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Sharing research and experiences of volunteering



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Opening plenary of this conference in 2016.



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Researchers, policy makers and practitioners will meet in Nottingham at the 2017 Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Research Conference on 7-8th September.

The [2017 Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Research Conference](#) will be held on **7-8th September** at the [Nottingham Conference Centre](#). This annual conference is organized jointly by [NCVO](#), [the Voluntary Sector Studies Network \(VSSN\)](#) and the [Institute for Volunteering Research \(IVR\)](#).

It is an opportunity for academics, policy makers and practitioners to share **new and emerging research and network** across different contexts, sectors, and different parts of the **UK and internationally**.

Over two days, there will be a mix of plenary sessions, parallel paper sessions and workshops. Specific sessions for new researchers will run alongside the main conference programme. [Beth Breeze](#), Director of the **Centre for Philanthropy at the University of Kent**, will be the keynote speaker on the first day and [Paul Streets](#) OBE, Chief Executive, **Lloyds Bank Foundation** for England and Wales, on the second day.

The themes for this year's conference are:

- **civil society, democracy** and grassroots voluntary action
- **volunteering, participation and social action**
- **sectoral boundaries:** private-voluntary-public sector relations
- **funding, fundraising and philanthropy**
- **organisational management and governance**, including regulation and charity law
- **historical perspectives** on the voluntary sector and voluntary action
- **advances in theory and methods.**

A draft version of the [programme](#) is already available. If you are interested in more information about the

Conference, [click here](#).

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