




LVSC

Voluntary and
community action
for London

Strategic Plan
2010 – 2015



Collaborative
leader of London's
voluntary and
community sector

Our vision

London's voluntary and community sector is at the heart of our work. To achieve our vision, on behalf of the London voluntary and community sector, we will:

1 Be a central resource for knowledge and policy for the London voluntary and community sector

We want to:

- Be a central repository and directory for knowledge on the sector
- Be an influential centre of policy analysis and response
- Demonstrate the impact of the sector on the lives of Londoners

2 Act as a collaborative leader for London's voluntary and community sector

We aspire to:

- Enable and deliver a strong strategic and independent voice for the sector
- Promote and champion the sector
- Act as a bridge between the voluntary and community sector and other partners

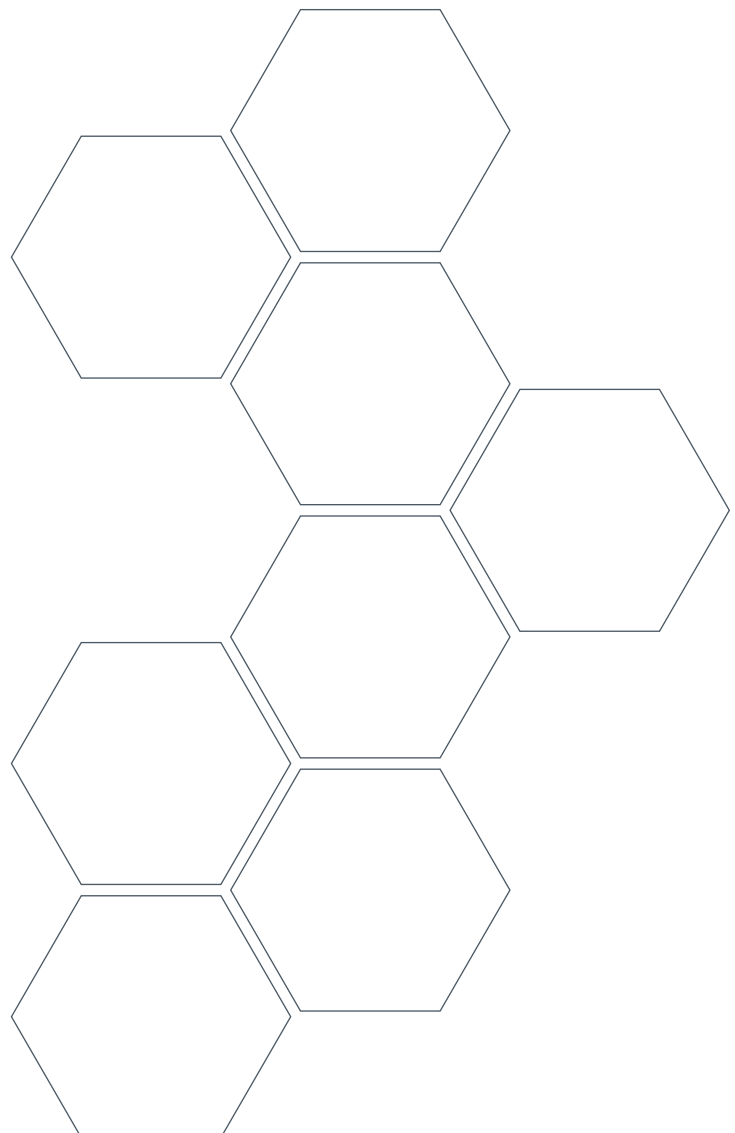
3 Enable the voluntary and community sector to best deliver for Londoners

We want to:

- Equip people and organisations in the sector to serve their communities
- Enable people and organisations in the sector to collaborate effectively
- Share best practice across the sector

Poverty, equality, health and climate change will be cross-cutting themes throughout all of our work.

LVSC's vision is of a vibrant and sustainable city where people's lives are enhanced through voluntary and community action.



What we've been doing

Whilst LVSC and the voluntary and community sector (VCS) we work with has achieved a great deal over the last 99 years, we still have much important work to do to achieve our mission. Many of the challenges facing London and Londoners remain the same – poverty, inequality and poor health are still key areas of work for much of the VCS in London.

We believe that over the next five years LVSC needs to reconnect properly with these overarching objectives and be alive to the major new challenge facing society as a whole: climate change.

And there is no doubt difficult times lie ahead. No matter what government is in power the recession and likely public spending cuts will have a significant impact on the VCS in London, with more demands being placed on core services at the same time as funding is squeezed.

Funding from charitable trusts and the private sector can also be expected to reduce.

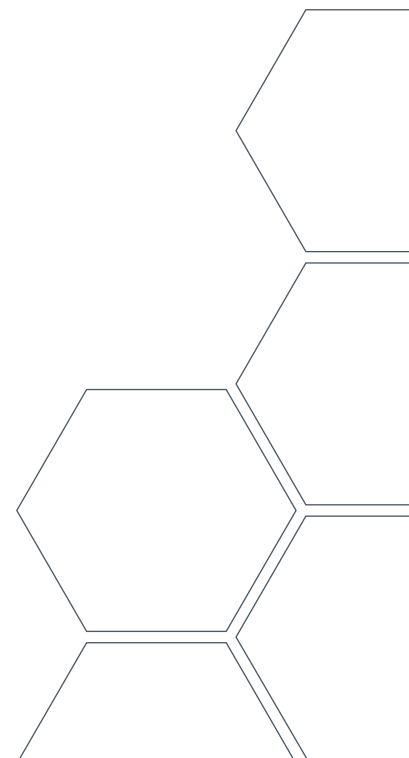
At the same time the VCS is high up the political agenda, mostly in relation to innovative delivery of public services but also to helping the country move out of the recession. Collaboration, merger and shared back office services are also high on the agenda.

