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**North Yorkshire
Wider Partnership conference**

**Working together to ensure
our communities thrive**

Friday 25 October 2024

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Delegate pack

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**25 October 2024
Pavilions of Harrogate**

09:15	Registration and marketplace	Refreshments available in the Wharfe Room.
10:00	Welcome	Richard Flinton , Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council
10:05	Health and Thriving Communities	David Skaith , Mayor for York & North Yorkshire
10:25	Is there a Better Way?	Steve Wyler , A Better Way
10:45	Q&A Session	
11:00	Workshop sessions	Teas and coffees served in workshop areas
12:05	North Yorkshire Community Awards Announcement of winners and presentation of awards	Steve Wyler , and Cllr Roberta Swiers , Chair, North Yorkshire Council
12.45	Summing up and close	Richard Flinton
12:55 – 14:00	Lunch, networking and marketplace	Lunch served in the Wharfe Room

Today's speakers are:

Richard Flinton, North Yorkshire Council

Richard is the Chief Executive of North Yorkshire Council. He led the preparation work for the establishment of the Council in April 2023. Richard was closely involved in developing the Devolution Deal for North Yorkshire and York which lead to the implementation of a Mayor for North Yorkshire and York in 2024. He was previously Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) from July 2010. He celebrated 30 years of working for NYCC in 2018 and held many roles within the council. Richard first joined as a Trainee Trading Standard Officer, becoming Assistant Head of Trading Standards before using his background in economics to lead the Council's Economic Development Team. Richard became Assistant Chief Executive in 2005 and then Director of Business and Environmental Services. As Chief Executive, Richard has covered the statutory roles of Director of Children and Young People's service and Health and Adult Services at different times and has a detailed knowledge of the Council and North Yorkshire.



Richard chairs the North Yorkshire Chief Executives group and the North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum. In 2014 he chaired the Local Authority Delivery Group which co-ordinated the delivery of the Tour de France Grand Départ in Yorkshire. He is also the lead Chief Executive for Yorkshire and Humber on children's services.

Richard was admitted to the College of Fellows (CoF) during the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) Conference in June of 2016 and more recently accepted the role of Honorary Secretary of The Association of County Chief Executives (ACCE). He is also the lead officer for ACCE on finance issues and sits as a member of the national steering group looking at the future of local government funding. Richard is married with two children and lives in Ryedale.

David Skaith, Mayor for York and North Yorkshire

David Skaith was elected on Friday 3 May 2024 to serve as the first ever mayor for York and North Yorkshire to champion the region and bring a host of benefits to hundreds of thousands of residents and businesses.



Steve Wyler, A Better Way



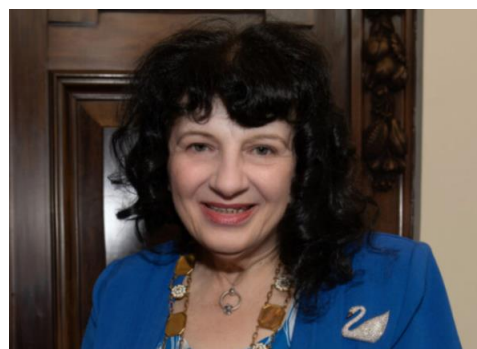
Steve Wyler is a founding member and the co-convenor of [A Better Way](#). He is also an independent consultant, researcher, and writer in the social sector, and is a Board member of the homeless health charity Groundswell.

He has worked for nearly forty years in the social sector, especially in the fields of community development and social enterprise. He was Chief Executive of [Locality](#), building a network of community organisations dedicated to community enterprise, community ownership, and social change. He was a co-founder and vice-Chair of [Social Enterprise UK](#). He also ran an organisation, Homeless Network, which co-ordinated the leading London homelessness charities, and he has been an advisor to several independent grant-making trusts and foundations.

His writing includes a history of community business ([In Our Hands](#)) and he is also a co-author and editor of several Better Way publications, most recently [Building a Bigger We](#) and [At a Tipping Point](#). He was awarded an OBE in the 2011 New Year Honours List.

Roberta Swiers, Chair North Yorkshire Council

Roberta Swiers is the Chair of North Yorkshire Council. She was elected as a member of the former North Yorkshire County Council in May 2017. She then won the seat for the Cayton division in local elections which were held in May 2022 ahead of North Yorkshire Council's launch in April 2023.



Cllr Swiers has held a wide range of posts during her time as a councillor and has sat on the care and independence and housing overview and scrutiny committee, the general licensing and registration committee and the planning and regulatory functions committee. She has also been a member of the Scarborough and Whitby area constituency committee, the statutory licensing committee and the strategic planning committee.

Cllr Swiers, who was a self-employed driving instructor for 40 years before retiring two years ago, has been appointed to outside bodies including the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust's council of governors, the Scarborough and district branch of Citizens Advice and the Scarborough United Scholarships Foundation with the John Kendal Trust.

She has two sons and two granddaughters, who both work in the NHS as a paramedic and a passenger ambulance driver.

