

## Working with the Third Sector



Third sector organisations are not-for-profit groups such as charities, voluntary and community groups. Academics can use research to support these groups in a variety of ways, depending on what sort of organisation you are working with.

- Becoming a trustee
- Acting an advisor
- Providing research evidence
- Supporting policy recommendations
- Support a group's educational remit

### Potential Impacts

- Changing practice
- Supporting the charity to deliver its service and benefitting service users.
- Influencing policy

### Where to find them:

- [Third Sector](#): a website and magazine representing voluntary, charitable and NPOs
- [Charity Commission Register](#): a searchable online database for UK charities

### Tips:

- Third sector organisations normally have very limited resources, so funding for a collaboration will come from grants.
- Charities will normally have a very specific goal, so be clear on what this is and how you can help.
- In the Arts and Humanities, for example, learned societies undertake public and engagement work. In order to become involved in societies, you will need to take out a membership which varies between organisations - it is best to identify the society you most wish to be a part of and have a look at the work that they do.

## Examples in Arts and Humanities include:

- Royal Society of Arts
- Royal Society of Literature
- British Society of the History of Science
- Society of Antiquaries of London
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

There are third sector organisations and learned societies that are relevant to all Faculties. There are also many regional third sector organisations that the University has engaged with previously – for ideas and inspiration have at [this brochure](#) and these [project pages](#).

## Examples:

Maureen Freely (English) is [Chair of Trustees for English PEN](#), with a particular focus on freedom of expression in Turkey.

Sophie Greenway, PhD student in the Department of History, undertook a Wellcome Trust Secondment Fellowship with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, exploring '[Hygiene and our relationship with nature - achieving a better balance?](#)'. She worked with the Trust to research how concerns about hygiene affect our relationship with the natural world, with the aim of encouraging people to feel more confident engaging with nature.

Tamara Friedrich and Haley Beer (WMS) work with Coventry and Warwickshire voluntary sector organisations in their project '[Imagination to Impact](#)'.

Abi Ayorinde (WMS) works with local community groups and third sector organisations and charities as part of the '[West Midlands Knowledge and Action Partnership for Race Equity](#)'.

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#### Knowledge and Action Partnership

##### West Midlands Knowledge and Action Partnership for Race Equity

West Midlands Knowledge and Action Partnership for Race Equity is a community partnership that seeks to foster mutual learning, research, and community development for ethnic minority groups. The partnership is guided by the principles of inclusivity, transparency, and a shared commitment to advancing knowledge for the betterment of both the community and the university.



#### Vision

- To spearhead innovative community partnerships aimed at enhancing equity within ethnic minority communities
- To serve as a valuable hub for knowledge sharing and collaborative action within these communities.