

Community Cohesion in Vale of Glamorgan



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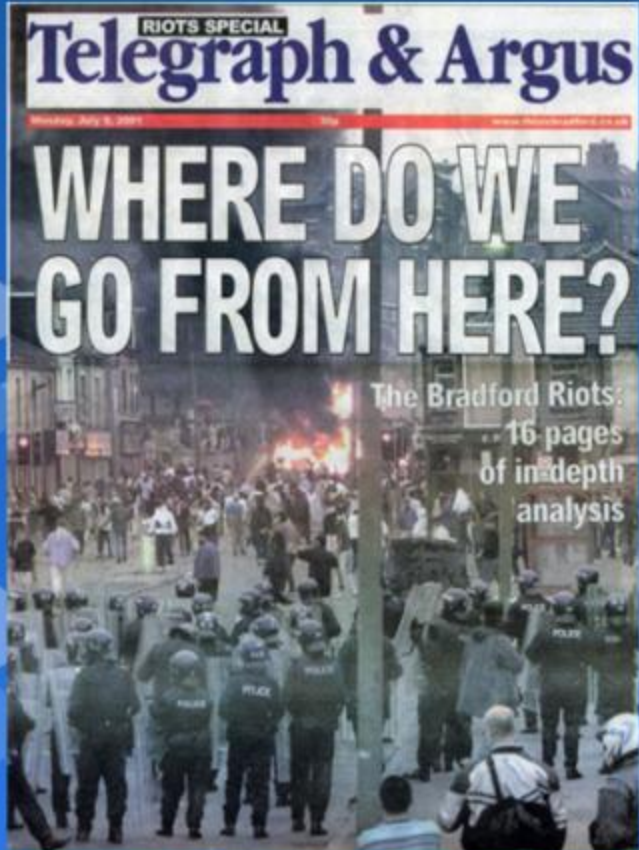
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- Background to community cohesion policy and role
- Strategic objectives of the Community Cohesion Delivery Plan 2017-2020
- Vale of Glamorgan demographic data
- Key areas of work for Vale of Glamorgan 2018

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Community Cohesion Policy: The Origins

Community cohesion has been influential in shaping government policy since the 2001 disturbances in Burnley, Oldham and Bradford.

Community cohesion was chiefly developed at a city-wide or area level to develop support a broader consensus in support of diversity.

Background to UK Policy

Background to community cohesion policy in the UK

“Community cohesion is what must happen in all communities to enable different groups of people to get on well together.

A key contributor to community cohesion is integration, which is what must happen to enable new residents and existing residents to adjust to one another.”

**Department for Communities and Local Government
UK Government, 2008**



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Background to community cohesion policy in the UK

The UK Government's vision of an integrated and cohesive community is based on three foundations:

- People from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities
- People knowing their rights and responsibilities
- People trusting one another and trusting local institutions to act fairly

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Background to community cohesion policy in the UK

And three key ways of living together:

- A shared future vision and sense of belonging
- A focus on what new and existing communities have in common, alongside a recognition of the value of diversity
- Strong and positive relationships between people of different backgrounds

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UK Government, 2008**



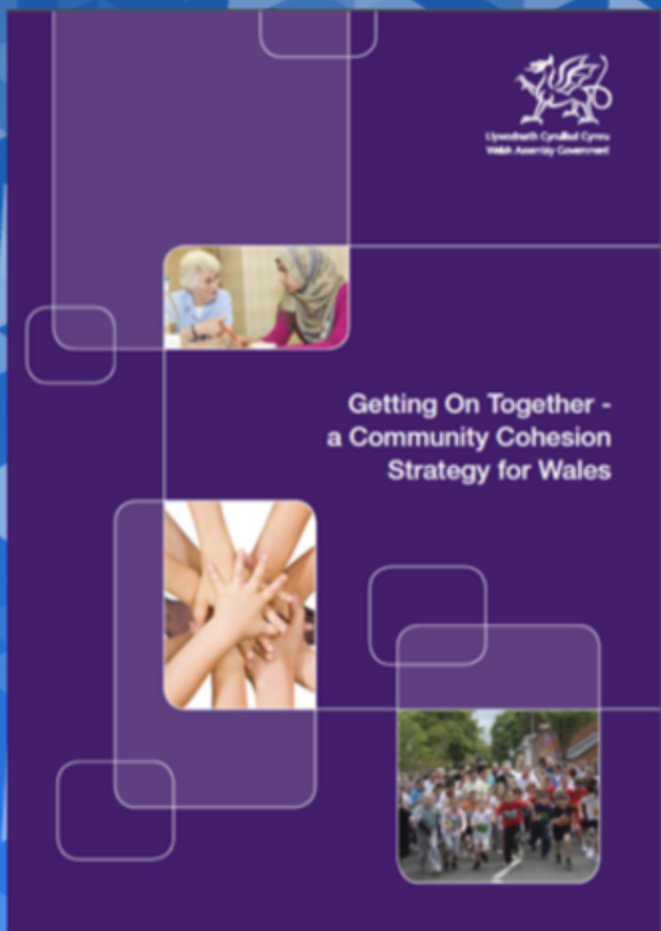
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Community Cohesion Policy in Wales