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Delegate list

Name	Organisation	Workshop
A		
Bethany Abell	North Yorkshire Council	-
Sally Anderson	North Yorkshire Council	4
Virginia Arrowsmith	North Yorkshire Council	4
Karen Atkinson	North Yorkshire Council	5
B		
Natasha Babar-Evans	Better Connect	1
Annette Bailey	Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust	5
Catherine Baker	North Yorkshire Council	2
Catherine Barlow	North Yorkshire Libraries	5
Sarah Barron	North Yorkshire Council	4
Karl Battersby	North Yorkshire Council	1
Steve Biggs	Just the Job	5
Lucy Moss-Blundell	North Yorkshire Council	5
Will Boardman	North Yorkshire Council	6
Helen Bournier	HADCA	6
Bryony Boyle	Up for Yorkshire	3
Carrie-Anne Brackstone	Pickering Town CIC	4
Christine Brass	Better Connect Limited	-
Joel Brookfield	North York Moors National Park Authority	2
Beki Bulmer	North Yorkshire Together	-
Penny Butcher	Humber and North Yorkshire ICS	6
C		
Sue Cawthray	Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association	2
Paddy Chandler	North Yorkshire Council	2
Verena Clouston	Just the Job	4
Mark Codman	North Yorkshire Council	2
Peter Cole	North Yorkshire Council	1
Jane Colthup	Community First Yorkshire	4
Gail Cook	Malton Town Council	4
Tanya Cook	Appleton East and West	2
Angela Crossland	North Yorkshire Council	6
George Cull	North Yorkshire Sport	5
John Cusson	Barlby and Osgodby Town Council	1
Alison Cutler	Carers Plus Yorkshire	5
D		
Dena Dalton	Community First Yorkshire	6
Quintina Davies	NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB	-

Warren Davies	North Yorkshire Council	-
Emma Davis	North Yorkshire Council	1
Angela Dawson	Pickering Town Council	1
Rebecca Denniff	Flash Company Arts	5
Craig Derrick	Healthwatch North Yorkshire	1
Caroline Dickinson	North Yorkshire Council	1
Jordan Dickson	York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority	1
Tracy Donaldson	North Yorkshire Council	2
Gail Donnan	The Wellness Gateway	1
Billa Duggal	North Yorkshire Council	2
Dianne Dumbell	Barlby and Osgodby Town Council	3
Ann Duncan	North Yorkshire Council	-
E		
Simon Eastwood	Colburn Community Support	-
Jo-Ann Eastwood	Colburn Community Support	-
Baz Edmundson	Time Together	6
Julie-Ann Ellenor	North Yorkshire Council	4
F		
Frances Elliot	Harrogate & District Community Action	5
Jane Farquharson	Cliff House Community Support Services	1
Leon Fijalkowski	Orb Community Arts & Pioneer Projects Celebratory Arts	5
James Flanagan	WYCA	5
Michael Fletcher	Community First Yorkshire	2
Richard Flinton	North Yorkshire Council	-
Alex Flowers	NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB	-
Helen Flynn	Nidderdale Plus Community Hub	2
Paul Forster	Knaresborough Connectors	6
Andrea Fox	Stokesley Community Care Association	6
Chris France	North York Moors National Park Authority	1
G		
Aissa Gallie	YNY Combined Authority	4
Yunus Giwa	Sanctuary Care	4
David Gluck	Tadcaster and Rural CIC	1
Helen Grant	Colburn Hub and Community Café	4
Alan Graver	Sky Blue	5
Adam Gray	North Yorkshire Council	6
Rebecca Greenfield	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	6
Rachel Gregory	Open Country	-
Hazel Griffith		2
H		
Sophie Hall	Scarborough Whitby and Ryedale Mind	5
Nic Harne	North Yorkshire Council	6
Emily Havercroft	Up for Yorkshire	4
Abby Hayes	North Yorkshire Council	2
Michelle Hayes	Resurrected Bites CIO	4
Matt Hewison	North Yorkshire Council	3

Elaine Hewitt	North Yorkshire Council	5
Mike Hickman	Community First Yorkshire	4
Elaine Hiser	North Yorkshire Council	6
Alison Hodgson	Welfare Benefits Unit	1
Laura Hodgson	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	2
Jos Holmes	North Yorkshire Council	3
Madeline Hoskin	North Yorkshire Council	2
Sharon Hudson	North Yorkshire Council	1
Julie Hutton	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	2
Rachael Hutton	North Yorkshire Council	1
I		
Helen Ingle	North Yorkshire Council	6
J		
George Jabbour	North Yorkshire Council	-
Hayley Jackson	Mashamshire Community Office	2
Marie-Ann Jackson	North Yorkshire Council	5
Ellen Jackson	North Yorkshire Council	5
Tom Jenkinson	North Yorkshire Council	3
Mike Jordan	North Yorkshire Council	4
Helenne Jordan	North Yorkshire Council	4
Rachel Joyce	North Yorkshire Council	5
K		
Gill Kelly	North Yorkshire Council	2
Amy Kelly	Ripon Community House	4
Oliver King	North Yorkshire Council	1
L		
Tim Lerner	Zero Carbon Harrogate	3
Tony Law	North Yorkshire Council	3
Liz Leatherbarrow	Boroughbridge Town council	3
Simon Lee	Resurrected Bites CIO	-
Debby Lennox	Dementia Forward	5
Matthew Lishman	North Yorkshire Council	1
Helen Littler	Healthwatch North Yorkshire	6
Liz Lockey	Hambleton Community Action	5
Clare Lowe	North Yorkshire Council	6
Claire Lowery	North Yorkshire Council	-
Amy Lynch	Cloverleaf Advocacy	-
Tim Lerner	Zero Carbon Harrogate	3
M		
Dora Machaira	North Yorkshire Council	3
Kate Marriott	Heartbeat Alliance, Richmondshire PCN	6
Jessica Marshall	North Yorkshire Council and ADPH	3
Alison Marshall	Sherburn and Villages Community Trust	6
Gemma Marshall	North Yorkshire Council	3
Karen Martin	SELFA	4
Stuart Martin	Ripon Community House	4
Max May	North Yorkshire Together	1

