

**3i) Do you agree with Ofcom's assessment that television continues to have an essential role in delivering the purposes of public service broadcasting?:**

The Second Public Service Broadcasting Review ignores the broadcasters who deliver information and help to the place where it is most needed and where it is most effective - community radio and television stations. Community Broadcasting, because it has its roots within the local community and is run for the most part by local volunteers, can make sure that information, education and help are tailored to the needs of that community and in a form easily understood by local people.

The main problem faced by community media organisations is lack of funds. A disproportionate amount of time has to be spent applying for grants and sponsorship. If one per cent of the Licence Fee (or an equivalent sum) were shared out amongst community media groups, the financial problems would ease and community radio and television stations could achieve the goals they were set up to reach.