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The Vision: A strong, resilient and inclusive community sector with a common voice in pursuit of the common good.

Mission

To secure and advance the role of small to medium-sized community-based not-for-profit non-government organisations in building community capacity and strong, vibrant, resilient and inclusive communities.

Values

The Coalition Of Community Boards highly value:

- Listening, respecting, understanding.
- Responsibility, access and self – determination.
- Strength, vibrancy and inclusion.
- Advocacy

Principles

1. Listening and responding to the needs of members, whilst respecting their individual autonomy and uniqueness
2. Promoting responsibility, access and self – determination at individual, community and organisation levels;
3. Fostering strong, vibrant, sustainable and inclusive Community Boards through partnering with a range of organisations within the sector to advance the common good;
4. Strongly advocating to all levels of Government and within the community itself to secure and advance the role of Community Boards as legitimate stakeholders.

Rationale

The coalition has come into existence arising from shared concerns about the changing environment in which Community Boards operate and the increasing potential for this to negatively impact on their sustainability and functionality, this is particularly so for the small to medium Boards.

The Coalition has approached the challenge this presents in the belief that the value of community boards lies in their ability to build community capacity and resilience by bringing people together to identify and achieve common goals. It is in pursuit of this core objective that small, locally based autonomous organisations have a huge advantage.

Key attributes of Community Boards are:

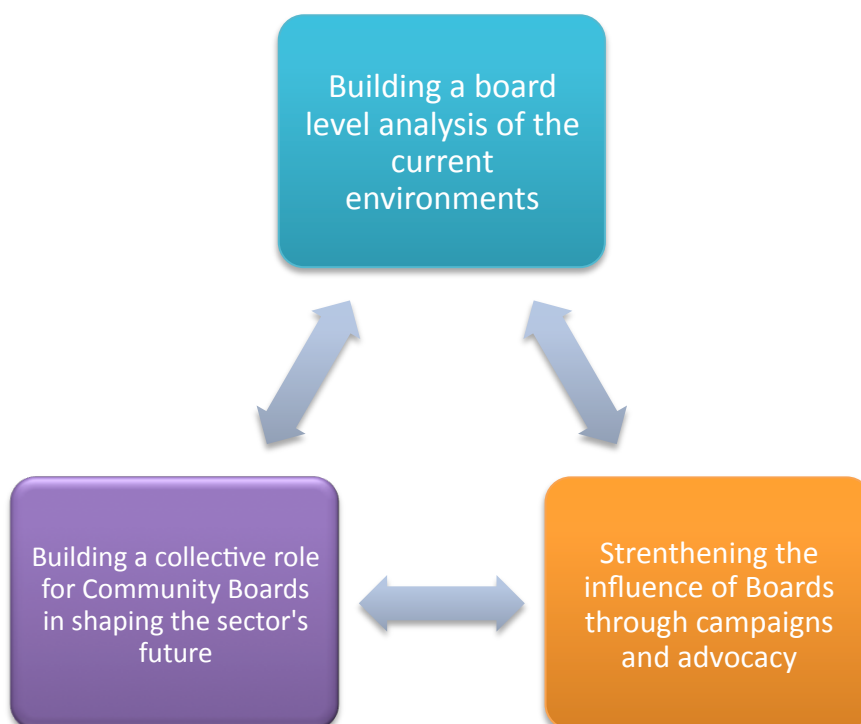
1. They have a strategic role in identifying ways forward for their organisations;
2. They are a key dimension of local democracy;
3. They represent their membership/community;
4. Their members have the skills, knowledge and capacity to address challenges;
5. They have a responsibility as employers to safeguard their worker's interests;
6. Their voice carries a different authority to that of staff or a citizen.

By working together, as a coalition within a values-driven framework, Community Boards can contribute to finding a way forward that builds on and adds to the strength of the community sector. Alone, they may pursue pathways that move even further away from their purpose, but together they can develop strategies, mobilise human resources and strengthen their capacity for research and innovation.

To achieve this they must keep alive their understanding of what they are here for, what they are good at, who they serve, and what, as elected Boards, they have mandate to do.

To be able to assert its legitimacy, such a coalition *must be able to demonstrate that it is of its constituents, not merely claiming to represent them.*

To achieve this the Coalition Of Community Boards aims are:



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