

Acronyms 2004

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A4A	Awards for All	bassac	British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres
ABI	Area Based Initiative		
ACAS	Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service	BCD	Black and Culturally Diverse
ACD	Active Communities Directorate (Home Office)	BCODP	British Council of Disabled People
ACDF	Active Communities Development Fund	BGFOP	Better Government for Older People
ACE	Arts Council England	BID	Business Improvement District
ACEVO	Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations	BITC	Business in the Community
		BMA	British Medical Association
ACF	Association of Charitable Foundations	BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
ACIE	Association of Charity Independent Examiners	BSA	Basic Skills Agency
ACRE	Action with Communities in Rural England	BSL	British Sign Language
ACS	Association of Charity Shops	BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
ACU	Active Community Unit (Home Office)	BTEG	Black Training and Enterprise Group
AfA	Action for Accreditation	BURA	British Urban Regeneration Association
AGM	Annual General Meeting		
AIF	Area Investment Framework	C	
ALI	Adult Learning Inspectorate	CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
ALM	Action Learning for Managers	CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service
ALW	Adult Learners' Week	CAMHS	Community Acute Mental Health Service
ARVAC	Association for Research in the Voluntary and Community Sector	CAS	Community Accountancy Service
AWM	Advantage West Midlands	CBI	Confederation of British Industry

CAS	Community Accountancy Service	CFD	Children and Families Directorate (DfES)
CBI	Confederation of British Industry	CFN	Community Foundation Network
CBIS	Capacity Building Infrastructure Strategy	CFO	Co-Financing Public Sector Intermediary Organisation
CBIT	Capacity Building Implementation Team	CHC	Community Health Council
CCBR	Community Capacity Building Review	CHI	Commission for Health Improvement
CCETSW	Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work	CHIP	City Housing Improvement Plan
CCG	Community Care Grant	CIC	Community Interest Company
CCP	Community Care Plan	CIO	Confederation of Indian Organisations
CCR	Cross Cutting Review – <i>The Role of the Voluntary Sector in Service Delivery</i>	CIO	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CCT	Compulsory Competitive Tendering	CIPD	Chartered Institute of Personnel Development
CDF	Community Development Foundation	CIT	Capacity Implementation Team
CDW	Community Development Worker	CLS	Community Legal Service
CDX	Community Development Exchange (formerly SCCD)	CLSP(s)	Community Legal Service Partnership(s)
CED	Community Economic Development	CO	Chief Officer
CEDC	Community Education Development Centre	CoAg	Countryside Agency
CEF	Community Empowerment Fund	COI	Central Office of Information
CEFET	Central England Forum for European Training	COVER	Community and Voluntary Forum Eastern Region
CEHR	Commission on Equality and Human Rights	CPA	Comprehensive Performance Assessment
CEMVO	Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations	CPO	Compulsory Purchase Order
CEN	Community Empowerment Network	CPPIH	Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England
CES	Charities Evaluation Services	CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
		CRE	Commission for Racial Equality

CRU	Civil Renewal Unit (Home Office)	DTI	Department for Trade and Industry
CSC	Community Sector Coalition	DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
CSF	Community Support Framework		
CSR	Comprehensive Spending Review	E EAPN	European Anti Poverty Network
CSV	Community Service Volunteers	EC	European Commission (Civil Service of the European Union)
CTN	Charity Trustees Network		
CVS	Council(s) for Voluntary Service	EC EEDA	Experience Corps East of England Development Agency
CWG	Compact Working Group	EIA	European Information Association
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DAAT	Drug and Alcohol Team	EIF	European Investment Fund
DAT	Drug Action Team		
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport	EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act	EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	EO	Employers Organisation (formerly part of the Local Government Management Board)
DEL	Departmental Expenditure Limit	EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
DfES	Department for Education and Skills	EOY	End of Year returns
DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant	ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
DIAL UK	Disability Information and Advice Line services UK	ERN	English Regions Network (umbrella organisation for Regional Assemblies)
DIG	Disablement Income Group		
DNGNet	Disability Network Group	ES	Employment Service
DoH	Department of Health	ESF	European Social Fund
DRC	Disability Rights Commission	ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
DSC	Directory of Social Change	ESV	Employer Supported Volunteering
DTA	Development Trusts Association	ETF	Environmental Task Force (New Deal)
		EU	European Union

