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**To:** Jacqui Willis <jacqui@dva.org.uk>

**Subject:** "The VCSE are part of the solution, not the problem." - let's support each other!



Dear colleague,

**"Voluntary & Community Groups are part of the solution, not the problem."**

**Please sign this**

**petition:** (<https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=52>) and be one of the 800+ people who help support and save our vital voluntary and community services.

**Please sign the petition** to voice your concern for the lives of our neighbours. This is serious and going to affect many people, and no doubt someone you will know !

**Please sign and share** as far and wide as you can... friends, family and work

colleagues. **No matter what your role is, we are all caring, local people** 😊

Derbyshire County Council is proposing cuts to all its discretionary funding. This means that key local charities and community organisations which support the health and wellbeing of residents are in danger of closure.

At risk are services supporting mental health provision, befriending and lunch clubs, day centres, funding for community groups and important support for charities.

Thousands of people who live life with poor physical and mental health, learning difficulties, loneliness and isolation will be left without vital support. Particularly affected will be older people, marginalised communities and the most vulnerable in our society.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action are asking the Council to debate in full any proposed cuts to discretionary funding and consider the significant impact to communities if services are reduced.

**PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION - let's show we care!**

Using the link below:

<https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=52>

We think it is important that a discussion takes place regarding the catastrophic affects to our communities and services if these cuts happen. If this petition receives 800 signatures this should mean: The council will have to debate about the decision to cut funding and refer the petition to the relevant Cabinet Member or Full Council for consideration

**"The VCSE are part of the solution, not the problem."**

To learn more about the proposed cuts please visit: <https://dva.org.uk/voluntary-sector-cuts/>

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Apologies, in advance, if you get this more than once.

Thank you

Jacqui