Charlotte McEvoy	Chain Lane Community Hub	5
Joe McKenzie	Better Connect	2
Celia McKeon	Two Ridings Community Foundation	1
Elizabeth McPherson	Carers Plus Yorkshire	6
Liz Meade	North Yorkshire Council	-
James Metcalfe	North York Moors Trust	6
Joe Micheli	City of York Council	5
Lucy Moffatt	North Yorkshire Council	1
Louise Morgan	North Yorkshire Council	3
N		
Raman Nicol	Foundation	1
O		
Shan Oakes	Long Lands Common Limited	3
Lindsay Oliver	New Beginnings Peer Support	5
Caroline O'Neill	Community First Yorkshire	5
P		
Karen Packham	Sherburn and Villages Community Trust	4
Karen Parker	Boroughbridge Community Charity	6
Katie Peacock	Exclusively Inclusive	6
Emma Pears	SELFA Children's Charity	4
Joe Penny	North Yorkshire Council	2
Heather Phillips	North Yorkshire Council	
David Poole	Leyburn and District Community Anchor Organisation	6
Lisa Pope	North Yorkshire Place - NHS HNY ICB	6
Christopher Porter	Exclusively Inclusive	6
Kirsty Poskitt	North Yorkshire Council	3
Q		
Jill Quinn	Dementia Forward	6
R		
Kirsty Ramsden	Foundation	5
Neil Revely	Disability Action Yorkshire	1
Abbie Rhodes	The Upper Dales Community Partnership (UDCP) Ltd	6
Bill Rigby	Knaresborough Civic Society	3
Carole Roberts	Community First Yorkshire	4
Matt Robinson	North Yorkshire Council	3
Odette Robson	North Yorkshire Council	5
Beth Rodney	Mashamshire Community Office	1
Kate Rogata	Supporting Older People	4
Alicia Rose	Healthwatch North Yorkshire	4
Claire Routh	North Yorkshire police	2
S		
Gary Sainty	Humber and North Yorkshire ICS	6
Helen Sams	North Yorkshire Council	6
Ellen Sanders	The Skills Network	1
Laura Sandiford	Better Connect	4
Michelle Saunders	North Yorkshire Council	6

Jo-Anne Scott	North Yorkshire Council	1
Kate Senior	North Yorkshire Council	1
David Shaftoe	Open Country	-
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	2
Andy Shield	Community First Yorkshire	2
David Skaith	York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority	-
Gary Smith	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	3
Damien Smith	North Yorkshire Sport	6
Hazel Smith	North Yorkshire Council	2
Jackie Snape	Disability Action Yorkshire	6
Marcelle South	Foundation	-
Maria Spadafora	Inclusion North	5
Derek Spence	Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw Parish council	1
Kate Staines	North Yorkshire Council	5
Sybille Sullivan	Better Connect	4
Alex Sutcliffe	North Yorkshire Council	5
Joanne Swaine	Time Together	4
Debbie Swales	Revival North Yorkshire CIC	5
Roberta Swiers	North Yorkshire Council	-
T		
Ian Talbot	TVCSA	3
Katrina Talbot	TVCSA	6
Julian Terry	Cliff House Community Support Services	6
Dillon Thompson	North Yorkshire Council	4
Nigel Thompson	Disability Action Yorkshire	1
Jenny Thompson	North Yorkshire Council	3
Tim Townsend	North Yorkshire Council	2
Chris Turner	North Yorkshire Police	4
Marion Tweed-Rycroft	Community First Yorkshire	2
V		
Sue Vasey	Chain Lane Community Hub	6
W		
Louise Wallace	North Yorkshire Council	3
Andrea Whitton	North Yorkshire Horizons	6
Simone Wilkinson	North Yorkshire Council	4
Helen Williams	North Yorkshire Council	-
Lisa Wilson	North Yorkshire Council	4
Adele Wilson-Hope	North Yorkshire Council	6
Hannah Wood	Dancing for Well-Being CIC	6
Ian George Woods	Richmond Yorkshire Community Interest Company	2
Y		
Steve Wyler	A Better Way	-
Clare Yates	North Yorkshire Youth	5

Facilitators: Rachael Hutton, Matthew Lishman - North Yorkshire Council

Local Plans set out a vision and framework for the future development of an area. Local Plans address needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the local economy, community facilities and infrastructure. They should safeguard the environment, enable adaptation to climate change and help secure high quality accessible design.

The workshop will provide you with more information on the new North Yorkshire Plan and the potential it has to shape places and lives. It will focus on how to engage partners and communities in its preparation with a particular focus on underrepresented groups.

Participants

Karl Battersby	North Yorkshire Council
Peter Cole	North Yorkshire Council
John Cusson	Barlby and Osgodby Town Council
Emma Davis	North Yorkshire Council
Angela Dawson	Pickering Town Council
Craig Derrick	Healthwatch North Yorkshire
Caroline Dickinson	North Yorkshire Council
Jordan Dickson	York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
Gail Donnan	The Wellness Gateway
Natasha Babar-Evans	Better Connect
Jane Farquharson	Cliff House Community Support Services
Chris France	North York Moors National Park Authority
David Gluck	Tadcaster and Rural CIC
Alison Hodgson	Welfare Benefits Unit
Sharon Hudson	North Yorkshire Council
Oliver King	North Yorkshire Council
Max May	North Yorkshire Together
Celia McKeon	Two Ridings Community Foundation
Lucy Moffatt	North Yorkshire Council
Raman Nicol	Foundation
Neil Revely	Disability Action Yorkshire
Beth Rodney	Mashamshire Community Office
Ellen Sanders	The Skills Network
Jo-Anne Scott	North Yorkshire Council
Kate Senior	North Yorkshire Council
Derek Spence	Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw Parish council
Nigel Thompson	Disability Action Yorkshire

Workshop 2 – Working together to best utilise technology.

