



THE SURREY ASSEMBLY

VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH SECTOR VOICE

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Over 60 different Voluntary, Community & Faith organisations joined together to make their voices heard at the first Surrey Assembly Day.

The Surrey Assembly Support Manager, Hazel Robinson supported by Surrey Community Action invited members of the Charity sector to attend and develop an arena for constructive discussion and action. Hazel said, “Public bodies such as Surrey County Council welcome input into strategic discussion on the future of services in Surrey, but they are unsure who to ask. The Assembly members elect representatives to speak on their behalf; training and support is given.

The delegates heard from Canon Chris Rich from the Department of Social Responsibility at the Diocese of Guildford on the positives of joint working, he emphasised “partnership is key in moving forward in these difficult times”.

Every Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector organisation in Surrey is automatically a member of the Surrey Assembly and eligible to put forward a candidate for nomination and to vote. Voting will be taking place later this year. Information about the meetings representatives attend will be sent using existing networking channels in the sector rather than inventing new ones.

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