



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

What Central Functions Do

We are a member-led charity working on the front line to tackle poverty, loneliness and hardship. With nearly 9,000 members, 8,500 young volunteers and around 300 staff, the Society supports over 50,000 people each year through practical help, befriending and community outreach.

Our work spans local visits, food support, youth programmes, community centres, shops and accommodation services, all rooted in a non-judgemental approach and open to people of all backgrounds.

Central functions exist to support and strengthen this grassroots work. Teams including Membership, Finance, Fundraising, Communications, Social Justice and Governance provide the structure, resources and strategic direction that enable our members to serve effectively in their communities. They ensure financial sustainability, amplify impact, support youth engagement, drive campaigns addressing the causes of poverty and maintain strong governance and accountability.

By working in partnership with members on the ground, central teams help provide the tools, advocacy and infrastructure needed to respond to local needs, while also using insight from across the network to influence wider social change.