Room: Aire

Facilitators: Michael Fletcher and Andy Shield, Community First Yorkshire, **Paddy Chandler**, North Yorkshire Council

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to bring about positive change for communities in a variety of ways, enhancing the quality of life, improving access to resources, and fostering social and economic development. This interactive workshop will cover freely available (and free!) online tools and resources, demonstrating their application and highlighting the care that needs to be taken to ensure AI works for you and your community, not the other way round!

Participants

Catherine Baker	North Yorkshire Council
Joel Brookfield	North York Moors National Park Authority
Sue Cawthray	Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association
Mark Codman	North Yorkshire Council
Tanya Cook	Appleton East and West
Tracy Donaldson	North Yorkshire Council
Billa Duggal	North Yorkshire Council
Helen Flynn	Nidderdale Plus Community Hub
Hazel Griffith	
Abby Hayes	North Yorkshire Council
Laura Hodgson	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
Madeline Hoskin	North Yorkshire Council
Julie Hutton	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Hayley Jackson	Mashamshire Community Office
Gill Kelly	North Yorkshire Council
Joe McKenzie	Better Connect
Joe Penny	North Yorkshire Council
Claire Routh	North Yorkshire Police
Marion Tweed-Rycroft	Community First Yorkshire
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth
Hazel Smith	North Yorkshire Council
Tim Townsend	North Yorkshire Council
Ian George Woods	Richmond Yorkshire Community Interest Company

Workshop 3 – Adapting for the changing climate

Room: Crimple

Facilitators: Jos Holmes, Tom Jenkinson, North Yorkshire Council

Our climate is changing. We have seen hotter summers impacting on health and the environment, alongside wetter winters which make flooding more likely. Climate adaptation enables organisations, communities, businesses and individuals can adapt to prepare for climate change to reduce exposure, cope and recover better. Developing approaches to local energy security, food supply chains, flood defence groups and transport and care services for vulnerable community members are examples of adaptations. The workshop will look at the issues, consider risks and vulnerabilities and consider the solutions which can be developed.

Participants

Bryony Boyle	Up for Yorkshire
Dianne Dumbell	Barlby and Osgodby Town Council
Matt Hewison	North Yorkshire Council
Tim Larner	Zero Carbon Harrogate
Tony Law	North Yorkshire Council
Liz Leatherbarrow	Boroughbridge Town council
Dora Machaira	North Yorkshire Council
Gemma Marshall	North Yorkshire Council
Jessica Marshall	North Yorkshire Council and ADPH
Louise Morgan	North Yorkshire Council
Shan Oakes	Long Lands Common Limited
Kirsty Poskitt	North Yorkshire Council
Bill Rigby	Knaresborough Civic Society
Matt Robinson	North Yorkshire Council
Gary Smith	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Ian Talbot	TVCSA
Jenny Thompson	North Yorkshire Council
Louise Wallace	North Yorkshire Council

Workshop 4 – Supporting our staff and volunteers

Room: Cover

Facilitators: Sarah Barron, Julie-Ann Ellenor, North Yorkshire Council

The public and voluntary and community sectors have seen increases in workload coupled with increasingly complex cases through the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. The focus on health and wellbeing of our workforce has seen a huge increase linked with rising sickness absence in the workforce generally. Health and wellbeing provision can help create positive environments where individuals and organisations can thrive. This interactive workshop will consider the importance of wellbeing and explore national health and wellbeing matters that can help you develop your health and wellbeing agenda.

Participants

Sally Anderson	North Yorkshire Council
Virginia Arrowsmith	North Yorkshire Council
Carrie-Anne Brackstone	Pickering Town CIC
Verena Clouston	Just the Job
Jane Colthup	Community First Yorkshire
Gail Cook	Malton Town Council
Aissa Gallie	YNY Combined Authority
Yunus Giwa	Sanctuary Care
Helen Grant	Colburn Hub and Community Café
Emily Havercroft	Up for Yorkshire
Michelle Hayes	Resurrected Bites CIO
Mike Hickman	Community First Yorkshire
Mike Jordan	North Yorkshire Council
Helenne Jordan	North Yorkshire Council
Amy Kelly	Ripon Community House
Stuart Martin	Ripon Community House
Karen Martin	SELFA
Karen Packham	Sherburn and Villages Community Trust
Emma Pears	SELFA Children's Charity
Carole Roberts	Community First Yorkshire
Kate Rogota	Supporting Older People
Alicia Rose	Healthwatch North Yorkshire
Laura Sandiford	Better Connect
Sybille Sullivan	Better Connect
Joanne Swaine	Time Together
Dillon Thompson	North Yorkshire Council
Chris Turner	North Yorkshire Police
Simone Wilkinson	North Yorkshire Council
Lisa Wilson	North Yorkshire Council

Facilitators: Elaine Hewitt - North Yorkshire Council, **Annette Bailey** - NHS

It is estimated that 50-70% of people will experience some form of trauma in their lifetime. Whilst for some this can result in short term distress and the memory fades, for many the wounding effect of trauma can live on for many years. Trauma is known to impact relationships, health, education, life chances, criminality, substance misuse, homelessness, community cohesion, stress and burnout and organisational and system wide functioning. In this workshop we will explore what taking a trauma informed approach means for each of our roles, organisations and the wider North Yorkshire system.

We will spend time thinking together about how applying trauma informed principles can help us to realise the extent of trauma in those we support, recognise the impact of this, respond to the impacts of trauma in helpful ways and resist re-traumatisation, ensuring that the work we or our processes do not add further trauma for those accessing our services. At the end of the workshop you will leave with ideas on how you can carry forward some of the principles discussed today into the workplaces, building resilience for all.

