- We bring voluntary organisations together to discuss issues concerning Health & Social Care
- We promote good practice in Community Care and, where appropriate, make recommendations for change
- We work together with health providers, adult & community services, housing, education and other agencies
- We enable voluntary organisations to participate in consultations with service providers
- We co-ordinate nominations from the membership to advisory or consultative groups and committees to assist in planning and developing services
- We can support voluntary sector representatives on strategic boards and planning teams across the County

Become a WAVOCC member

As part of your WAVOCC membership, you will receive regular copies of WAVOCC News. You will also have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting and stand for election to the Board of Trustees.

Members also gain the benefit of access to a members only area of the WAVOCC website. This area acts as a mini forum for an exchange of ideas, queries and solutions.

To find out more about what WAVOCC can do for you and for your organisation, contact Jim Smith on 01905 612726 or email: chiefofficer@wavocc.org.uk

More about WAVOCC

Worcestershire Association of Voluntary Organisations in Community Care (WAVOCC) is an independent alliance of voluntary organisations who are concerned with any aspect of Health & Social Care in Worcestershire.

Its members are primarily voluntary organisations providing a variety of services such as information, day care, befriending, counselling and transport. Other members include church, health and community organisations and those providing advocacy for particular user groups.

WAVOCC is run by a committee of up to 16 Trustees representing a cross section of organisations. The committee can also co-opt people with specialist knowledge. Expressions of interest in becoming a Trustee of WAVOCC are always welcome. Nominations and elections take place annually at the association's AGM.

We work together with Local Development Agencies, Worcestershire Association of Carers and Worcestershire Association of Service Users in campaigning and lobbying to maintain service provision.

Why should my organisation join WAVOCC?

The broader the membership, the stronger the voice. In the current difficult financial climate it is even more important for voluntary organisations to unite in order to promote the needs and concerns more forcefully and effectively.

Members can voice their views on services directly to the people with influence, as WAVOCC representatives meet regularly with officers and Councillors of the County Council and Worcestershire Primary Care Trust.

WAVOCC is a member of Worcestershire Infrastructure Consortium (WIC) which 'works to increase the influence that the sector has in how public services are run'.

So sign up now, using the form overleaf to register your membership, and send a cheque or postal order for the annual subscription to: Jim Smith or Terra Newman at WAVOCC, The Bradbury Centre, 2 Sansome Walk, Worcester, WR1 1LH.