

Jonathan Simcock has held the position of Development Worker with the CVS with responsibility for work relating to Health and Social Care issues since joining the organisation on 1st August 2008. Jonathan comes originally from Lancashire, was brought up near Chester but has lived in Derbyshire since 1988.

After he graduated with an honours degree in history Jonathan began his working life in 1981. His work experience includes the NHS, local government in Bedford and Derby, some 13 years in housing and homelessness advice with Derby Homes as well as approximately 9 years working as a supported housing officer with Adullam Housing Association's Derby Project. Jonathan was a member of Belper Fleet Arts management committee for 4 years during the 1990s including 2 years as Chair.

Jonathan came into community orientated work after making a career change in 1987 when he spent 6 months working in Swansea as 'Swyddog Cymraeg yn y cymuned' (Welsh in the community officer) with Menter Iaith Abertawe.

His role as development worker includes funding searches, giving funding and governance advice, attending meetings of strategic bodies both to represent the CVS and also input views of voluntary and community groups and training on behalf of the CVS. Jonathan's role also includes attending: the Local Strategic Partnership Health and well being group, Southern Derbyshire Health and Social Care Forum, NDVA Health and Social Care Forum. Jonathan is vice-chair of Ashbourne Multi-Agency Group.

Jonathan has now completed the City and Guilds PTTLS Certificate (Preparing to Teach in the Life Long Learning Sector) and will be delivering training on behalf of the CVS. Recently Jonathan, in partnership with a DDCVS colleague began facilitating the meetings of the High Peak and North Dales Learning Difficulties Local Partnership Board and associated meetings of the Learning Disability REPS.

Jonathan's interests include Folk Music, he has been a member of Tight Squeeze Barn Dance Band, currently enjoys folk music sessions. He is interested in politics, history, gardening, walking and takes an active interest in Welsh history, culture and language, being a fluent second language Welsh speaker.