

## Karen Morton

I offer flexible services responsive to the changing nature of charities and voluntary action, drawing on a substantial history of management, leadership and activism in the voluntary sector.

This includes:-

- Experienced **facilitation**: design/delivery of sessions with groups of all sizes (from a single board to a hall full of stakeholders), creatively helping pool knowledge to anticipate and plan.
- **Chairing** conferences, seminars, campaign events, and meetings.
- **Organising** participatory events and conferences and delivering bespoke **training**.
- Supporting the **development** of new organisations and partnerships, offering a very flexible range of skills and services responsive to emerging needs, from charity status to launch.
- **Governance** support, **fundraising**, strategic **planning**, options **appraisals**, general **capacity building**, **evaluation**, **coaching** plus change management e.g. **merger**.

I mainly work with small and medium sized local, regional and national organisations and have particular experience of working in the fields of **voluntary sector infrastructure**, **women's organisations**, **criminal justice**, **disability**, and **rural communities**. I have tended to work in the South East, London, Wales and Midlands but enjoy travel and am happy to work anywhere.

Examples of projects include:-

- **Development consultant** establishing Circles UK and Escaping Victimhood.
- **Organising** the National Parish Planning Conference, Reading Diversity Conference.
- Guidance on **commissioning** domestic abuse services (publication).
- **Chairing** conferences e.g. heritage building, campus violence, teenage mental health.
- **Training** in meetings skills, fundraising, governance, facilitation, partnerships and more.
- **Facilitation**: e.g. exploratory event for health commissioners and VCS providers; mapping and planning events for domestic abuse stakeholders; infrastructure organisations across a region on moving forward in partnership; open space stakeholder event on rape and sexual abuse; national charity preparing next business plan; board working on resilience strategies.
- Working with **Parish Councils** to respond to devolution plans.

*Karen is one of a very few really gifted facilitators working with community, voluntary and other not-for-profit organisations. National Charity Chief Executive.*

*Karen prepares well, is inventive in her approach, always delivers exactly what is required and gets to the heart of the issues. She facilitates the best possible outcomes. CVS Chief Executive*

**Customers have included:** Women's Aid; Quaker Peace and Social Witness; Women's Resource Centre; OPAAL; Citizens Advice; Brighton Housing Co-ops; Winchester Youth Counselling; CLASP advocacy; Thames Valley Partnership; Community Action Hampshire; Community Impact Bucks; Community Council for Berkshire; Rising Sun Arts Centre.

I am a qualified **NLP Practitioner** and **Coach**. As a **trustee and chair** I remain engaged on a personal level with the voluntary sector, and I am also one of the **convenors of MDN**.

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