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Nick joined ACRE in April 2009. His previous position was with the South West Observatory as Research and Intelligence Manager. Nick's role within ACRE includes: developing ACRE's research, data management and intelligence capacity; development of external relationships with primary external stakeholders; pursuing potential funding opportunities and developing primary products of ACRE and the Network. Nick has a degree in Environmental Science and an MSc. in Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy; skills and experience include policy analysis, strategic planning, data processing and GIS.



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Kevin leads NAVCA which speaks to government on behalf of local third sector infrastructure organisations. Kevin has spent most of his working life since 1972 in local voluntary action. He has also managed overseas development programmes in Tanzania and Vietnam.



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Nicholas Deakin has worked as a civil servant and in local government and chaired national and local voluntary bodies. From 1980 to 1998 he was Professor of Social Policy and Administration at the University of Birmingham and has subsequently held visiting appointments at the University of Warwick and then at the Centre for Civil Society, London

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Arjumand Kazmi was born and brought up in Pakistan. From 1996 she worked for non-governmental organisations in Pakistan campaigning for law reforms for the rights of women. She came to the UK in 2001 to study an LLM in Law in Development at the University of Warwick. She returned to Pakistan at the end of her studies and became project manager with a parliamentary capacity-building programme funded by DfID and USAID.

In 2005 she worked with small Pakistani groups in Nottingham and then later with Voice East Midlands. She became Head of Policy at Voice4change England in July 2007.



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Sara Llewellyn is the Chief Executive of the Barrow Cadbury Trust. Sara was formerly Deputy Director of the City Bridge Trust, the largest charitable grant making foundation in London. As the Chair of London Funders, she also led a cross-sectoral initiative to improve funder collaboration across the Capital. Well-versed in a wide range of third sector issues, Sara is keen to help in the development of an evidence base which can help sustain it in the long term. Sara is a member of Charity Bank's Investment Committee and has served on a number of other national Boards, including the lottery distributors. Her background is in activism, particularly in the domestic violence movement and in local community family provision.



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John Mawson is Director of the Institute for Local Governance, a research and knowledge transfer partnership involving the North East region's universities, public sector bodies, and third sector stakeholders.

As a practitioner he served as Director of Economic Development at West Midlands County Council and was Chief Executive of the West Midlands Enterprise Board Ltd. Both organisations pioneered the integration of social economy and anti poverty measures into mainstream economic development programmes. Over the past decade John has chaired the West Midlands Social Economy Partnership, a £3.5 million action research programme, and led the establishment of Social Enterprise West Midlands, a regional member based network and development agency.

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Nick Ockenden is a Head of Research at the Institute for Volunteering Research, where he has worked for nearly four years. He has worked on numerous research projects for a wide variety of public, private and third sector clients. This includes exploring the link between volunteering and employability, a large scale review of environmental volunteering in the North East of England, the national evaluation of youth volunteering body v, and an evaluation of a project supporting volunteering by young offenders. He has also worked on the development of volunteering strategies for the National Offender Management Service and the Department of Social Development in Northern Ireland. Nick leads on IVR's research into volunteering within volunteer-led and community-based organisations, and maintains a keen interest in environmental volunteering. In the past he has volunteered for a variety of environmental organisations, and is currently a volunteer with the British Red Cross.



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Matt is Director of the Community Sector Coalition, a network of 25 national community sector organisations, representing the largest community sector grouping of its kind in the country. Between 1996 and 2008 he worked in a community development role in South East London, including management of the Lewisham Community Empowerment Network. Prior to this he worked in the North East and Midlands in a number of roles, including as an advice worker, volunteer co-ordinator and manager in several workers co-operatives. Matt is also a founder member of the Community Development Network London and an occasional lecturer at Goldsmiths College where he is completing a PhD on the role of communities in the modernising local government agenda.



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Dr Cheryl Turner has worked in adult education for over 30 years. Her experience includes 20 years teaching in community, FE and HE contexts and developing, organising and quality assuring many cultural studies and outreach programmes. She has researched and published extensively in the areas of informal learning, neighbourhood renewal, and the third sector contribution. She is currently on secondment from the National Institute for Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) to BIS to support the development of a BIS third sector strategy.

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Karl has been head of research at NCVO for about 7 years, during which time he has developed a programme started by predecessors Les Hems and Andrew Passey. He is interested in building understanding of the size, scope and contribution of the voluntary sector to civil society. Karl's work includes analysis of charitable giving, the role of the sector in public service delivery, and understanding the role of voluntary organisations in citizen engagement and civil society.



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After completing his Ph.D. on 'Visual function in patients with multiple sclerosis', Dr Ben Wright became a Teaching Fellow on the Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology at the University of Southampton, before recently joining the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO) as the Policy and Research Officer. CEMVO exists to enable third sector organisations representing the UK's excluded black and minority ethnic (BME) communities to help this sector to participate more fully in society. Ben is a Graduate Member of the British Psychological Society and a Member of the Psychobiology Section. He is a Member of the London Health Forum.



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Over the last twenty years Steve has worked for voluntary and community agencies and independent grant-makers. In the 1990s, working with homeless agencies, he ran Homeless Network, co-ordinated the Rough Sleepers Initiative in London, and set up Off the Streets and into Work. He has been with the DTA for nearly 10 years