Participants

Karen Atkinson	North Yorkshire Council
Catherine Barlow	North Yorkshire Libraries
Steve Biggs	Just the Job
Lucy Moss-Blundell	North Yorkshire Council
George Cull	North Yorkshire Sport
Alison Cutler	Carers Plus Yorkshire
Rebecca Denniff	Flash Company Arts
Frances Elliot	Harrogate & District Community Action
Leon Fijalkowski	Orb Community Arts & Pioneer Projects Celebratory Arts
Alan Graver	Sky Blue
Sophie Hall	Scarborough Whitby and Ryedale Mind
Marie-Ann Jackson	North Yorkshire Council
Rachel Joyce	North Yorkshire Council
Debby Lennox	Dementia Forward
Liz Lockey	Hambleton Community Action
Charlotte McEvoy	Chain Lane Community Hub
Joe Micheli	City of York Council
Lindsay Oliver	New Beginnings Peer Support
Caroline O'Neill	Community First Yorkshire
Kirsty Ramsden	Foundation
Odette Robson	North Yorkshire Council
Maria Spadafora	Inclusion North
Kate Staines	North Yorkshire Council
Alex Sutcliffe	North Yorkshire Council
Debbie Swales	Revival North Yorkshire CIC
Clare Yates	North Yorkshire Youth

Workshop 6 – Collaborative working to improve the health of our communities. Room: Calder

Facilitators: Gary Sainty, Penny Butcher – ICB, Dena Dalton CFY

Improving the health and wellbeing of our population is a key objective of the Integrated Care System (ICS). It is recognised that to enable improvements in health and wellbeing there is a need to be more collaborative, with multiple stakeholders working together with our communities to understand the population needs and how we can best meet these needs. This workshop will provide an overview of the sector and showcase contributions it can make to health and care and discuss key opportunities where collaborative approaches could create a positive impact.

Participants

Will Boardman	North Yorkshire Council
Helen Bourner	HADCA
Angela Crossland	North Yorkshire Council
Baz Edmundson	Time Together
Paul Forster	Knaresborough Connectors
Andrea Fox	Stokesley Community Care Association
Adam Gray	North Yorkshire Council
Rebecca Greenfield	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Nic Harne	North Yorkshire Council
Elaine Hiser	North Yorkshire Council
Helen Ingle	North Yorkshire Council
Ellen Jackson	North Yorkshire Council
Helen Littler	Healthwatch North Yorkshire
Clare Lowe	North Yorkshire Council
Kate Marriott	Heartbeat Alliance, Richmondshire PCN
Alison Marshall	Sherburn and Villages Community Trust
Elizabeth McPherson	Carers Plus Yorkshire
James Metcalfe	North York Moors Trust
Karen Parker	Boroughbridge Community Charity
Katie Peacock	Exclusively Inclusive
David Poole	Leyburn and District Community Anchor Organisation
Lisa Pope	North Yorkshire Place - NHS HNY ICB
Christopher Porter	Exclusively Inclusive
Jill Quinn	Dementia Forward
Abbie Rhodes	The Upper Dales Community Partnership (UDCP) Ltd
Helen Sams	North Yorkshire Council
Michelle Saunders	North Yorkshire Council
Jackie Snape	Disability Action Yorkshire
Katrina Talbot	TVCSA
Julian Terry	Cliff House Community Support Services
Sue Vasey	Chain Lane Community Hub
Andrea Whitton	North Yorkshire Horizons
Adele Wilson-Hope	North Yorkshire Council
Hannah Wood	Dancing for Well-Being CIC

Community awards finalists 2024



Individual volunteers and community organisations make a huge contribution to many lives across North Yorkshire.

The 2024 **North Yorkshire Community Awards** recognise and celebrate voluntary work carried out by people and organisations countywide.

The award categories are as follows:

- Best community group
- Best community project
- Lifetime Achievement in Volunteering

The North Yorkshire Council community awards will be awarded at the conference. This year there were a total of 65 nominations for 43 different groups and individuals.

The finalists are:

Best community group

Samaritans of Harrogate & District Volunteers - powered by 130 dedicated volunteers, provide a 24/7 lifeline to those in distress, offering confidential, non-judgmental emotional support. Their mission is to reduce the number of suicides by providing a free helpline, email, and online chat services, supporting over 2,000 callers each month. In addition to their core services, they run an extensive outreach programme in partnership with local organisations such as Harrogate Train Station, Harrogate Football Club, and the Trussell Trust Food Banks. They also work with local prisons, the farming community, and educational institutions to raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention. Since becoming an independent branch in 2017, the group has expanded their efforts to reach isolated and vulnerable communities, exemplified by their 'small talk saves lives' initiative. Their volunteer-led services have not only provided immediate emotional support to individuals in need but have also built lasting relationships across the geographical patch.

Closer communities - Dads Behaving Madly - Dads Behaving Madly (part of the Closer Communities charity) provides support to fathers of children with special needs, as well as families dealing with disabilities and complex medical needs. They organise a range of activities, including monthly breakfast meetups, beach BBQs, and sensory play sessions for children. These events offer much-needed respite and an inclusive environment for families, helping to break isolation and build a supportive network. The group also provides emotional and practical support on issues such as mental health, parenting challenges, and navigating the healthcare system. The group creates a safe space for fathers to connect, share experiences, and support one another in their unique challenges.

Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre Volunteers - Next Steps has been a key provider of support services in the Ryedale area for 24 years, focusing on reducing isolation and challenging the stigma surrounding mental health. Next Steps has over 70 volunteers working across various activities such as allotments, cafés, support sessions, and outreach programmes. The group works closely with local councils, GP surgeries, churches, and charities. Volunteers often come from people who have previously accessed services, creating a strong, self-sustaining community. They are also involved in local initiatives like Ryedale Charities Together and provide additional services like free meals, clothes banks, and partnerships with food banks.

