

Plymouth VCSE survey – April 2020

POP+ response

POP+ mission – our purpose remains the same: to build strong grassroots organisations, charities and social enterprises by supporting them to work together and take a lead role in creating change. Through:

- Advocating and supporting the growth of active citizens and social connectivity
- Nurturing a membership of grassroots groups and organisations through our core offer.
- Working strategically.

Quick, direct & practical support

Of the 125 survey respondents we have made contact with 74 and directly supported 35.

Fed quick, timely information out to the sector:

- Within 2 days we had established a [private facebook group](#) to communicate with community groups in Plymouth
- Email bulletins every 2 weeks

Funded [Our Plymouth](#) to establish a volunteer portal and worked with the City Council on the [Good Neighbours Scheme](#)

Helped organisations go online, training over 50 people in Zoom within 1 week and innovated our [Zoom “Play & Learn” sessions](#)

Continued to support through online training:

- [Writing a Funding Application](#) – 21 April, 20 May, 18 June
- [The Difference We Make](#) – 29 April, 9 June

Developed a new resource for mutual aid and informal community groups:

- [Ideas into Action](#) – 4 May, 25 June

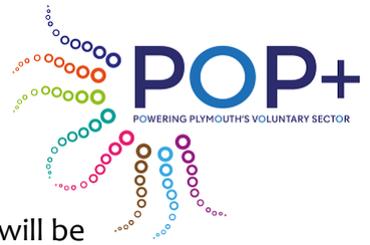
As a funder

Communicated our support of the [London funders statement](#)

Strategically

We are working with Plymouth City Council and other partners to respond positively and support the most vulnerable through the [Good Neighbours Scheme](#) and [Caring for Plymouth](#).

Working with the Plymouth Safeguarding Childrens Board helping to make connections and get messages out and feedback what is happening in the community groups.



We are linking in with NAVCA to ensure messages are sent nationally. We will be representing the results and recommendations to NAVCA to achieve national representation.

We are linking in with funders locally, regionally and nationally to discuss ways forward and support needed by the sector.

And we're not resting or stopping!

We are developing [Plymouth Neighbourhood Care Networks](#): these will provide Plymouth with an infrastructure that will help communities build a future together, connecting critical people from across the community to maximise the resource, good will and effort across the streets of Plymouth.

We will be relaunching Street-to-Scale to fuel even greater citizen action and mobilisation.

The future, together

We want to work with you to show how the people of Plymouth can come together and support one another through this. It is important to us that we stress that it is physical distancing and not social distancing. We must stay connected and increase social solidarity.

We are in unprecedented times and there is a role for all us, businesses, social enterprises, charities, government, citizens to build a future together.