

A One-Day Introduction to Community Organising

For Community Businesses

Date: 6th September, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Venue: Platt Bridge Community Zone, 81 Ribble Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan, Lancashire, WN2 5EG, United Kingdom

This fun, energetic course introduces you to community organising - the work of **bringing people together** to take action around their common concerns and overcome social injustice. Community organisers **reach out and listen, connect and motivate people to build their collective power.**

This free course is run by Community Organisers Ltd with Power to Change and is funded by Government as part of the Community Organisers Expansion programme. It is for all community businesses wanting to explore how using community organising might strengthen their community engagement and accountability.

Recent reports from Power to Change have highlighted the key role that community engagement plays in the success of community businesses. High levels of community engagement lead to more informed hubs able to respond to and service local community need. Alongside the need for local community businesses to ensure good community engagement a key principle of community business is that it is accountable to the local community. The process of community organising can also be a powerful catalyst for new community businesses.



During this course you will explore:

- what community organising is
- the importance of listening to build relationships and uncover issues
- power in communities and why it matters
- how to motivate people to take action
- how to take your next steps in community organising & social action

"Start the process to become more transparent & listen to what your members needs are"

The course trainers are experienced and committed community organisers. The course is approved as quality training provision by Certa and as approved CPD. All participants receive a Certificate of Achievement.

“It widened my understanding of how many people are working on community projects and organisations, I really liked the framework, it made me think about ways to develop change. I enjoyed the discussions about power, gave me a better understanding about society and empowering people”

Further one-day courses are available from Community Organisers Ltd focusing on practical aspects of community organising, plus longer courses for those who want to train as fully qualified community organisers.

“I loved the training. I learned a lot and cannot wait to put it into practice. The listening exercise made me reflect on how I have been listening to others and sometimes not hearing them. Also, I found the power session very interesting as I can see the how it translates into my community.”

Sign up now and begin your journey in community organising!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JDJGSZK>

We aim to make this course fully accessible. Please speak to us about any needs you have.

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“The main message that stood out for me was of community organisers gaining collective power of people.”

