



State of the Sector reports baseline research

Following our Cornerstone co-design session in September 2021 looking at data about the sector in London and attended by 16 CVSs / infrastructure organisations (see round-up at <https://datawise.london/resources/data-about-civil-society>), we included a budget to continue this work in our Cornerstone Round 2 full proposal.

We have since been awarded new funding and Datawise London phase 2 officially started in July 2022 - see further info here <https://datawise.london/about>.

In the co-design session, standardising elements of State of the Sector data collection, analysis and sharing, was suggested as a 'small collective step' we could take together to realise better outcomes.

But to start with, we need to find out more about which borough CVS's have done State of the Sector reports* recently, what's been the drivers and challenges, what resource is involved and who's got one coming up and would be keen to be part of a pilot working together to look at standardising a set of questions and trialling new ways of publishing the data. **Hence this survey!**

We'd appreciate it if you can find about 10 minutes to complete the following questions by **Friday 7 October**. We've added branching to the survey so you'll be guided through relevant questions based on previous answers. Please let us know if you'd prefer to book in a quick call and we can go through together. Email katewhite@superhighways.org.uk to arrange a time.

We are working with London Plus, one of our Datawise London partners, on this strand of work, which also links with the wider Data Collective initiative <https://data-collective.org.uk/about/data-about-the-sector>.

** We realise many of you will have done a range of 'snapshot' surveys during Covid - here we are referring to more comprehensive stand alone State of the Sector reports.*

1. Has your CVS ever undertaken a State of the Sector report ^{*}

Yes

No

2. When was the last time you did / are doing a State of the Sector survey? ^{*}

2022

2021

2020

2019

Other

3. Can you share a link to a published report e.g. on your website?
(Alternatively - please email katewhite@superhighways.org.uk and attach a report).

4. How often do you do State of the Sector reports? ^{*}

Every year

Every two years

Every three years

Not part of a regular cycle

Other

5. Do you undertake this work inhouse only? (e.g. just using internal staff, trustees or volunteer time) *

- Yes
- Sometimes
- No

6. Can you estimate the number of hours in total this has taken across your team per State of the Sector report? *

7. Have you worked with external providers including consultants, partners, funders etc to carry out State of the Sector reports? *

- Yes
- No

8. Please let us know further details including name of the external consultant / agency you worked with. (We'd like to compile a list of providers and potentially speak to them too about approaches and the bigger 'data about the sector' picture.) *

9. Please let us know the budget you have paid for external providers to work on your State of the Sector research and report production. *

10. How have you funded this work? *

11. Please indicate below if you accessed data from any of the following Open Data sets in addition to surveys sent to the local sector? *

- Charity Commission data (data about registered charities)
- Companies House data (data about companies and social enterprises)
- 360 Giving data (grants data from funders)
- Other

12. What was the main driver for carrying out your State of the Sector reports? *

13. Is a State of the Sector report a KPI of a commissioned Infrastructure Support contract from your local authority? *

Yes

No

14. If so, do you know what the local authority acted upon from the State of the Sector report and findings? *

15. What outcomes have YOU achieved as a result of past State of the Sectors? *

Increased funding for the sector?

Better voice and representation of the sector?

Developing new organisations / services to plug gaps?

Other

16. Please let us know further details about any outcomes achieved as a result?

17. Reflecting on these outcomes - do you think it was worth doing the State of the Sector report?

Yes

No

18. Please explain your answer...

19. What would you say are the 3 key challenges you face when doing State of the Sector reports?

20. Please let us know any opportunities and outcomes you think COULD be realised from State of the Sector reports in future?

21. In principle, are you keen to explore collectively developing a set of standardised questions all London CVSs can use when carrying out their State of the Sector reports in future?

This may save time, effort and money and will also ensure that data from boroughs can more easily be collated at a London level.

We understand there may be additional questions you want to ask relating to current / borough contexts too. *

Yes

No

22. If you are currently or about to embark on a State of the Sector report - would you like to be involved in a pilot supported by the Datawise London team to test out some standardised questions and also ways to present and share your reports in an interactive way?

Yes

No

Maybe

23. Your name *

24. Your role *

25. Your organisation *

26. Your email address *

27. Thank you so much for your input - do you have any other comments to make?

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