

Neighbourhood governance and community engagement

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national
conference

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£65 to £95 per participant

The Resource Centre, Holloway Road,
London

CDF invites you to participate in a conference to explore how people in local communities can play their part in effective neighbourhood governance. It will include the opportunity to play the *Neighbourhood Governance Game* which has been devised by Drew Mackie and David Wilcox to help people explore these issues.

As part of the process of 'putting power into the hands of the community,' the Government will be refining its proposals for 'neighbourhood arrangements,' neighbourhood charters, and links with local area agreements. 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. This conference focusses on dialogue, testing out participants ideas of what works (and doesn't) on the ground. We will look at 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?

Speakers

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

Bookings and enquiries

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