

# communityalliance

transformation through community anchors

## South West

The Community Alliance is a national partnership of bassac, Community Matters and the Development Trusts Association which provides support for organisations up and down the country with the aim of developing and promoting community anchors.



### Working in partnership

In the South West we work together to support organisations to help build a better business, generate more money and achieve better impact. The 'Survive and Thrive' programme aims to connect and support rural social and community enterprises. See [www.thrivingenterprises.net](http://www.thrivingenterprises.net).

We offer bespoke support for organisations to improve their environmental sustainability, provide advocacy and strategic representation for the Community Anchor movement as well as champion the South West Assets Manifesto to advance the case for asset development and community asset transfer.

### Our offer to our members

As a member of one of the partner organisations you are automatically a Community Alliance member and can take advantage of our many joint products and services:

- Advice and support
- Helpline and fact sheets
- Quality standards, performance and impact tools
- Networking opportunities to learn from others
- Regional and national seminars, events and training
- Support for members to increase their ability to collaborate, influence and be more sustainable organisations

You can find out more about what we can offer in your area over the page along with regional contact details.

### Helping you provide

advice, arts, business development, catering, childcare, community development, community safety, consultancy, credit unions, education, festivals, forestry, grant giving, meeting room hire, property development, publishing, recycling, renewable energies, security, sports, surgeries, tourism, training, transport, youth services.



Barton Hill Settlement

### A Community Anchor is:

Independent and community-led

A multi-purpose facility

There for the long term, not a quick fix

A driving force in community renewal

## Our activities across the region

### HealthCheck

An organisational development tool for community development trusts: identifying strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement.

### Supporting Asset Transfer

Advice and support to third sector organisations and local authorities, while raising the profile of asset transfer.

### Voice

Structured discussion-based workshops are available to organisations that undertake campaigning and advocacy and want to develop their influence and improve links with councillors and local representatives.

### Youth at Centre

Programme provides support to increase the level of engagement of young people in community organisations; to add capacity of community organisations to provide services, support and information and to advocate for children and young people within the community sector at a national and local level.

### Impact

Practical support for community organisations to assess their impact, including an impact self assessment work book and facilitated 'ChangeCheck' workshops.

### Visible Communities™

An excellent development tool and quality standard designed for community anchors, supporting them in developing their community group and in gaining recognition as a sustainable, well managed organisation. In addition the new 'PreVisible Review' provides a free online development tool focusing on your organisation's legal and statutory compliance. [www.visiblecommunities.org.uk](http://www.visiblecommunities.org.uk)

### Collaboration

Providing resources, training and consultation support to facilitate effective collaborations within the voluntary and community sector.

bassac is a membership body for community organisations that provide a wide range of services to local people. Our vision is of neighbourhoods in which people can thrive and fulfill their potential wherever they are and wherever they live. We have been working towards this vision with our members for almost ninety years.

[www.bassac.org.uk](http://www.bassac.org.uk)

Community Matters is the National Federation of Community Organisations. We are specialists in the management of community buildings and the associated technical and legal issues.

[www.communitymatters.org.uk](http://www.communitymatters.org.uk)

### Development Trusts Association

is a network of community practitioners. We help people set up development trusts, and we help existing trusts learn from each other and work effectively.

[www.dta.org.uk](http://www.dta.org.uk)

Together we influence government and others at national and local level, to build support and investment for communities.

## Over to you

Get in touch if you think there is a potential need and support for any of these initiatives in your area, and we'll build it into our planning.

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