



### ➤ Key Facts

- In 2006/07 there were **870,000** civil society organisations in the UK with a total income of **£116 billion** and assets of **£210 billion**.
- The total income of general charities in the UK was **£33 billion** in 2006/07, a **40% (£9 billion)** increase since 2000/01.
- **464,000** full-time employees were employed in the sector in England in 2007/08, an increase of over **50,000 FTEs** since 2000/01.
- **73%** of adults took part in some form of volunteering in England in 2007/08; this level is unchanged since 2001.
- Across Government departments **65.7%** of grants on average are for three years or more.
- Income from Government totalled **£12 billion** in the UK in 2007/08; an increase of **£3.6 billion** since 2000/01.

### ➤ Size of the sector

- In 2006/07 there were over **137,000** general charities in England.
- There are approximately **61,800** social enterprises in England (average estimate 2005-2007).
- NCVO estimate there were **600,000** informal community organisations in the UK in 2006/07.
- In 2006/07 **54%** of general charities in England had an annual turnover of under **£10,000**; 85% had an annual turnover of under **£100,000**.

### ➤ Economic value of the sector

- The **total income** of general charities in the UK was **£33 billion** in 2006/07, of which 51% was earned, 41% was voluntary and 8% was investment income.
- In 2005, **social enterprises had a turnover of £27 billion** and contributed **£8.4 billion** to the UK economy.

### ➤ Government support to the sector

- **Income from Government** in 2006/07 totalled **£12 billion in the UK**. This included **£7.8 billion** from contracts and **£4.2 billion** from grants.
- Since 2000/01, **statutory income from contracts** in the UK **has increased by £4 billion**.
- Across government departments **65.7%** of grants on average are for three years or more.
- **98 (65%)** of England's **152 top tier local authority areas** have chosen to prioritise third sector indicators in their local area agreement. 63 have chosen NI7 (environment for a thriving third sector), 44 have chosen NI6 (participation in volunteering) and nine have included both NI6 and NI7.

## ➤ Employment

- In 2007/08, **540,000 people were employed by the sector** in England.
- In 2007/08 there were **464,000 full-time equivalent employees in the sector** in England – 159,000 men (34%) and 305,000 women (66%).

## ➤ Volunteering

- In 2007/08, **73% of adults in England volunteered (formally or informally) at least once in the last 12 months**, 48% volunteered at least once a month.
- In 2007/08, **27% of adults in England formally volunteered at least once a month**, and 43% formally volunteered at least once in the last 12 months.
- In 2007/08, **35% of people in England informally volunteered at least once a month**, and 64% informally volunteered at least once in the last 12 months.
- In 2007/08, **41% of people in England from groups at risk of social exclusion volunteered** (formally and informally) **at least once a month**.
- In 2007/08, **24% of 16-24 year olds in England formally volunteered at least once a month**.
- Whilst there has been variation within these figures over time, current levels of regular formal and informal volunteering in England in 2007/08 are in line with those from 2001.

## ➤ Giving

- In 2005, **78% of people in England had given to charity** in the four weeks prior to interview.
- In 2005, **the average amount given to charity was £15.17** in the four weeks prior to interview.
- **Levels of giving in the UK as a % of GDP are the highest in Europe** at 0.73%, and are second only to levels of giving in the USA (1.67% of GDP).

## ➤ National Survey of Third Sector Organisations

- In 2008, **16% of English third sector organisations felt that local statutory bodies had a positive influence of their success (NI7)**.
- Of English third sector organisations **who felt able to influence local decisions, 65% felt that local statutory bodies had a positive influence** on their success (2008).
- Of English third sector organisations that had **direct dealings with local statutory bodies, 58% felt they had a positive influence** on their success.
- In 2008, **89% of English third sector organisations felt they were successful in meeting their objectives**.
- In 2008, **84% of English third sector organisations felt confident they would be successful in meeting their objectives over the coming year**.

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### **Giving**

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