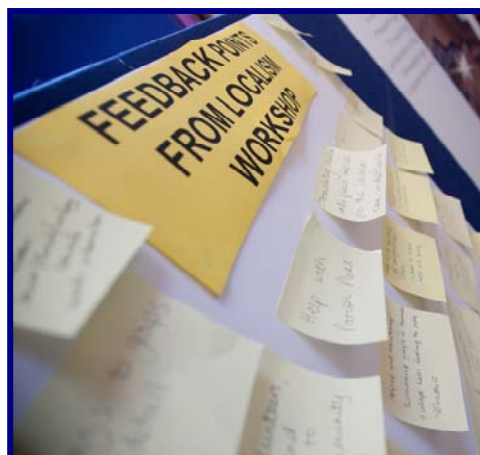


Saturday 24th
November 2012
9.30am – 3.15pm

Venue:
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Communities Leading the Way: *Localism and You*

Skills for Localism

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FREE EVENT

Places will be limited and must be booked in advance.

Full joining details will be sent out on confirmation of booking

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About the event

Localism has much to offer communities in Wiltshire and Swindon and this conference will explore ways in which Community First can help you lead the way.

This event will offer a choice of 'taster' workshops on a variety of Localism topics. Community First has consulted with communities on the type of support they would welcome and each workshop has been designed with the responses in mind.

If you would like to discover the opportunities available, this event is for you!

Workshops

Participants are able to choose **three** workshops to attend from the following list:

1) Project Planning and Business Planning

How to plan, deliver and finance the outcomes you want. A look at the techniques and tips to help you succeed in your projects.

2) CAN WE TALK? Effective Community Communication

Is your community communicating effectively? This workshop looks at key issues relating to effective communication within communities.

3) Voice, Echo and Duo

If you would like to explore your group's role in providing influence on behalf of your community or your role in listening and responding to the voice of the community, this taster session is for you. The session will also look at where groups have a joint role in both areas.

4) Getting and Keeping People Involved!

This workshop explores just that - Getting and Keeping People Involved in community activity, whether through traditional volunteering or people becoming more active in their citizenship.

5) Evidencing Community Need

This workshop looks at methods of evidencing need as well as the wider benefits and added value of undertaking these exercises.

6) Is a Neighbourhood Plan right for your community?

Neighbourhood Plans are just one of several ways that communities can get more involved in local planning. But are they right for your community?

7) Collaborate for local action

The new Community Rights will bring opportunities for community groups to work together to develop projects that provide local solutions to local concerns.

How do you bring different organisations together and make it work? How do you ensure that the gains of working together, sharing expertise and resources outweigh the pains?

8) Engaging Communities

We're all being asked to get more involved in local planning and decision making. How can you ensure that everyone has a real chance to take part and to get their voice heard?

Are you a parish or town council, community led planning or other local group, seeking to consult and involve your community? This workshop will give you the practical tools to design high quality consultation activities that engage and involve all sections of your community.

9) Find out how you and your community can deliver local services

We take a look at the 'Social Enterprise' model. What's been done before! What new rights in the Localism Act can help you! And how to get started.

Could your community be next to take over the village shop or pub or perhaps you are confident to challenge the council and deliver some of their services! Come along and see what's possible.

10) Financing Localism

There is a lot of focus on the exciting projects and opportunities for communities to emerge from the concept of Localism but the question on everyone's lips is "*How do we finance it?*"

In a financial climate which makes handouts and grants few and far between and where the days of having something for nothing are long gone; there needs to be other innovative ways of financing community projects.

This workshop will explore some of the ways in which community projects can be financed other than grants.

What do I do now?

Please complete one booking form per person attending.

Please indicate on the booking form enclosed the workshops you would like to attend on the day by entering the workshop numbers of your choice. Please return your booking form by **Friday 19th October 2012.**

Look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any queries regarding the event or the booking form please contact Sharon Woolley on 01380 732821 or email: swoolley@communityfirst.org.uk