



Better for everyone

## Better Together Policy Forum

### Valuing and supporting a thriving VCSE: What does good grant making look like?

“Looking beyond the means for measuring and evidencing impacts and outcomes. We want to explore how to model and apply investment and funding into the sector so that it can work most effectively and efficiently in terms of costs and resources for both commissioners, and for VCSE organisations providing services in communities.”

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 09.00-12.30  
Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor

### AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Registration, Refreshments, Networking	
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome & Introduction	Kate Burrows Chair - Better Together VCS Forum
09:35 – 10:00	Valuing and supporting a thriving VCSE – The County Durham Together Partnership approach	Kirsty Wilkinson Strategic Manager Public Health Durham County Council
10:00 – 10:25	What does good grant making look like? – Lessons learned – Open & Trusting Funding Community	Michelle Cooper Chief Executive Officer, Point North
10:25 – 10:45	Comfort Break & Networking	
10:45 – 11:45	Roundtable Discussions	All
11:45 – 12:15	Feedback from tables & Q&A	Jo Laverick (DCA Associate) & All
12:15 – 12:30	Plenary & next steps	Kate Burrows & Kirsty Wilkinson
12.30	Networking & Close	