

### Do you feel free to speak out and take action on what matters to you?

### Are you worried your organisation is losing sight of what it's there for?

The voluntary and community sector has traditionally been a haven for innovation and has held government to account. Pressure on its independence is now extreme as a result of government attempts to use the sector to work for it delivering services. Onerous conditions are being placed on funding to community groups. Freedom of action is constrained by government priorities and compliant voluntary agencies.

## Want to know more and join in the action?

We can help you to link with others, support you to speak up in your workplace or help your group to look at itself with independence in mind.

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## It's time to make our voices heard!

**GET TALKING** Speak about your concerns to people around you. Find ways with colleagues to influence your organisation.

**ACTION BY YOUR GROUP** Some groups are holding fast to their principles, which can include saying 'no' to funding. Or they have agreed terms that don't compromise independence.

**PEOPLE ACTING TOGETHER** Existing or new forums and networks, especially at local level, have been successful at taking action together.



"... she's never been the same since they told her to demonstrate her cross cutting network targeting strategy...."

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