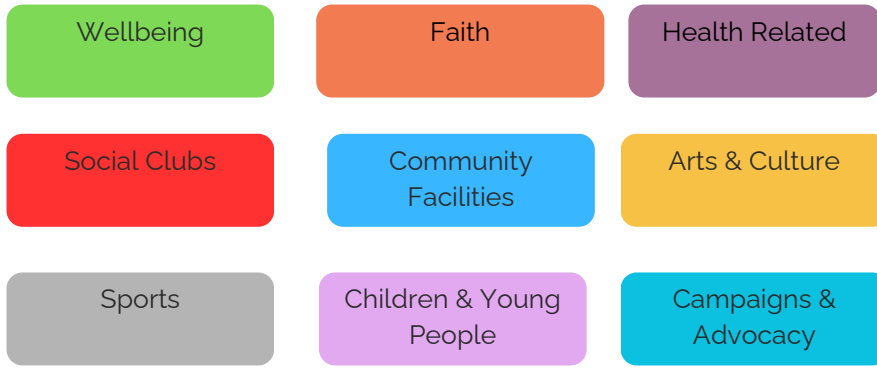


Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent questionnaire!

We received 83 responses out of 233 members, giving us a 36% response rate. This provides us with a solid set of data to build on and ensures that your voices are well represented.

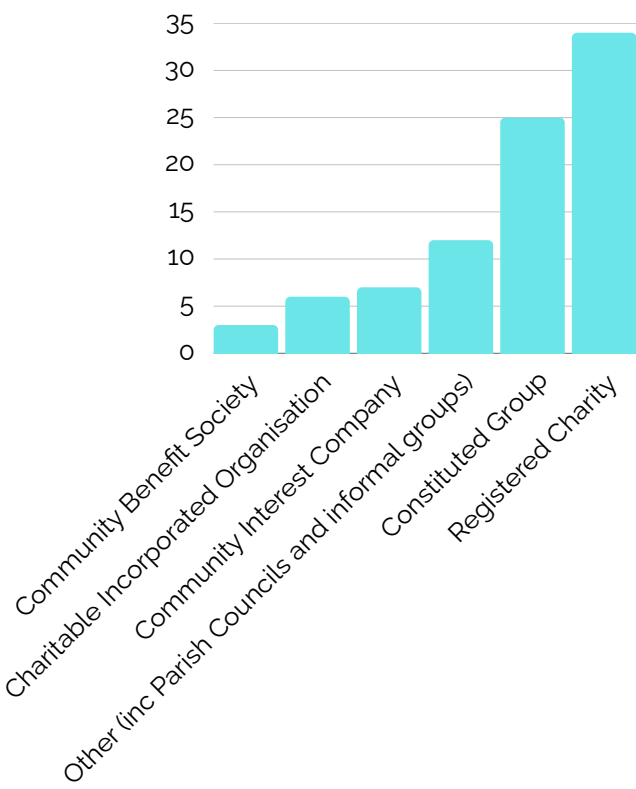
Who responded?

We received responses from a wide range of member groups. This included members working with one specific group or a wide range of community members.

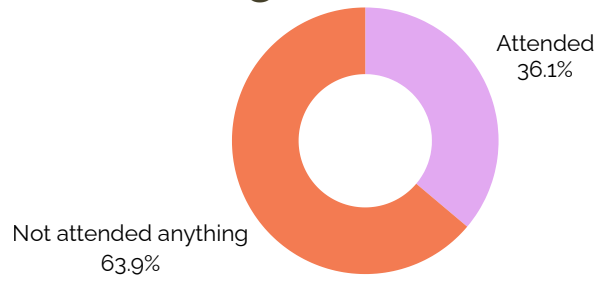


Groups included those supporting hospital patients, people recovering from mental ill health, adults with specific medical conditions, care farms, community village shops and youth groups.

What sort of organisations responded?



Training and Events



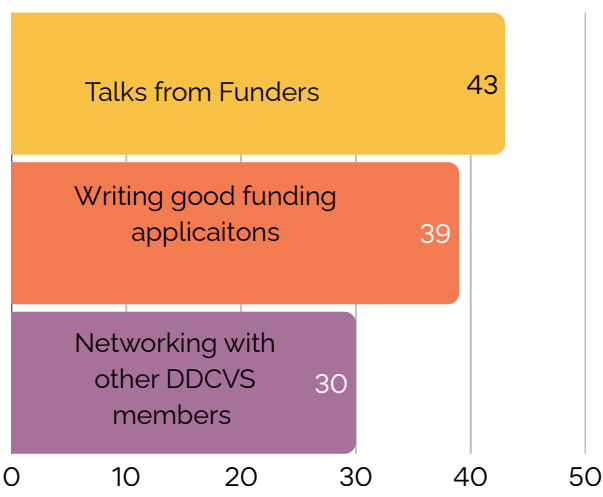
A relatively small proportion of members who completed the questionnaire have taken part in recent training or other events. To help increase participation, we'll be promoting all upcoming events well in advance. Please check our website and newsletter for up coming training and events.

Please note that between Oct 24 and Oct 25 we delivered 24 sessions, welcoming 274 attendees in total. Of the 85 voluntary organisations who joined us during this period, 62 are members.

Those that did attend said:

Good opportunities for networking and making new connections *They have all been useful for gaining information and receiving training*

Top three requests for training and events.



So, in 2026 we are planning a series of online 'Meet the Funder' sessions, a funding fair, face to face networking events and two 'Writing good funding application' sessions.

Your input into our strategic review

Many thanks for your responses, these have been fed into the organisational strategic review.

The top three issues members felt DDCVS should focus on are:



Key Priorities for your communities include



All the feedback will be considered by the Board when writing the Strategic Plan. This will be launched in 2026 and shared with members.

Social Media

64% of those who responded use Facebook.

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Comments from our members

Always very supportive and available for advice and help. Much appreciated!

I really value the work that you do. I find your newsletter very informative and always take something from it. Thank you for all that you do.

The service from the DDCVS is fantastic. Just keep fighting the good fight.