

## Project – VCFS Sustainability Review

**The Leeds Initiative required specialist research to support its strategy for developing the sustainability of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in Leeds.**



### Key Actions

Pulse Regeneration undertook a review of the Leeds VCFS including a review of the capacity building support available, an assessment of the Leeds Initiative's ability to understand the role of the sector, and development of a commissioning framework to support the sector's future growth. The approach included workshop sessions, consultation, best practice research, development of key recommendations and development of an achievable forward strategy.

### Achievements

- Identification of specific capacity building initiatives
- Development of innovative methods of improving infrastructure support
- Securing support from local VCFS organisations wishing to champion change across the City
- Network formed to encourage peer-to-peer learning and future collaboration
- A series of recommendations to increase contracting opportunities with the sector
- Developing 'buy-in' of the forward strategy by the Narrowing the Gap Executive.

***“It is really good to work with a consultancy firm that get the job done. We had real anxieties about finding a company with sufficient understanding of both community needs and mainstream service providers to develop a city strategy for the sustainability of the voluntary, community and faith sector in Leeds. Pulse provided this expertise and we are now taking Pulse's recommendations on extending public sector procurement, developing social enterprise whilst also supporting community groups forward.”***

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