

Building and Celebrating Communities:

Local events June 2017

What, Who, Why, When and Where?



Who are these events for?

Anyone who participates, volunteers, works, helps or leads at the heart of a community in South Lanarkshire. We're looking to tap into the expertise, energy and knowledge at grassroots level. Maybe you're the driving force - or even just lending a hand - to a community initiative, club or project that brings folk together or makes a real difference to their lives, however big or small. So, whether you have an idea to foster community spirit, a project you've already instigated or could use some help with in moving forward, we'd be delighted to see you.

What's the background?

South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership's vision is "*Working together to improve health and wellbeing **in** the community – **with** the community.*"

It is about improving people's experience of health and social care. It is also about helping people living in their communities to live well, to know how to enhance their health and wellbeing and for communities to recognise their strengths, their dependencies and interdependencies.

SLH&SCP's *Building and Celebrating Communities* programme will be based on the principles of Asset-based community development (ABCD). ABCD challenges, and can positively compliment, the wider traditional approaches that try to solve urban and rural development challenges by focusing on the needs and deficiencies of individuals and communities. ABCD demonstrates that people, local assets and individual strengths are key to ensure sustainable community development and that people have a life of their own choosing. You can read more about ABCD by visiting this [link](#)

What's the main aim of these events?



In a nutshell, the overriding objective of the events is to explore how we can generate more space for communities to create the things that matter to them - and how we can support these activities. To help us have this conversation, we've asked Cormac Russell and Shaun Burnett from Nurture Development to facilitate proceedings.

Through our conversations, we want to identify three key aims:

1. We want to identify what it is that communities can and are doing best on their own. Not everything needs involvement from big agencies and this is not about reinventing the wheel or interfering. If anything, we want to celebrate what's working – whilst being mindful many people want to help each other out

without making a fuss.

2. We want to try and identify where communities require help. Sometimes this may require a very light touch, making a connection or offering minimal assistance to get an initiative, formal or otherwise, off the ground, like a sporting group or befriending network. Sometimes it may require a bit more assistance or involvement for a longer period of time.

3. We want to identify what communities need SLH&SCP and partner agencies to do for them, initially or on an ongoing basis - and take a leading role in making that happen.

Why are these events important?

These seminars are action orientated. From the findings we want to prioritise a programme of work – so it's important anyone with an interest in further developing their community, no matter how big or small, attends.

When and where do they happen?

The events will be held at the following venues.

- 1 June 2017, 9.30am–3.30pm, Hamilton Town House
- 2 June 2017, 9.30am–3.30pm, Clydesdale, Cartland Bridge Hotel
- 5 June 2017, 9.30am–3.30pm, Hamilton, The Superseal Stadium (Hamilton Accies ground), Cadzow Avenue, Hamilton
- 6 June 2017, 9.30am–3.30pm, Cambuslang & Rutherglen, Rutherglen Town Hall
- June 7 2017, 9:30am – 3:30pm, East Kilbride, Holiday Inn Stewartfield Way, G74 5LA

How do I get involved?

Attendance is free and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

To book a place contact Giuliana Gustinelli on 01698 453700 or email giuliana.gustinelli@southlanarkshire.gcsx.gov.uk

Background reading ahead of the events, *Seven Top Tips for supporting Citizen-driven Community Building*, is available [here](#)
