

Neighbourhood governance and community engagement

22 November 2005
Kings Fund Centre, central London

£60 to £120



The government is proposing 'neighbourhood arrangements' and a neighbourhood charter, as part of the process of 'putting power into the hands of the community'. How will this mesh with other policies promoting community engagement and capacity building? What are the realities of making local democracy work, with varying structures designed to give decision-making influence or powers to residents?



Much of the discussion about this unfolding agenda has focused on local authorities and councillors. But the potential role of community groups and organisations, neighbourhood forums and committees, has to be clarified if participative democracy is to function at the local level. Which services are appropriate for decision-making in neighbourhoods, and which are appropriate for formal influence? How will the neighbourhood be defined? How will we deal with conflict in the definition of problems within and between neighbourhoods?

This national conference will explore how people in local communities can play their part in effective neighbourhood governance. It will include the opportunity to participate in the Neighbourhood Governance Game which has been designed to help people explore these issues.

The event will be chaired by Carol Hayden, Associate Director, Shared Intelligence. Speakers include Charles Woodd from the Civil Renewal Unit of the Home Office, providing a government perspective on the community sector's role in neighbourhood governance; and Susie Hay, regeneration and participation consultant, who will discuss the importance of informal networking at local level. A research perspective will be provided by Paul Hilder from the Young Foundation and Paul Skidmore from Demos. A panel including representatives of local organisations will contribute to a discussion in the concluding session.

This conference has been organised by Local Level, www.local-level.org.uk for Community Development Foundation www.cdf.org.uk

Programme

10.00	Coffee and registration	14.45	Informal networking and neighbourhood governance
10.20	Welcome Chair, Carol Hayden , Shared Intelligence		Susie Hay , shortwork
10.30	Neighbourhood governance and the community sector Charles Woodd , Civil Renewal Unit, The Home Office	15.15	Refreshments
		15.40	Panel discussion
11.00	The Neighbourhood Governance Game David Wilcox , Partnerships Online Drew Mackie , Drew Mackie Associates	16.10	Concluding remarks Chair, Carol Hayden , Shared Intelligence
		16.15	Conference closes

Refreshments will be available during this session

12.45 Lunch

13.45 The research perspective

Seeing the wood for the trees: the Transforming Neighbourhoods programme
Paul Hilder,
The Young Foundation

Understanding the benefits of community participation
Paul Skidmore, Demos

Discussion

Please note: This programme is provided in good faith and all of the listed speakers have confirmed their intention to contribute to the event. However the organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme if it becomes unavoidable or is considered necessary.

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Booking form

Please complete this booking form and send it by 16 November 2005 to:

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Organisation

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Date

Fees

(including lunch & refreshments)

Standard conference fee

(statutory and private sector) £120.00

Voluntary/Community sector/Students £60.00

I include a cheque for £
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Issue number (Switch only)

Signature

Date

Full payment must be received by 16 November 2005 in order to guarantee a place. Cancellations received in writing before 15 November will receive a full refund minus a £10 administration fee.

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