Lifetime Achievement in Volunteering

Margaret Merlane – Margaret has been the welcoming face of the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond for nearly 40 years. Since joining in 1985, Margaret has volunteered across a wide range of roles including box office, ushering, backstage work, and giving theatre tours. Her unwavering presence has supported the theatre through leadership changes, renovations, and the challenges of the pandemic. Known for her warmth and dedication, she has brightened the lives of thousands of visitors and volunteers alike, playing an intrinsic role in the history and continued success of the theatre.

Joan Nicholson – Joan has enriched village life in Cononley since retiring there. Her extensive volunteering includes serving as a school governor for over 30 years, leading the Cononley Village Institute Committee, and providing support to isolated residents during lockdown. Passionate about environmental causes, Joan volunteers with North Yorkshire Rotter's, delivering educational programmes to schools and community groups on waste reduction and green gardening. She is a founding member of the "Cleaner, Greener Cononley" climate action group, organising events, litter picks, and sustainability workshops, fostering a greener future for her community.

Alma Hodgson – Alma is the heart of community life in Sherburn. With a motto to carry out a good deed every day, she has devoted her life to volunteering in various ways, including leading the Sherburn Gala since 1976, gardening for local community spaces, and supporting residents through activities like bingo transport and Brownie leadership for 36 years. Alma was instrumental in forming the Sherburn Community Association, which has spearheaded initiatives such as Sherburn in Bloom and the preservation of the Old Girls School. Alma is dedicated to local events, fundraising, and improving Sherburn.

Best Community Project

Grow Scarborough - Grow Scarborough is a grassroots community initiative dedicated to tackling food insecurity, improving mental health, and fostering social connections in one of England's most deprived areas. Through their Scarborough Seed Hub, based in the central library, and regular community gardening sessions at The Street Community Garden, Grow Scarborough empowers residents by providing free seeds, education on food growing, and skill-building opportunities. The project offers a welcoming and inclusive space, where volunteers of all backgrounds learn to grow food, reduce isolation, and improve physical and mental wellbeing. Their work has also included donating fruit trees to local sites, creating a sensory garden for SEND students, and collaborating with other local groups to expand community support.

Active Filey - Active Filey is a volunteer-led community group dedicated to promoting physical activity and social inclusion in Filey. Offering a diverse range of activities, including swimming, cycling, paddleboarding, walking, running, and more, the group encourages people of all ages and abilities to participate. With over 4,000 members, Active Filey plays a pivotal role in enhancing the health and wellbeing of both locals and newcomers, providing a supportive space to combat loneliness and foster new friendships. Their daily free activities and regular social events make it easy for residents and visitors alike to get involved, creating an inclusive and welcoming community.

e50K volunteers - Based at Bramble Woods (BW), a 3.5-acre outdoor community space in Catterick Garrison, e50K offers a variety of inclusive volunteer activities, from gardening to craft clubs and beekeeping. BW has transformed a once derelict area into a thriving green space, attracting support from Armed Forces spouses, veterans, civilians, and community groups. With over 1,300 volunteer hours recorded in 2024 alone, e50K has supported over 200 individuals, enabling many to reconnect with their sense of purpose and personal identity. Their future goals include expanding spousal employability efforts, developing community events, and creating a sustainable green space for long-term use.

The judges also decided to award a '**Highly Commended**' certificate to the following Community Project:

St Marys Community Project / Arkengarthdale Hub - The Arkengarthdale Community Hub (ACH) based in St Mary's Church, is a volunteer-driven project transforming a rural community space into a thriving hub of activities and social connection. After the local primary school and Methodist chapel closed, Arkengarthdale residents lacked a place to gather. In response, the project revamped St Mary's Church with accessible facilities making the church a community-friendly space. ACH ensures that this hub remains active by hosting a wide variety of weekly events, from Zumba classes and arts and crafts to community gardening and horticultural activities. It also organises unique projects like wildflower meadow planting and bird box installations to promote biodiversity and runs inclusive events to combat isolation in this remote region. The hub also offers champing (church camping), providing affordable accommodation to visitors, and is growing in popularity.

For more details of the work carried out by the finalists visit the North Yorkshire community awards stand in the marketplace.

Exhibition area information – Wharfe Room



Better Connect is a not for profit based in Yorkshire, that focuses on improving the lives of individuals by helping them connect with better employment, training, and community support. Our core mission is to enhance the well-being and economic opportunities of people, particularly those who face barriers to employment, such as disabilities, long-term unemployment, or other challenges. We do this by leading partnership programmes, working with organisations across York and North Yorkshire that share the same.



Carers' Plus Yorkshire is a well-established charity of over 28 years providing information, advice, support, social groups and activities to unpaid family carers from the ages of 8 and above. We support Veterans, Parent Carers, those within the wider community, employability support and our Home from Hospital Service. We work in various outreach venues as well as 121 support. We operate in Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale, Hambleton, Richmondshire with a small service in East Riding of Yorkshire.



Cliff House Community Support Services provide a rounded support service in the homes of older people in order to prevent their health and wellbeing deteriorating due to frailty; prevent hospital admission by a range of high level prevention work such as preventing strokes by monitoring blood pressure and passing concerns through to GP services; provide outings and day care groups as well as advice and Information to promote wellbeing and increase income through benefit advice.



Cloverleaf Advocacy is an independent charity, and all our services are free and confidential for those who need us. We know our stuff too. We've been around for 25 years and have a team of more than 200 highly trained advocates available to help people across the North of England. Everyone has the right to speak up for themselves, especially when it's about their health, care and wellbeing. Not everyone can do this easily - so that's where we come in.



