

WDCO Notice to Users.

Please note that due to the recent council budget cuts we have had to make the unfortunate decision to deactivate the Wakefield District Community Organisation webpage with effect from the 1st January 2017 as part of our savings. The decision to deactivate the site has not been an easy decision but it was felt that the site is not as actively used as we would like and it is therefore no longer a viable cost effective option for the Local Authority to continue.

When the site was originally built there were few free platforms available for community groups to utilise in order to reach a wider audience. This is no longer the case and there are now many platforms that are free and readily available for groups to use.

We understand that many of you use the webpage as a holding place for your group information and contact details and do not actively use the site to advertise activities or events. If this is what you require we would highly recommend contacting Nova Wakefield District which is the support agency for voluntary and community groups in Wakefield district and holds an online directory of all its members, which is publically available. It aims to be a reliable resource for anyone looking for details of voluntary and community sector groups/organisations in Wakefield District and the local area. Details about Nova are below, and it is free to join! The membership application can be found at <https://www.nova-wd.org.uk/nova-membership/>

In addition to advertising your organisation on the Nova directory, you will also be able to access the following if you qualify for Full Membership:

- Nova Support - Online and face to face development for your group or organisation
- The Assembly - a stronger voice for the voluntary and community sector
- Nova Assist - an online tool to help you understand and grow your organisation
- Nova Contracting - contacts and grants opportunities
- And a whole range of other free and low cost services to benefit your organisation!

For those of you who require a platform to advertise activities and more up to date information on a regular basis we would suggest platforms such as Facebook or Twitter.

Contact details for Nova are:

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