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Planning

## **VCSE Infrastructure Support Services**

Gateshead Borough Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

SC021

### **Description**

Gateshead Council is looking to implement a Contract with a qualified and experienced external contractor to deliver VCSE infrastructure support services.

The provider will be expected to deliver a range of sector support including provision of information, advice and guidance, training, networking opportunities and facilitation, sector representation, and maintenance and promotion of the Our Gateshead website.

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028

- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85320000 - Social services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

13 November 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Online Market Engagement Event to be held on Teams Thursday 13th November 10am to 12pm.

Market engagement questionnaire published on OPEN portal (<https://www.open-uk.org/>). This can be found using project number OPEN20251894.

## Participation

### Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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## Contracting authority

### Gateshead Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPGY-1151-NJQN

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