Colburn Community Support aims to support individuals, families, and businesses in the community by offering:

- Practical & admin support
- Budgeting & financial management advice
- Help with CVs, job applications & benefit forms
- Bereavement support (We are part of Survivors of Bereavement By Suicide SOBS)
- Business mentoring
- Advocacy services
- Charity & non-profit consultancy services.

We work alongside other local organisations e.g. Colburn Community Hub, NHS & North Yorkshire Council.



Community First Yorkshire is a charity working with the VCSE sector across North Yorkshire. We provide advice, training and advocacy for community organisations. We also deliver projects to help build capacity in the voluntary sector. Our stand will showcase our services, share access to a range of resources and provide an opportunity for you to talk to our team.



Dancing for Well-Being is a not-for-profit community organisation, operating across the Harrogate district. Our groups support older people with health and mobility problems, those who are coping with bereavement and/or those who are caring for a partner. We meet in a variety of accessible community venues, where our groups help improve physical, emotional and social well-being. We dance, sing, chat, and most importantly, have a lot of FUN together! Stand will have leaflets & photo displays.



Dementia Forward delivers a wraparound service for people living with dementia and their family carers in North Yorkshire. We provide information, advice and support through home visits and groups. We also provide wellbeing activities, wellbeing cafes and day services across the county and provide education and training. On our stall we will have information about our services and the types of support that we are able to offer families. We will also have information about our education programme and young onset dementia campaign.



Foundation offers supported accommodation to vulnerable 16-25 years olds across North Yorkshire who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We provide supported accommodation services in hostels and dispersed flats, staff offer support with independent living skills, tenancy management and accessing other support services.



Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association provide a wide range of services for the elderly within Harrogate, Ripon, Boroughbridge. Extra Care, Residential care, Meals on Wheels and care within peoples' homes. We have a hub on the high street in Starbeck which is design to signpost and connect community members to the services and organisations in our communities that they need to be connected promoting intersectoral collaboration.



Healthwatch North Yorkshire is an independent statutory body, we have the power to make sure those who organise, fund and provide care listen to local feedback and improve standards. We can also help people find reliable and trustworthy advice and information. We will have leaflets about who Healthwatch is and how feedback can champion good care and improve services.



NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

Catterick Integrated Care Centre - A unique integrated care centre, bringing a range of health and social care services together under one roof in a purpose-built facility. A joint collaboration, and first of its kind, between the National Health Service (NHS) and Ministry of Defence (MOD).

Our NHS – The next chapter. We need to talk – A big conversation starting Monday 14th October will lay bare some of the difficulties the NHS is currently facing, whilst giving you an opportunity to signal how you might want local services to change to meet the challenges of today and the demands of the future. Have your say by completing this online survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/weneedtotalk/>



Knaresborough Connectors is a community-driven initiative dedicated to reducing isolation, strengthening community bonds, and offering support to those in need. Our wide array of projects includes a digital inclusion initiative, a friendship group for older residents, and a data collection project, with many more exciting projects on the horizon. Together, we are building a more connected and supportive community.



New Beginnings Peer Support is a peer-led after-crisis domestic abuse service for women and their children who have previously been subjected to domestic abuse. Visionary Actions - Social Enterprise supporting New Beginnings Peer Support offering domestic abuse awareness for HR departments to increase health and wellbeing in organisations.

Trauma Informed & Responsive North Yorkshire Network - update on the network and its achievements, its links across the North of England, trauma-informed practice training available.



Nidderdale Plus Community Hub provides a wealth of local services, acting as a community hub, across the whole of Nidderdale and the Washburn Valley.



The North York Moors Trust is a small independent registered charity. We work with people and communities within the National Park and surrounding areas to provide equal opportunity to access and connect with nature and enjoy the associated health and wellbeing benefits. Through those connections the Trust promotes the importance of conserving the natural environment and supporting resilience building by empowering people to participate in projects that protect, restore, and enhance the North York Moors and the wildlife it supports.



North Yorkshire Council – Involvement Framework

We will be launching the Involvement Framework. This has been produced in partnership with people with lived experience. The stall will promote the framework and showcase the work that has been undertaken.



North Yorkshire Council – Libraries provide free access to the latest books, both physically and digitally, and offer safe spaces for study, work, and relaxation. Libraries support digital inclusion with free access to computers, Wi-Fi, and one-on-one help. Additionally, they host various events and activities, such as story times for children, health and wellbeing programs, and educational workshops. Libraries are welcoming community hubs that foster learning, creativity, and community engagement.



North Yorkshire Council – Public Health / Let's Talk

The stall will provide information about

- autumn/winter vaccinations for eligible groups, vaccinations across the life course and cancer screening.
- our work to improve the children and young people's health in North Yorkshire from conception to early adulthood including access to FREE resources on breastfeeding friendly venues, Healthy Start Scheme, healthy packed lunches, perinatal mental health and more.
- Let's Talk Active <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/lets-talk>



North Yorkshire Council – Resilience and Emergencies Team

The stall will showcase community resilience work including community emergency plans and the new Yorkshire Ready Together tool which uses AI to generate a text-based conversation with public/businesses to inform about all kinds of risks in North Yorkshire.



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

The stall will feature information about the Prevention, Early Intervention and Youth Education work the service undertakes. You can speak to Laura Hodgson, Partnerships Manager to find out who is most vulnerable to a domestic fire, learn about our Home Fire Safety Visits and discover why we would like to work in partnership with you to keep people safe in their homes, on the roads and in the water.



North Yorkshire Horizons is the Adult Drug and Alcohol support service for North Yorkshire, our aim is to help as many people as possible to be free from drug and alcohol dependency. We want to reduce the harm caused to individuals, families and communities. Using flexible, wraparound services we support to reduce or end substance misuse and rebuild lives. We work with people from the start of their recovery journey right through to aftercare to help maintain the changes. Our stall will have information about how we can help and the support and recovery groups we offer.



