

2025-2026 Training Calendar

To register, **please click on any of the dates on the left column** (if viewing online). You can also call us on **01236 748011** or email **info@VANL.co.uk** for more information and assistance

9 SEP	<p>Cyber Resilience for the Third Sector - Kamil Tomzik and Craig Anderson</p> <p>Cyber Resilience training will empower attendees with simple, actionable steps to improve their organisation's cyber security.</p> <p>Key topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding cyber resilience and its importance. • Identifying and mitigating cyber threats, such as phishing and malicious access. Practical strategies for using strong passwords and securing devices. • Hands-on activities to build confidence, including spotting phishing attempts and managing security dilemmas. • This session aims to boost confidence, while preparing organisations to withstand and recover from cyber incidents. Additional resources and support will also be provided. <p>All dates: Online from 10:00-11:30</p>
6 NOV	
14 JAN	
12 MAR	
13 MAY	
10 JUN	
23 OCT	<p>Successful Funding Applications - Grant McLean</p> <p>This session explores what funders will generally look for in a funding application and what they generally expect from an applicant organisation in terms of sustainability. Suitable for those with little experience in applying for funding or those looking for a refresher and an update on current funder trends.</p> <p>23rd October: Cairnlea Parish Church, Airdrie from 9.30AM to 12.30PM 21st April: Venue to be confirmed from 9.30AM to 12.30PM</p>
21 APR	
21 OCT	<p>Voluntary Sector Legal Structures - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner</p> <p>This session covers common legal structures for third sector organisations, such as unincorporated organisations, SCIOs, companies limited by guarantee, community interest companies, and trusts.</p> <p>21st October: Online from 12.00PM to 1.00PM 31st March: Online from 12:00PM to 1.00PM</p>
31 MAR	

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NOV

Child Protection - Joyce Morgan

This course offers an overview of child protection, focusing on recognising concerns, understanding the legal framework, and responding appropriately, with time for reflection and questions. By the end, participants will understand how personal experiences, values, and attitudes impact child protection, learn the legal context and history of child protection, and gain knowledge of abuse categories.

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MAR

12th November: Venue to be confirmed from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

18th March: Online from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

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APR

Good Governance - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner

The aim of the session is to give the board an overview of the board's strategic role in relation to the governance of their organisation. It will also highlight the difference between governance and management and ensure board members are aware of their collective roles and responsibilities.

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MAY

28th April: Newmains Community and Conference Centre from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

13th March: Cornerstone Cumbernauld from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

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NOV

Recruitment and Induction of Board Members - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner

This session helps boards assess recruitment readiness, address skills gaps, navigate legalities, explore methods, improve diversity, advertise roles, and induct new members.

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MAY

18th November: Cornerstone Cumbernauld from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

14th May: Newmains Community and Conference Centre from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

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SEP

Charity Trustee Roles and Responsibilities - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner

This session covers the roles and responsibilities of charity trustees, including general and specific duties, remuneration, and managing conflicts of interest.

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MAR

18th September: Cornerstone Cumbernauld from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

12th March: Venue to be confirmed from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

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NOV

Introduction to Recognising and Reporting Human Trafficking - Claire Dymond

This course offers an overview of recognising and reporting human trafficking appropriately, with time for reflection and questions. By the end, participants will have gained an understanding on how to recognise and report instances of human trafficking.

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APR

27th November: Venue to be confirmed from 10.00AM to 11.30AM

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OCT

Demonstrating Impact: Evaluation Training - Rebecca Thomson

This training helps community and voluntary sector organisations build skills in effective evaluation to demonstrate their impact. It simplifies the process by teaching evaluation basics and practical planning using real project examples.

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APR

28th October: Venue to be confirmed from 10.00AM to 12.00PM

2nd April: Venue to be confirmed from 10.00AM to 12.00PM

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JAN

Committee Skills - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner

This course provides an overview of starting a committee and understanding its basic functions. It covers the responsibilities of committee members and office bearers, the governing document, and how to run the committee.

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MAY

22nd January: Cairnlea Parish Church, Airdrie from 10.00AM to 12.00PM

28th May: Venue to be confirmed from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

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NOV

Corporate Fundraising - Pam Judson

This half day interactive workshop is ideal for social enterprises and voluntary sector organisations. The workshop will cover the basics on how to secure support and raise funds from companies. By the end of the session participants will have an increased understanding and knowledge of what role corporates can play in supporting their organisations. They will understand how to research and identify potential supporters suited to their ethical policies and have practical tips on how to approach a company for support.



21st November: Newmains Community and Conference Centre from 9.30AM to 12.45PM

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FEB

Chairing Meetings - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner

The aim of this session is to give the participants an overview of the role of the chair and the skills associated with being an effective chairperson. The session will include a look at the tools that can assist the chair, agenda setting, keeping control, communication and conflict management and recording of the meeting.

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JUN

12th February: Cornerstone Cumbernauld from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

16th June: Forgewood Community Centre from 6.00PM to 9.00PM

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FEB

Effective Minute Taking - Sharon Bissett and Judith Bremner

The aim of this session is to introduce the basic principles of minute taking and offers hints and tips on how to produce clear, accurate and understandable minutes. The session will look at the importance of the agenda, effective preparation, minute-taking skills formats and tools and communication.

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JUN

24th February: Cairnlea Parish Church, Airdrie from 10.00AM to 1.00PM

23rd of June: Venue to be confirmed from 1.00PM to 4.00PM

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OCT

Volunteer Recruitment - Carol Clarkson

Learn how to create dynamic and attractive volunteer adverts to attract the right volunteers for your organisation.

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JAN

14th October: Forgewood Community Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00PM

27th January: Online from 6.00PM to 8.00PM

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OCT

Introduction to Youth Volunteering - Carol Clarkson

For those interested in supporting youth volunteers, building on youth volunteering programme or wanting to formalise youth volunteer roles.

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3rd February: Online from 6.00PM to 8.00PM

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