Getting on Together, the community cohesion strategy for Wales, was launched in December 2009.

It provides an understanding of community cohesion that is distinct and different to the agenda in England, in that it recognises the potential for deprivation and social exclusion to undermine community cohesion.

Background to community cohesion in Wales

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Local authorities recognised as the agency best placed to take the lead on promoting community cohesion at the local level.

Initially, local authorities received an annual grant from a fund to deliver projects to promote community cohesion.

Since 2014 Welsh Government has funded the 8 Community-Cohesion Co-Ordinators, who cover all 22 of the Welsh Local Authorities between them on a regional basis.

Community Cohesion Co-Ordinators

Responsible for delivery of the Welsh Government's '*Community Cohesion Delivery Plan 2017-2020*' across their cluster of local authorities.



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Community Cohesion Delivery Plan 2017-2020

Four strategic objectives

Objective 1:
*Work at a strategic
level to break down
barriers ...*

Objective 2:
*Work at a local
level to break down
barriers ...*

Objective 3:
*Supporting
migrants,
refugees a...*

Objective 4:
*Tackling
discrimination,
hostili...*

Objective 1: *Work at a strategic level to break down barriers to inclusion and integration across marginalised groups*

1.1 Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

Regional Community Cohesion Coordinators (RCCCs) will act in a 'critical friend' role to support Local Authorities and PSBs to deliver against the Cohesive Communities and A More Equal Wales goals

1.2 Strategic Equality Plans and Equality Impact Assessments

RCCCs will support Local Authorities to reflect and embed local and regional cohesion priorities in Strategic Equality Plans and Equality Impact Assessments.

Objective 1: *Work at a strategic level to break down barriers to inclusion and integration across marginalised groups*

1.3 Representation and policy input

CoCos will be a point of contact for the Equality and Inclusion organisations and help them understand and respond to local cohesion priorities and community tensions

1.4 Communications

CoCos will seek to foster links between national, regional and local campaigns, particularly during campaign weeks, and will consider opportunities for other events to promote positive messages.

Objective 2: *Work at a local level to break down barriers to inclusion and integration for particular groups and communities*

2.1 Working with particular groups or communities

RCCCs will provide cohesion support for socially or economically marginalised groups or communities that are identified as priorities at a Local Authority or PSB level due to low, or risk of low inclusion or cohesion.

2.2 Gypsy and Traveller communities

RCCCs will provide cohesion support around proposed and approved Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

Objective 2: *Work at a local level to break down barriers to inclusion and integration for particular groups and communities*

2.3 Ensuring Welsh Government funded programmes help local cohesion priorities

RCCCs will be a point of contact for local programme managers to help them understand and respond to local cohesion priorities and community tensions, in order to maximise the impact in delivering against local and regional priorities.

Objective 3: Supporting migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and host communities during the integration process

3.1 Support for refugees and asylum seekers

RCCCs will support Local Authorities to mainstream activity in relation to Refugees and Asylum seekers in existing and new dispersal areas, the Syrian Resettlement programme, children's schemes and other schemes so that Local Authorities can meet emerging needs.

3.2 Economic migrants

When identified as a local priority group under Objective 2, RCCCs will provide cohesion support to meet emerging needs of groups of economic migrants (such as European migrants, Roma), and of areas where large scale movements of people are taking place.

Objective 3: Supporting migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and host communities during the integration process

3.3 Host communities

RCCCs will monitor community tensions and support Local Authorities and PSBs to consider cohesion of host communities in their Well-being Plans. When identified as a local priority under Obj 2, RCCCs will support LAs to work with settled communities who are expressing most concern or hostility towards migrants

3.4 Understanding migration trends

RCCCs will share local information on immigration trends and support Local Authorities to understand current and future population changes and plan their services accordingly.

