

CNet works district wide and has reached every neighbourhood in Bradford, either through grant funding, community development or Assembly participation.

CNet has successfully developed the VCS Assembly with membership and participation of over 1000 local groups and organisations.

Between 2008 – 2011 CNet distributed over £850,000 of grants to over 400 local groups.

*"CNet is a very friendly organisation which supports worthy causes..it is thanks to them we can provide transport to members of Arthritis Care."*  
Philip Bird, Chair: Arthritis Care, Shipley

*"CNet has been a great source of support to Bradford Older People's Alliance (BOPA) over the past 6 years - without such support in its early days BOPA would not have become what it is today."*  
Julie Lintern, Development Manager: BOPA

*"Empowerment is about listening... CNet listens, but importantly hears people's needs."*  
Bob Balfour: Survivors West Yorkshire

*"We have been well supported with CNet's help and advice – CNet is a pleasure to work with."*  
Jean Walker MBE:  
Chair - Bradford and District Senior Power

*"The Czech Community in Bradford Network are very thankful for the support and mentoring from CNet over the years."*  
Makela Kasongo:  
Vice Chair - Czech Community in Bradford

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# Empowering Communities



**Bradford District Assembly**

The voluntary and community sector together



**CNet is Bradford district's empowerment network, a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We work to ensure that views of voluntary and community groups and active citizens are heard on the key decision-making partnerships.**

We do this by supporting and developing networks of people and groups and by acting as a bridge between communities and service providers.

Through network development, forum support, training, capacity building and community development work, we enable people to get involved and to influence how services are developed and run in their area.

### Individuals

CNet offers support and training for individuals who want to become active citizens and get involved in public decision making.

### Groups

CNet supports groups by providing small grants to help them fund an idea or projects which will benefit the community. We also link groups to forums to encourage them to share information and good practice.

### Forums and Networks

CNet helps to develop and support voluntary and community sector (VCS) networks and forums. CNet coordinates Bradford Assembly and the six related VCS forums. These provide a two way link between the Bradford District partnerships and the voluntary and community sector, enabling the sector to engage directly on key issues.

CNet also supports other networks and distributes a wide range of information for networks and forums to share with their members.

### Partners

CNet works with partners across the district in all three sectors to help plan and improve the delivery of services at both neighbourhood and district level.

### How CNet Operates

CNet is a membership organisation. It is managed by a Board of Trustees made up of three individuals from each of the membership categories, (voluntary, (community, community of interest and individual) plus three co-opted trustees. The Trustees are elected into the Board by members within their respective category.

If you would like to find out more, please visit the CNet website at [www.cnet.org.uk](http://www.cnet.org.uk) or call 01274 305045 or email [contact@cnet.org.uk](mailto:contact@cnet.org.uk)

**Bradford Assembly:** CNet coordinates the Bradford Assembly - the link between the voluntary and community sector (VCS) and the strategic decision makers.

The VCS can influence local policy and services through involvement in the Assembly, which is made up of the Steering Group and six Forums. They elect representatives to sit on strategic boards and groups within the district.

The six Forums are:

**Bradford Environment Forum**

**Equalities Forum**

**Health and Wellbeing Forum**

**Regeneration and Prosperity Forum**

**Safer Communities Forum**

**Young Lives Bradford**

If you would like to get involved in any of the forums, please contact Janet Ford at CNet on 01274 305045 or [janet@cnet.org.uk](mailto:janet@cnet.org.uk)

For more information visit the Bradford Assembly website at [www.bradfordassembly.org.uk](http://www.bradfordassembly.org.uk)



10 years of Empowering Communities