

## A foundation course in community development aimed at people interested in working in the community

The course runs for 40 hours within a group setting and 10 hours conducting a community investigation. Its main aim is to give people who are active in their community an opportunity to reflect on what they do and why they do it. Participants get the opportunity to examine different practice approaches to working in the community, all of which will assist them in being even more effective in their practice. In addition to this, the programme contributes to the sustainability of organisations, networks and initiatives and leads to increased community participation.

### KEY FEATURES

Activate is a way of developing community capacity by giving participants the opportunity to reflect on their practice in the light of basic community work values and principles. It builds on the experience of those who work in the community, in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

The teaching and learning is informal and participative and yet challenges participants to think more deeply about the work they are doing and how they can contribute to the development of their community.

Flexible local delivery of this 50 hour course ensures that it is accessible for the people your organisation is working with. The specific learning on the programme can be tailored to the needs of the particular group.

### KEY CONCEPTS EXPLORED

- What is community work?
- Values and Principles of community work.
- Equality /Anti discrimination
- Power and Participation
- Local – global issues.

### PRACTICE APPROACHES

- Learning for change
- Identifying needs
- Group work
- Dealing with conflict
- Evaluation.

Community Links Scotland is now running Activate courses throughout the year to organisations who have staff and volunteers interested in or working on frontline community programmes. The course can have up to 25 participants and cost varies depending on number of participants and venue and hospitality costs.

Completion of the course will guarantee the participants an interview for the BA Community Development course at the University of Glasgow.

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