F		GOYH	Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions		
FAWN	Funding Advice Workers Network	GRO	Government Regional Office
FCAS	Federation of Charity Advice Services	GSCC	General Social Care Council
FCDL	Federation for Community Development Learning		
FE	Further Education	H	
FIAC	Federation of Independent Advice Centres	HA	Housing Association
		HACT	Housing Associations Charitable Trust
FPS	Free Professional Services	HAZ	Health Action Zone
FSO	Forum Support Organisation – new name for Local Network Provider	HAD	Health Development Agency
		HE	Higher Education
		HIMP	Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan
G		HLC	Healthy Living Centre
GAYE	Give As You Earn	HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
GLA	Greater London Authority	HMT	Her Majesty's Treasury
GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification	HO	Home Office
GO(s)/	Government Office(s) in	HR	Human Resources
GOR(s)	the Region(s)	HRD	Human Resource Development
GOE	Government Office for the East of England	HSE	Health and Safety Executive
GOEM	Government Office for the East Midlands	I	
GOL	Government Office for London	ICAS	Independent Complaints Advisory Service
GONE	Government Office for the North East	ICT	Information Communication Technologies
GONW	Government Office for the North West	IDeA	Improvement and Development Agency
GOSE	Government Office for the South East	IEG	Implementing Electronic Government statement
GOSW	Government Office for the South West	liP	Investors in People
GOWM	Government Office for the West Midlands	ILP	Independent Living Project
		IPPR	Institute for Public Policy Research

IRT	Identification, Referral and Tracking	LIFT	Local Improvement Finance Trust (NHS LIFT)
ISBN	International Standard Book Number	LIO	Local Infrastructure Organisation
ISG	Information Services Group	LIT	Local Implementation Team (usually attached to targets in the NSF)
ISO	Infrastructure Support Organisation	LLSC	Local Learning and Skills Council
ISP	Internet Service Provider	LPSA	Local Public Service Agreement
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JCB	Joint Commissioning Board	LRD	Labour Research Department
JIP	Joint Investment Programme (Health and Social Services)	LSC	Learning and Skills Council
JRCT	Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	LSC	Legal Services Commission
JRF	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
JSA	Job Seekers' Allowance	M	
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LA	Local Authority	MEP	Member of European Parliament
LAP	Local Action Plan	MHF	Mental Health Foundation
LASA	London Advice Services Alliance	MIS	Management Information Systems
LBGU	London Borough Grants Unit	MP	Member of Parliament
LDA	Local Development Agency	MV	Millennium Volunteers
LEA	Local Education Authority	N	
LEI	Local Employment Initiative	NACRO	National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders
LETS	Local Exchange Trading System	NACVS	National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service
LGA	Local Government Association	NAVB	National Association of Volunteer Bureaux (now VDE; VE as of 1 April 2004)
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered	NAWO	National Alliance of Women's Organisations
LGCE	Local Government Commission for England	NCBV	National Coalition for Black Volunteering
LIF	Local Initiatives Fund		

NCH	National Children's Home	NJC	National Joint Council (for Local Government Services)
NCV	National Centre for Volunteering (VE as of 1 April 2004)	NLC	National Lottery Commission (National Lottery regulator)
NCVCCO	National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations	NNDR	National Non Domestic Rate
NCVO	National Council for Voluntary Organisations	NOCN	National Open College Network
NCVYS	National Council for Voluntary Youth Services	NOF	New Opportunities Fund
NDC	New Deal for Communities	NPS	National Procurement Strategy
NDC	National Disability Council	NRC	National Regionalisation Consortium
NDPB	Non Departmental Public Body (Quango)	NRF	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund
NEF	New Economics Foundation	NRS	Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy
NESTA	National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts	NRU	Neighbourhood Renewal Unit (ODPM)
NFP	Not for profit	NSF	National Service Framework
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation	NSNR	National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal
NHS	National Health Service	NTO	National Training Organisation
NHSE	National Health Service Executive	NVMF	National Volunteer Managers Forum
NI	National Insurance	NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications
NIACE	National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education	NWDA	North West Development Agency
NICE	National Institute of Clinical Excellence	NYA	National Youth Agency
NICEC	National Institute for Carers and Educational Counselling	O	
NICVA	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action	OCN	Open College Network
NIMHE	National Institute for Mental Health in England	ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
NIP	Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (part of SRB6)	OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
		OHS	Occupational Health Service

