

VCSE Big MEET

2026



VCSE Big Meet 2026. How did it go?

***Thursday 23rd April 2026
The Great Victoria Hotel***

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96 colleagues
from across the VCSE sector



5 SPEAKERS
representing more
than 10 organisations

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Really interesting speakers who gave thoughtful and well prepared presentations. Leaving inspired to make changes in our board plus where I'm a trustee!

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Amazing speakers and discussion. Fat loads of sense of humour, real talk on topics we don't really talk about. Absolutely loved Debra, OMG her energy lit the room!
Looking forward to 2027!

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An excellent afternoon. The speakers were superb and lovely to meet others who work as volunteers in the charity sector of all sizes of organisations.

Thank you!

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A productive and energising day. The Q&A hit the right note, candid, useful and solutions-focused. And the networking was just as valuable. It is days like this that remind you how much we can achieve when we work together.

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Thank you to the speakers who have given me the inspiration I needed to commit to becoming a trustee.

I particularly value the honesty from Debra who has given me confidence in the way we as SLT communicate and integrate with our board.

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Easy to find venue, varied speakers and topics. Debra was a very entertaining speaker.

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LOVED IT! A great event with fab speakers! Thanks Community Action for organising such a great afternoon. Really appreciated you keeping the price of tickets low.

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WHAT WE'RE GOING TO IMPROVE FOR NEXT TIME

You

Some of you gave us feedback about the room being too warm and the kitchen door making it hard for you to hear and concentrate on the speakers.

Us

We are going to closely consider our venue and layout to ensure nobody is situated in a noisy area, or near the kitchen. And make sure the fans are on!

You

Some of you said you came expecting lunch, and were left disappointed and hungry.

Us

We will make it clearer next year when food will be served, and have a space for you to enjoy your own lunch together if you'd like to bring it with you.

You

Some of you expressed difficulties and confusion with the way we managed our waitlist tickets.

Us

Next year we will take it offline so there are no confusing reminders or confirmation emails. We will approach eligible organisations directly.



We note that the keynote speaker ran out of time, so we have built in extra time for the keynote speaker next year, giving them an hour.