LVSC's role

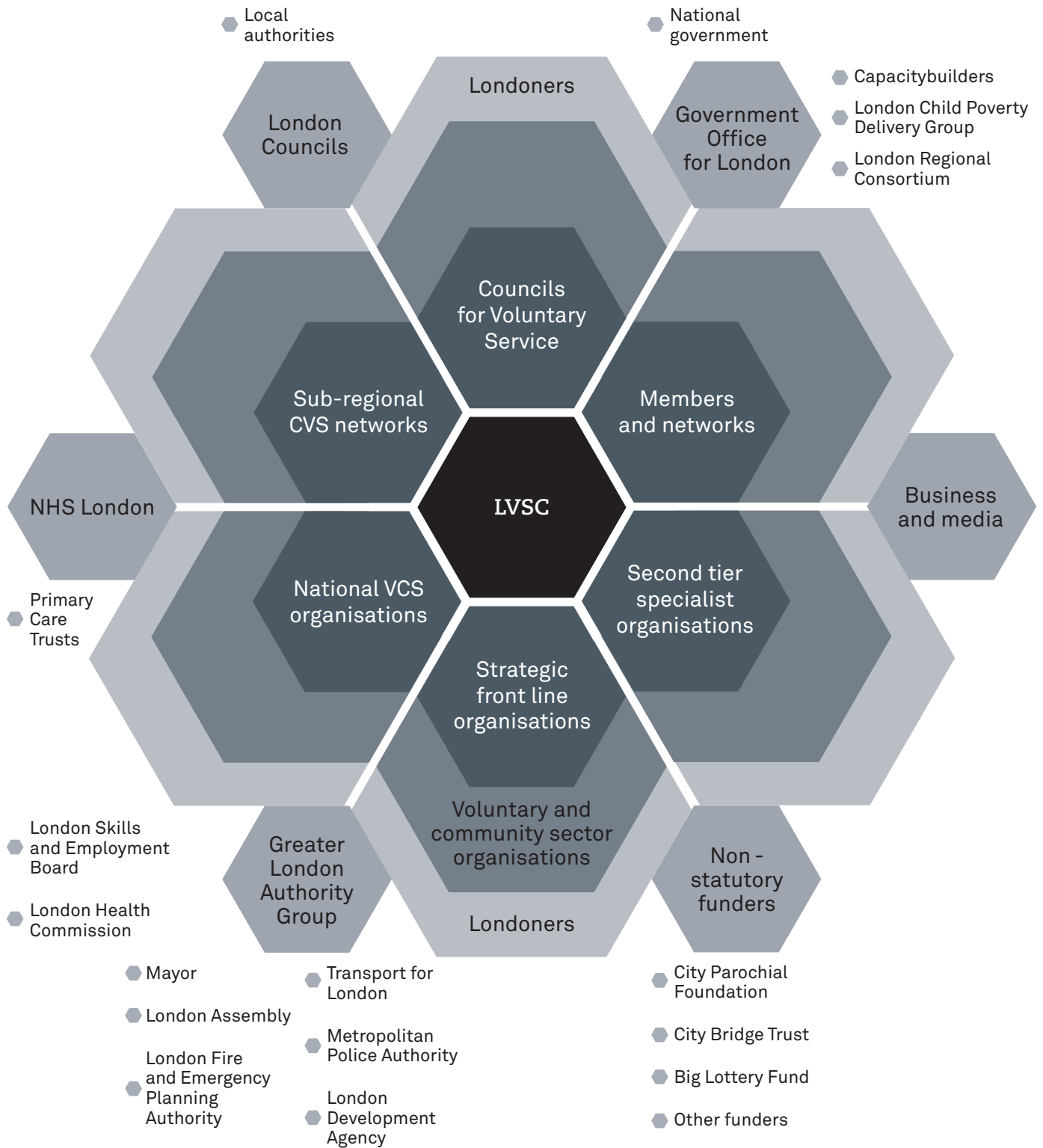
We believe LVSC has a pivotal role moving forward – working in partnership with the sector to make sure it can best meet the needs of Londoners, that its voice is heard strongly and that we properly understand and champion the sector and the impact it has on the lives of Londoners.

We need to be confident about our leadership role and accept the challenges it brings, whilst recognising the roles of other organisations and signposting appropriately. Our leadership role is based on collaboration, objectivity, impartiality and knowledge of the sector. This enables us to identify gaps in the sector and work with partners to fill them appropriately.

LVSC was inaugurated on 4 March 1910 at a ceremony at the Mansion House presided over by the Chairperson of London County Council, the Lord Mayor, the Chief Rabbi and two Archbishops. As we approach our centenary we now set out our new five-year plan based on wide consultation with the sector, our partners and stakeholders.



Relationships



Our Values

- Equality
- Inclusion
- Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Learning
- Independence

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LVSC brings together the 60,000 plus voluntary and community organisations in London. Together they employ over 250,000 people, or 7% of the capital's working population.

In order to deliver our objectives we need to develop further as an organisation – prioritising communication and engagement and developing our flexibility to respond to the changing needs of Londoners and the VCS that serves them. At the same time we will work within our values and beliefs.

Our beliefs

- The needs of Londoners are paramount and the VCS must at all times prioritise the proven needs of the people in the communities they serve
- The VCS is an invaluable part of the provision of effective services to people in London's most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities and has a crucial role in giving them a voice
- The VCS must maintain its independence in order to protect its ability to respond to the needs of Londoners
- The VCS has a critical role to play in promoting social justice, diversity and inclusion and in tackling poverty, inequality and climate change
- Collaborative working, partnership and networking are effective ways of maximising limited resources





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