

**Please read these guidance notes before completing the CNet  
Membership Application Form**

## General

Membership of CNet is FREE - as a member of CNet you will receive:

- Regular information via e-bulletin including details of current funding schemes, events, training courses, vacancies and forum news
- Discount on CNet room hire charges
- News of opportunities to get involved in shaping the future of the district via forum activities, community representation roles and consultations
- Latest news about the Bradford District Assembly and the voluntary and community sector forums
- Information about networking events and opportunities relevant to your group or organisation

## Categories of Membership\*

Membership of CNet is open to:

- any voluntary & community sector (VCS) group or organisation operating in the Bradford district
- any individual who lives or works in the Bradford district

There are four categories of membership as follows:

1. Community - VCS groups with no paid employees, just volunteers
2. Voluntary - VCS groups with paid employees with or without volunteers
3. Community of Interest - VCS groups working with either a) communities who share an identity (e.g. an ethnic identity) or b) communities who share an experience or concern (e.g. carers, refugees & asylum seekers)
4. Individual - to have individual membership you must live or work in Bradford district and have a clear interest / involvement in the VCS and in the work of CNet

**\*Please indicate on the form the category that best describes your group**

## Bradford District VCS Assembly & VCS Forums

The Bradford District Assembly and the VCS forums provide a link between strategic bodies in the public sector (e.g. Bradford Council) and the voluntary & community sector.

### Bradford District Partnership

The Bradford District Partnership (BDP) is coordinated by Bradford Council and it is the Local Strategic Partnership for the Bradford District. BDP is the key body that brings together the public, private, voluntary and community sectors with the aim to improve the quality of life for the district's residents. BDP coordinates and supports the work of the partners and partnerships across the district. These partners share responsibility for making sure that the district's (Sustainable) Community Strategy improves the quality of life and wellbeing of the people of the district.

The BDP has adopted a flexible governance structure which consists of core and flexible components. The core components include the BDP Executive Board, Partnership Summits, Virtual Leadership Group and the Statutory Partnerships (e.g. the Children's Trust, Community Safety Partnership and support to the Health & Wellbeing Board through the Health Improvement Partnership), whilst the flexible components include non-statutory partnerships, professional networks and forums such as the Bradford District Assembly.

You can more information about the Bradford District Partnership at [http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/bdp/about\\_us](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/bdp/about_us)

### How do the VCS forums relate to the BDP and other strategic bodies?

The Bradford District Assembly VCS forums are networks of voluntary and community sector organisations who work in each of the following areas:

- **Young Lives Bradford (children & young people)**
- **Health & Wellbeing Forum**
- **Community Economic Forum**
- **Safer Communities Third Sector Network**
- **Equalities Forum**

The forums have links and influence with the BDP and other strategic bodies through forum representatives who sit on the different boards and strategy groups. Forum representatives act as a communication channel - taking issues from the VCS through the forums to these strategic levels and feeding information back to the forums.

## Further Information

If you have any questions about Bradford District Assembly please contact:

Janet Ford - Assembly Co-ordinator  
01274 305045 | [janet@cnet.org.uk](mailto:janet@cnet.org.uk)

You can also find out more about the Bradford District Assembly and the VCS forums by visiting [www.cnet.org.uk/bradfordassembly.org.uk](http://www.cnet.org.uk/bradfordassembly.org.uk)

If you need help filling out the membership form please contact:

Saima Ashfaq - CNet Information & Administration Officer  
01274 305045 | [saima@cnet.org.uk](mailto:saima@cnet.org.uk)

***The CNet Membership Application Form and Application Guidance Notes are available in large print and other accessible formats on request.***



CNet Membership Application Form

*Please read the accompanying notes before completing this form. If completing this form by hand please PRINT*

Name of Group/ Organisation:		
Address: <i>(This is where all correspondence will be sent unless otherwise specified)</i>		
Contact Details	Main contact person:	Alternative contact person:
Address if different from above:		
Position in Group/ Organisation:		
Telephone Number:		
Other Number:		
E-Mail Address:		
Group's Website:		

<p>Membership category:</p> <p>Voluntary <input type="checkbox"/>    Community <input type="checkbox"/>    Community of interest <input type="checkbox"/>    Individual <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Please indicate and forward following documentation</p> <p>A) Constitution or terms of reference for your organisation <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B) Other information you may feel relevant <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></p>

If you are a group or organisation, approximately how many members do you have?	
If applying as an individual, please tell us about all relevant special interests or skills you have and a history of your involvement with the community. (Use extra paper if you need it)	

**Bradford District Assembly Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Forums**

Part of CNet’s role is to develop and support the Bradford District Assembly VCS Forums. Each forum is a network of VCS groups and organisations who are working in each of the themed areas (see below). Please tick if you would like to become a member of any of the forums listed below (please refer to the Guidance Notes for more information)

Health & Wellbeing Forum  Young Lives Bradford Forum

Community Economic Forum (CEF)  Equalities Forum

Safer Communities Third Sector Network

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Please return your completed application form to: [saima@cnet.org.uk](mailto:saima@cnet.org.uk) or via post to CNet, Enterprise Hub, 114-116 Manningham Lane, Bradford, BD8 7JF

**All information is subject to the Data Protection Act 1998 Data Protection Statement:**

In accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998) information about individuals and organisations held by Bradford District Community Empowerment Network (CNet) shall only be used for the purposes of maintaining a record of membership and for sending information of interest to members. Details will not be forwarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties without permission unless already in the public domain. The information shall be kept up to date and removed upon request.