OISC	Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner	PSA	Public Service Agreement
ONS	Office for National Statistics	Q	
OU	Open University	QSTG	Quality Standards Task Group
OWW	One World Week		
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PAF	Performance Assessment Framework	RA	Regional Assembly
PALS	Patient Advocacy and Liaison Service	RAISE	Regional Action and Involvement South East
PAT	Policy Action Team	RAWM	Regional Action West Midlands
PAYE	Pay As You Earn	RCC	Rural Community Council(s)
PC	Patients' Council	RCO	Refugee Community Organisations
PCG	Primary Care Group (Health)	RCU	Regional Co-ordination Unit (ODPM)
PCO	Primary Care Organisations	RDA	Regional Development Agency
PCT	Primary Care Trust	RDA	Rural Development Area
PDF	Partnership Development Fund (joint fund administered by ACRE, NACVS and VDE)	REACH	Retired Executives Action Clearing House
PDF	Portable Document Format	REC	Racial Equality Council
PF	Patients' Forum	RIN	Rural Issues Network
PFI	Private Finance Initiative (public/private sector partnership)	RNIB	Royal National Institute for the Blind
PI ²	Personal Influence and Impact (residential course for CVS Chief Officers facilitated by NACVS)	RNID	Royal National Institute for Deaf People
PIC	Public Interest Company	ROTA	Race on the Agenda
PLA	Pre School Learning Alliance	ROW	Rights of Women
PPI	Patient and Public Involvement	RPI	Retail Price Index
PPP	Public Private Partnership (similar to PFI above)	RSA	Royal Society of Arts
PQASSO	Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations	RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury
		RSIN	Rural Stress Information Network
		RSL	Registered Social Landlord
		RSVP	Retired and Senior Volunteers Programme
		RVSN	Regional Voluntary Sector Network
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SACRE	Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education	SWF	South West Forum
SBS	Small Business Service	SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
SCIE	Social Care Institute for Excellence	T	
SCVO	Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations	TLA	Three Letter Acronym
SCVS	CVS Scotland	TNA	Training Needs Analysis
SDA	Sex Discrimination Act	TOPSS	Training Organisation for Personal Social Services
SenU	Social Enterprise Unit	TPAS	Tenants Participation Advisory Service
SEU	Social Exclusion Unit (ODPM)	TSO	The Stationery Office (formerly HMSO)
SHA	Strategic Health Authority	TUC	Trades Union Congress
SING	Sexuality Issues Network Group	TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Provision of Employment) Regulations 1981
SLA	Service Level Agreement	U	
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time related	UCE	Unsolicited Commercial Email (spam)
SME	Small or Medium Sized Enterprise	UDC	Urban Development Corporation
SMP	Statutory Maternity Pay	Ufi	University for Industry
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice (relates to accountancy practice for charities)	URC	Urban Regeneration Company
SR	Spending Review	URL	Uniform Resource Locator (for access to the internet)
SRB	Single Regeneration Budget	V	
SRI	Socially Responsible Investment	VA	Voluntary Action
SSC	Sector Skills Council	VAT	Value Added Tax
SSD	Social Services Department	VE	Volunteering England
SSE	School for Social Entrepreneurs		(joining together of NCV, VDE and Consortium on Opportunities for Volunteering on 1 April 2004)
SSP	Statutory Sick Pay		
SSP	Sub-regional Strategic Partnership		
SSRG	Social Services Research Group	VB/VBx	Volunteer Bureau(x)
SU	Strategy Unit (Cabinet Office)	VCO(s)	Voluntary and Community Organisation(s)

VCS	Voluntary and Community Sector
VFI	Voluntary Finance Initiative
VOCOSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Economy
VONNE	Voluntary Organisations Network North East
VSNTO	Voluntary Sector National Training Organisation
VSO	Voluntary Sector Option (New Deal)
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
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WAI	Web Accessibility Initiative
WCVA	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
WEA	Workers' Education Association
WEETU	Women's Employment Enterprise and Training Unit
WEN	Women's Environment Network
WF	Work Foundation (formerly Industrial Society)
WRC	Women's Resource Centre
WRVS	Women's Royal Voluntary Service

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YOT Youth Offending Team

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