***Volunteer Coordinators' Network meeting held in person at One Westminster main office on 30 March 2023, 2pm to 3.30pm***

***Chair:*** Nigel Barber

***Facilitator:*** Peshang Arkawazi

***Apologies:*** Toni McSherry

In this network meeting, a general review of the five key themes of vision of volunteering has been discussed. The focus was on the topic Collaboration.

***Our guest speaker Catherine Goodall, Senior Policy and Influencing Advisor, NCVO, spoke about following points:***

* What the Vision is, how you can get involved, and what it means for the future of volunteering.
* The focus was on one of the five themes, collaboration, exploring how volunteer coordinators, volunteering infrastructure, charities and others can work together to drive real change for volunteering.
* Discussion about what we’ve learned so far through the vision, including emerging research and evidence on what’s happening for volunteering.
* Also looked at the plans for the next 18 months.

***Guest speaker has also facilitated a discussion with the VCs around the benefit of collaboration in the workplace / share experiences:***

* Volunteer Coordinators shared their organisation strategies including sharing different knowledge and skills to achieve their goals, improve communication to enhance their service delivery.
* How they operate and implement their practices.
* How to collaborate with other charities (similar vision and values)
* Challenge/barriers to Collaboration has been identified and how to overcome. (not enough resources)
* Future vision (joint recruiting/training process, community led coalition projects)

***Our second speaker, Quoc Truong from Time & Talents*** spoke about corporate volunteering and discussed how to engage corporate volunteers at your organisation. (Time & Talents team engages with responsible businesses and organises employee volunteering and CSR events to support Westminster charities and community organisations.)

***News and Update including:***

* Upcoming Volunteer fair on 15th June 2023
* New contract for Tempo Time Credits in Westminster. There is also FAQ’s page for volunteers, which you could share: <https://wearetempo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/360003900598-Volunteer-FAQs>

***Action:***

* Contact details of Guest Speakers and the PowerPoint slides (VFV) to be shared with the attendees.
* Organisation to share their commitments on the VfV website, under the Take Action tab. [Join the movement — Vision for Volunteering](https://www.visionforvolunteering.org.uk/take-action)

First guest speaker’s contact details:

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**Second guest speaker’s contact details:**

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