



Better for everyone

Better Together Policy Forum

Celebrating a Thriving Voluntary and Community Sector: Showcase event

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Spennymoor Town Hall, Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, County Durham, DL16 6DG

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Registration, Refreshments, Networking	
1:30 – 1:40 p.m.	Welcome & Introduction	Kate Burrows Chair – Better Together VCS Forum
1:40 – 2:00 p.m.	Third Sector Trends Survey	Tony Chapman, Professorial Fellow , Durham University
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Blackhall Community Centre – an East Coast perspective	Alison Patterson, Blackhall Community Centre
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Time Together Partnership – UTASS & Teesdale Association of Day Clubs	Grace Crawford, UTASS
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Networking	All
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Alzheimer's Society Durham – a county wide picture	Hannah Johnson, Dementia Connect Local Services Manager
3:15 – 3:25 p.m.	Thriving Together: DCA Networks and Partnership opportunities	Lindsay Henderson Durham Community Action
3:25 – 3:45 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion	All
3:45 – 4.00 p.m.	Plenary & next steps	Kate Burrows
4:00 p.m.	Networking & Close	