

Managing Voluntary Sport Organizations: Insights and Strategies from Dr. Carrie Rose

Voluntary sport organizations (VSOs) play a vital role in promoting physical activity, community engagement, and social inclusion. However, managing these organizations effectively can be a complex task. Dr. Carrie Rose, a renowned expert in the field, shares her insights and proven strategies for effective VSO management.



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Strategic Planning and Governance

Establishing Clear Goals and Objectives

The cornerstone of effective management is developing a strategic plan that outlines the organization's mission, vision, and goals. Dr. Rose recommends involving key stakeholders, such as members, volunteers, and staff, in the planning process to ensure buy-in and alignment.



Effective Governance Structures

VSOs must have robust governance structures to ensure transparency, accountability, and legal compliance. Dr. Rose emphasizes the importance of clear roles and responsibilities for board members, committees, and management staff. Regular evaluations and updates to governance policies are also crucial.

Volunteer Engagement and Management

Attracting and Retaining Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of VSOs. Dr. Rose stresses the need for organizations to create positive volunteer experiences by providing clear

roles, opportunities for training, and recognition. Utilizing online platforms and social media can help reach a wider pool of potential volunteers.



Creating positive volunteer experiences is essential for attracting and retaining skilled individuals.

Managing and Motivating Volunteers

Effective volunteer management involves providing ongoing support, training, and recognition. Dr. Rose suggests implementing a volunteer management system to track hours, provide feedback, and connect volunteers with opportunities. Regular communication and appreciation events can foster a sense of community and motivation.

Fundraising and Financial Management

Diversifying Funding Sources

To ensure financial sustainability, VSOs should diversify their funding sources. Dr. Rose advises exploring grants, sponsorships, membership fees, and fundraising events. Leveraging partnerships with businesses and community organizations can also provide additional support.



Example Fundraising Plan

Raising the minimum target of £2,500 is not easy and will take some planning and hard work, but the reward of crossing the finishing line, knowing you are changing a child's life, will make it all worthwhile.

Below is an example of an eight month fundraising plan to help you get started.

Month 1	<p>Set up a Fundraising Page As soon as your page is accepted, pay your £50 registration fee and then set up a fundraising page. This is a secure and easy way to collect donations online. Go to work (keeping consistently) to set up your page. Amount Raised: £150 - £7000 throughout the year</p>
Month 2	<p>Car Boot Sale Have a clear out and sell some of the things you no longer want and put the money you make towards your target. A jolly house and every child! Amount Raised: £250 - £300</p>
Month 3	<p>Matched Giving Some companies offer matched giving schemes, or may be willing to make a donation towards your fundraising target. Amount Raised: £150 - £500</p>
Month 4	<p>Ask A £50! Visit your local community centre or pub to see if they would be willing to let you use their venue to host a quiz and BBQ event. Charge £5 for entry and include a raffle with a burger or a loafing. Amount Raised: £250 - £300</p>
Month 5	<p>Quiz Night Charge £10 per night and hold a quiz night at your local pub, or even at home! incorporate a raffle with the night to boost your fundraising! Amount Raised: £250 - £300</p>
Month 6	<p>Host a Sparkle Party Request a sparkle party (ask from NewLife) and sell the jewellery to raise money. It's a lovely Christmas gift idea. Amount Raised: £150 - £200</p>
Month 7	<p>Movie & Bake Sale Ask friends, family or colleagues to make a cake and charge per slice, there could also be an entry fee. Amount Raised: £150 - £200</p>
Month 8	<p>Quizzing Time! Ask friends, family or colleagues to guess the time you will complete the month's fundraising target. Amount Raised: £250 - £300</p>
Total	£1,600 - £2,000

This is an example of what you could do, but everyone likes to fundraise in different ways so just contact us and we can help with any ideas you have. When writing your plan, be sure to consider where you work, who you know and what they will be interested in to ensure you are able to raise as much as possible.

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Responsible Financial Management

VSOs must manage their finances responsibly and transparently. Dr. Rose recommends establishing financial policies and procedures, conducting regular audits, and using accounting software to track income and expenses. Outsourcing financial management tasks to qualified professionals can enhance accuracy and accountability.

Innovation and Adaptability

Embracing Technology

Technology can streamline operations and improve communication within VSOs. Dr. Rose encourages organizations to adopt software for membership management, event registration, and volunteer scheduling. Social media platforms can be used to engage with members, share updates, and promote programs.



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Adapting to Changing Needs

VSOs must remain adaptable to meet the evolving needs of their communities. Dr. Rose suggests conducting regular needs assessments and surveys to gather feedback from members and stakeholders. Being open to innovation and exploring new programs and services can help organizations stay relevant and responsive.

Managing voluntary sport organizations effectively requires a combination of strategic planning, strong governance, effective volunteer engagement, responsible financial management, and adaptability. Dr. Carrie Rose's insights and proven strategies provide invaluable guidance for VSOs seeking to maximize their impact and sustainability.

By embracing these principles and continuously seeking improvement, VSOs can empower their members, engage their communities, and make a lasting positive contribution to society.



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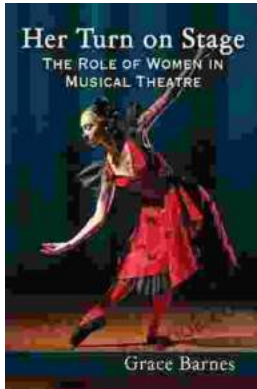
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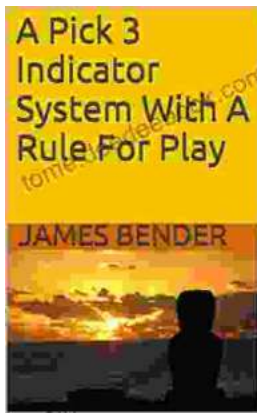
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