



North West Together We Can Network working with IDeA: the Improvement & Development Agency for Local Government.

Action Learning Set: Mainstreaming Community Engagement and Empowerment.

4 Facilitated Sessions for Local Authority Officers

25 February, 11 March, 1 April and 15 April all at 12.30 to 16.30 (Lunch 12.00 – 12.30)

Facilitator: Sheila Murtagh IDeA Venue: GMCVO, ST Thomas Centre, Manchester

This NWTWC funded Action Learning Set provides a unique opportunity for local authority officers to share experiences of mainstreaming community engagement and empowerment and work with their peers on a specific challenge they are facing.

The Action Learning Set (ALS) will comprise eight officers from councils across the North West with a responsibility for mainstreaming community engagement. You are invited to apply for one of these eight 'places.'

Your action learning challenge

We would like you to identify a challenge that you are currently facing that will benefit from discussion with your ALS colleagues. You will have the opportunity to present your challenge to the other members of the ALS who will help you explore how to tackle it and firm up actions you will take. You will then be expected to report back on these actions at the next set.

The theme for the ALS is mainstreaming effective community engagement and empowerment. Possible challenges might be:

- Demonstrating the impact of community engagement on service delivery
- Demonstrating the impact of community empowerment on community well being
- Measuring community engagement – developing performance indicators with partners and other local authorities

Interested in taking part?

This Action Learning Set is free to local authority officers. **We would need you to be available for all the four dates.**

We hope you will be able to take up this opportunity.

Please use this link on the NWTWC website to register before 19th February 2010:

<http://www.nwtwc.org.uk/events/booking-form.php>

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Contact Sheila Murtagh of the IDeA on 07766115198 or Eve Davidson of Together We Can on 0161 218 1789 for more information.

The Action Learning Set is especially for those with direct responsibility for developing and maintaining community engagement and empowerment- please forward this invitation to the most relevant person in your authority.