

NAVCA Annual Conference

27th April 2023



Online

10:30am – 3:30pm

Keynote speaker: Adam Lent, CEO of New Local.



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Angela Spence, CEO,
and Joe Batty, Head of
Community
Development from
Kensington and
Chelsea Social Council
(KCSC).

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Welcome to the NAVCA Annual Conference 2023. To allow more of our members to attend, we're holding our conference online this year. We'd like to thank everyone who has purchased a ticket, as well as our sponsors Ladbroke Insurance and In Kind Direct.

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11am – 11:30am



We will start off our day with a keynote speech from **Adam Lent, CEO of New Local**, an independent think tank and network of councils, with a mission to transform public services and unlock community power. Adam will explore the idea of community power and explain how he sees it being applied across the country. He will also share thoughts on how the VCS can work with councils, ICSs and the wider public sector to encourage a more community-powered approach across a local system.

11:30am – 12:30pm: Workshop session 1

Our first workshop session offers attendees the choice of five workshops, aimed at different job roles. This is a great opportunity to learn, network and strengthen the NAVCA movement.

Inclusive
trusteeship

Volunteering

Resilience

Intro to
filmmaking

Community
development

Workshop: Inclusive Trusteeship, hosted by Penny Wilson from Getting on Board

Aimed at: Trustees of NAVCA member organisations.

About: What makes an inclusive board, where everyone is able to contribute and impact is maximised? This workshop will look at trustee retention and engagement, board behaviour and creating a welcoming space, and how you can use this learning to influence your local members and networks.

Workshop: Tackling the volunteering crisis, hosted by Drew Richardson from York CVS.

Aimed at: Volunteer Centre Managers and similar roles.

About: National volunteering numbers have decreased since pre-pandemic years, and the nature of volunteering has evolved and shifted. Now, with increased dependency and pressure on the voluntary sector, how can Volunteer Centre Managers support the sector out of this crisis?

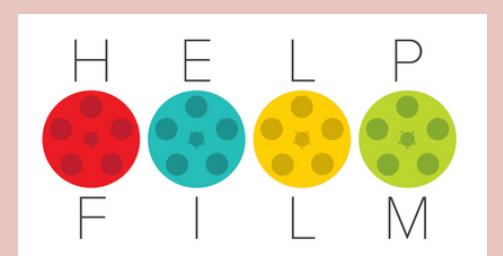
Workshop: Resilience, hosted by Mark Davis from Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA).

Aimed at: CEOs and leaders of NAVCA members.

About: As CEOs, with overall responsibility for your organisation, its strategies and management, it can often be difficult to maintain personal resilience and sustain energy. This workshop will be a networking session, creating space to explore where you get your energy from, how to cope with a sense of not knowing everything and what challenges are facing local infrastructure CEOs today.

Workshop: Introduction to Film for Charities, hosted by Laura Balerdi from HelpFilm.

Aimed at: Communications and digital workers.



About: This workshop will explore key case study films that HelpFilm have been a part of; looking at the successes and the 'what not to do' when planning, producing and launching a film digitally. The workshop is designed for those new to film campaigns or those who are just starting out. It will help answer questions you may have about how best to improve engagement online before, during and after the film launch so that the film's impact continues for months and years to come.

Workshop: 'Never initiate anything and never try to motivate anyone!'
Exploring community development within local infrastructure, hosted by
Garry Jones from Support Staffordshire.

Aimed at: Community development workers and similar roles.

About: This workshop will explore an asset-based approach to community development and the continuum into VCSE capacity building. Through group discussions, we will explore the role of local infrastructure organisations in this space, and how we can share skills and best practice.

12:30pm – 1:45pm

We encourage attendees to have lunch with your colleagues to discuss what you have learnt during the morning sessions, and how you might apply this to your work. Please arrive back in the conference room at 1:45pm, for the afternoon workshops.

2pm – 3pm

Our second workshop session of the day offers attendees the choice of four workshop sessions, looking at different topics. This includes a workshop from one of our conference sponsors, In Kind Direct.

Data
impact

Collaborative
working

Climate
crisis

In Kind Direct



Workshop: Tackling the climate crisis as local infrastructure organisations,
hosted by Carol Botten from VONNE.

Aimed at: Everyone interested in tackling the climate crisis.

About: Going Green Together is a project by VONNE, a NAVCA member based in the North East of England. This project brings together local organisations to take action on the climate emergency and ensure a just transition to a low carbon future for our communities. This workshop will explore what the role of local infrastructure is in making a positive difference for our environment, and how you can set up a similar initiative in your local area.

Workshop: Working locally to help more people keep warm, clean and well, hosted by In Kind Direct.



Aimed at: Communications workers, volunteer managers and development workers.

About: The cost of living crisis raises serious challenges for local charities and community groups as well as for the people they support. In Kind Direct is a charity that works UK-wide to redistribute consumer products donated by companies through charitable organisations across the UK. Hear from Emma and Olivia in their Partnerships and Impact team about how In Kind Direct works with local infrastructure organisations to help people keep clean, warm and well, and ensure more funds can be focused on support and services.

Workshop: Collaborating with other local infrastructure organisations, hosted by Mike Wild from Macc.

Aimed at: Leaders interested in different ways of working together.

About: We know that when we work collaboratively, we can have greater impact. 10GM is a joint venture between multiple local infrastructure organisations to support the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in Greater Manchester. This workshop will explore the background to establishing 10GM, the key learning points and what has made this venture a success.

Workshop: Unleashing the Power of Data to Drive Impactful Decision-Making in LIOs, hosted by Daniel King and Juliana Mainard- Sardon from the VCSE Data Observatory, and Jules Sebelin from Nottingham CVS.

Aimed at: People working in policy-making, representation, strategic decision-making and data analysis.

About: How can VCSE-related data be used for greater impact? This session will explore the VCSE Barometer as a tool for understanding emerging trends within the sector. We will also explore the Barometer's Wave 1 and Wave 2 results, and how these insights can be used for policymaking, campaigning, and comparison of national trends with local experiences. This is an opportunity to connect, share ideas and experiences, and learn how to harness the power of data to drive positive change.

3pm – 3:30pm

We will hear from Angela Spence, CEO, and Joe Batty, Head of Community Development, from Kensington and Chelsea Social Council (KCSC), on their experiences of community development in an area dealing with trauma.

Please share your thoughts on social media using the hashtag #NAVCAConference23



After the conference, we will send a survey to all attendees, asking for feedback. We really appreciate your views.

Looking ahead

As a national membership organisation, we want to make sure that all our members have the opportunity to engage with our conferences by offering an online option in 2023. We also wanted to provide a more affordable option by offering one ticket price per organisation.

We are working towards a spring-time conference going forward. In 2024, we will be holding our conference in-person again. We recognise the value of providing a physical space for networking, learning from one another, and catching up over a cup of tea.

We will announce more details about our 2024 conference soon, including location and dates. We look forward to seeing you there.