

# CVSL Conference 2026: Voluntary Sector Leadership – what next?

## Agenda

### **10:00 – 10:30 – Registration, refreshments and networking**

In-person attendees only

### **10:30 – 10:45 – Conference welcome and housekeeping**

### **10:45 – 11:45 – 10 years of CVSL – reflections from Centre Directors and Q&A**

The four previous CVSL directors will reflect on their time leading the centre, the challenges the voluntary sector faced during that time and the work the centre did to respond.

### **11:45 – 12:30 – “The value of the voluntary sector now and then: 10 years of crisis, collaboration and response” – Keynote from Professor Chris Dayson**

Chris will draw on his and colleague’s research to reflect on what that the turbulence of the last ten years tells us about the value of the voluntary sector in the UK and look towards what the future may hold in terms of challenges and opportunities.

### **12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch**

### **13:30 – 13:40 – Introduction to the World Café**

The World Café will involve rotating small group discussions on a variety of topics relevant to the voluntary sector as a whole and voluntary sector leadership specifically. The exact topics will be informed by responses to the [CVSL survey](#) and other strategic priorities for the centre.

### **13:40 – 15:10 – World Café journey and discussions**

### **15:10 – 15:45 – World Café feedback**

### **15:45 – 15:55 – Wrap-up and close**