

Specialisms

- **voluntary and community sector funding:** forward planning, identifying appropriate income sources, working with key people to develop detailed forward plans and bids.
- **project and organisational management and development:** turning ideas into realistic and deliverable plans, setting up effective project management systems and processes, supporting trustees.
- **project evaluation and research:** assessing impact and outcomes, identifying future needs, learning from others.

Geographical area covered

South Yorkshire / Yorkshire and East Midlands preferred – but roles involving remote working can be further from my base in Sheffield.

Work experience

I have over twenty-five years' experience of organisational and project management in the community and voluntary sector. My last employed role was as Director of the South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau, a local infrastructure organisation. Prior to this I held various roles - mainly focused on project development, management and funding - in a range of organisations including housing co-operatives and tenant organisations, youth work, local environmental organisations and community enterprises.

I have been working as a freelance consultant since 2005 delivering a range of services to voluntary sector organisations – recent examples are:

- Developing forward plans, responding to tender opportunities, identifying funding sources and supporting managers to write bids and applications for several local voluntary sector service providers.
- Delivering a project evaluation for a lottery funded Eating Disorders project in South Yorkshire.
- Working as an Associate for Voluntary Action Sheffield to deliver an organisational Policy Review for a community centre in Goole, East Yorkshire.
- Facilitating Away Days for several local voluntary sector organisations.
- Delivering Governance training to trustees of a local mental health charity in Rotherham.
- Strategic Planning training day for health focused VCS groups in Calderdale.
- Supporting lone managers in small charities to implement organisational change and develop sustainable forward funding strategies.

Qualifications

MSc in Information Management, BA (hons) Communication Studies and Diploma in plain English writing.