North Yorkshire Police The citizens in policing team look after the volunteers, special constables and cadets in North Yorkshire Police. We regularly run recruitment campaigns and always on the look out for new volunteers. Information available would be how to become a volunteer/ special constable and staff on the stand would be able to answer any questions on this.



North Yorkshire Together is a partnership between North Yorkshire Sport, North Yorkshire Youth & Rural Arts that supports residents to be happy & healthy. We runs 3 programmes: FEAST (free holiday activities & healthy meals for children & young people during the school holidays), Achieve (supporting secondary school pupils on the coast to realise their potential) and a Refugee Activity Programme. We'll share information about all our services and signposting to other partners/initiatives.



Open Country is a local charity that seeks to enable people with disabilities to access and enjoy the countryside. With our Head Office based in Harrogate, we run a wide variety of regular outdoor activities in several areas of North Yorkshire, including Harrogate, Ripon, Selby and York. We also offer training, publications, information and advice on improving inclusive countryside access for everyone.



Resurrected Bites We prevent good quality food from going to waste and use it to feed people through community cafes and community groceries. We want to raise awareness in order to:-
Build our network of referral agencies as we know there are still many who do not know what we can offer to help people who are in food poverty or are lonely.
Build our network of food suppliers so that we can prevent as much food as possible from going to waste and reduce the amount of food we are needing to buy to meet demand.



The Wellness Gateway are a small unique community interest company moving toward a charity conversion. We are creating big changes within community mental health. Being approved by the Primary Care Networks links us to seventeen GP surgeries and other stakeholders. We are unique in offering holistic assessment, therapeutic activities, social groups, wellness hubs in schools, subsidised therapy and signposting to improve community wellness. We specialise in trauma and trauma-informed training.



Supporting Older People support over 300 older people in Harrogate and Knaresborough and also lead the Together in Harrogate partnership funded by the NYC SHIC grant. Our partners are Harrogate Town Community Foundation and Age UK North Yorkshire and Darlington. Information from all three organisations will be available on our stand.



Up for Yorkshire delivers a diverse combination of services and projects across the County. Continually striving to support the development of new and established organisations, opportunities, and partnerships, we aim to address the needs of the community and to help fill gaps in service provision. We love collaborating with others through our partnerships, research and development work, whilst also providing accessible and welcoming community spaces.



Welfare Benefits Unit offers specialist welfare benefits advice to those who work with members of the public within North Yorkshire and York. Our experienced advisers provide independent support through our advice line, publications, training, consultancy, campaigns and projects.

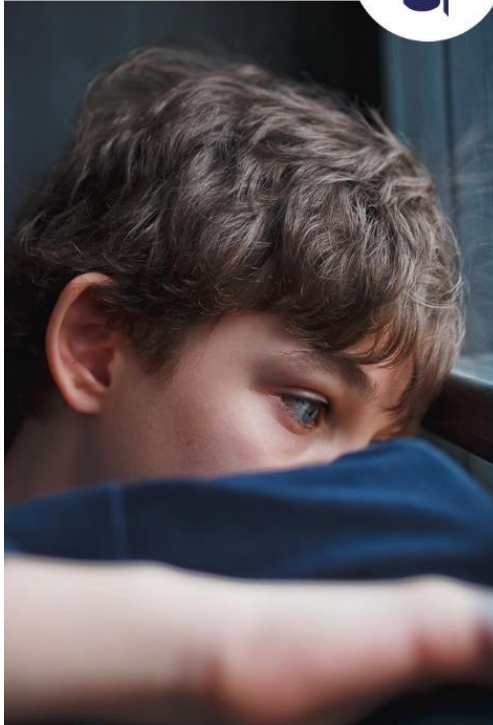


Zero Carbon Harrogate are committed to making Harrogate a zero carbon town, by influencing individuals, households and businesses through education, advocacy and pilot projects.

Useful information

Some organisations have been unable to have a marketplace stall but have asked us to share information with delegates.

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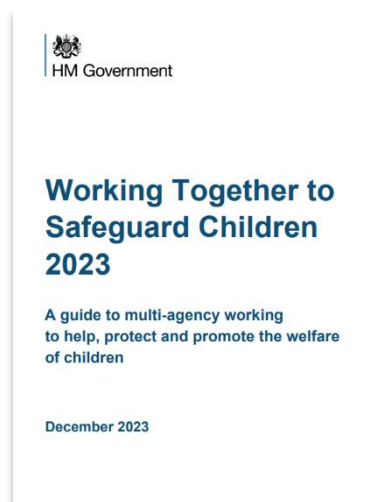
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Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023



“A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children.”

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#) (Working Together) is a multi-agency statutory guidance that sets out expectations for the systems, processes and ways people work together to help, support and protect children and their families.

This statutory guidance sets out

key roles for individual organisations and agencies to deliver effective arrangements for help, support, safeguarding, and protection. It should be read and followed by leaders, managers and frontline practitioners and volunteers of all organisations and agencies.



NYSCP have produced a webpage, which highlights the key change to Working Together and, including a One Minute Guide and Partner Briefing Presentation.

[NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

Partnership Learning Event:

A learning event has been scheduled on **4th December 2024** for all partners to attend, where all updates in relation to Working Together will be shared. This event will be delivered by the business unit, alongside statutory partners and relevant agencies to highlight the changes for all organisations. This event can be booked here: [North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership \(NYSCP\) Developments in Safeguarding Masterclass Webinars - December 2024 | NYES Info](#)

If partners have any questions in relation to the changes, they can contact the business unit on nyscp@northyorks.gov.uk.

Venue layout plan