Objective 4: Tackling discrimination, hostility, tensions and extremism

4.1 Monitor and respond to community tensions and link to Community Safety work

Local Authorities will work in partnership with the Welsh Police Forces to contribute local intelligence to the community tensions reporting process, and provide cohesion support to inform mitigation and preventative activities issues at a local level.

4.2 Support schools to tackle hate-related bullying and to promote respect

RCCCs will help Local Authority education colleagues to monitor hate-related bullying respond to requests by schools for support in tackling hate-related bullying

Objective 4: Tackling discrimination, hostility, tensions and extremism

4.3 Provide support to victims and ensure hate crimes and incidents are dealt with in a satisfactory manner

RCCCs will support Local Authorities to mainstream activity to tackle hate crime, including sharing data on trends and hot spots, supporting partnership working across Community Safety Partnerships, Public Service Boards, the Police, Local Health Boards, housing and social services, and helping to embed work to tackle hate crime into Well-being Plans and Strategic Equality Plans

4.4 Work to encourage victims of hate crime to report and seek support

RCCCs will support the National Hate Crime Report and Support Centre to build levels of reporting through helping to develop third party reporting centres, strengthening grassroots support

Objective 4: Tackling discrimination, hostility, tensions and extremism

4.5 Safeguarding

RCCCs will work to establish links with Social Service Departments and Safeguarding Boards, seeking to establish co-ordinated safeguarding training and awareness-raising sessions on hate crime, mate crime, modern slavery and tackling extremism.

4.6 Support public bodies and communities to tackle all types of modern day slavery

RCCCs will work with the six RASGs to facilitate training and work with The Welsh Government on awareness-raising campaigns, seminars and conferences.

Objective 4: Tackling discrimination, hostility, tensions and extremism

4.7 Reduce the exposure of young and vulnerable people to extremist groups in order to minimise radicalisation

RCCCs will offer community cohesion advice and support to Local Authority Single Point of Contacts (SPOCs) and CONTEST boards to help manage delivery and work through Prevent and emergent legislation and policies.

RCCCs will support engagement with communities impacted through Prevent to understand community feeling and any potential community tensions

Cohesion priorities for Vale of Glamorgan in 2018 and beyond

*Vale of
Glamorgan
Community
Cohesi...*

*Joint Cardiff &
Vale of
Glamorgan
CONTE...*

Safeguarding

*Migration
trends and
hate crime
data*

*Intersectionality
Event*

Vale of Glamorgan Community Cohesion Group

Purpose:

- To engage with the full diversity of the local community in order to build trust and confidence in the local authority and police
- To enable the sharing of information between communities and the public sector to promote reassurance, transparency and invite local scrutiny to practices

Objectives

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- Community Cohesion Group to meet quarterly
- Development of online and social media channels to promote local intelligence sharing
- Encourage new and emerging/ underrepresented communities (including those living in rural parts of the Vale) to engage with the CCG
- Youth Wing development to promote young voices in the CCG's work
- Development of newsletter to widen the Community Cohesion network

Joint Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan CONTEST Board

The CONTEST Board ensures representation across all areas of the CONTEST strategy and enables effective discussion and action across each of its work streams.

The Board has well-established information sharing protocols to allow the sensitive and confidential sharing of intelligence products between BCUs and other partners, particularly with regard to individuals/institutions vulnerable to radicalisation and to exchange information on risk levels, threats and mitigating actions.

Objective

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Develop joint delivery model with the neighbouring Cardiff Council to improve information and intelligence sharing and promote improved delivery of the CONTEST agenda across the region.

Safeguarding

Objective:

To mainstream Prevent 'WRAP' training & awareness of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 within the local safeguarding training offer.

Migration trends and hate crime data

Objective:

Migration and hate crime data reports produced for key stakeholders and local authority officers to improve understanding of local trends and inform service delivery

Intersectionality Event

Dimensions of Gender in Wales and Beyond /
Dimensiynau Rhywedd yng Nghymru a thu
hwnt

Tuesday, 6 March 2018 from 10:15 to 15:30

<https://dimensionsofgenderinwales.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Objective:

Support progress towards Stonewall LGBT Champion status

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