

Third sector capacity building

Learning networks

Adult Social Care has commissioned four learning networks to support voluntary and community sector organisations to develop their capacity and service models to respond to growing demand and the changing policy agenda in East Sussex. Although space on the networks is limited, we will do our best to offer places to any organisation which is seeking to develop, even if you don't plan to apply for funding from us. For more information contact the network leader and to apply contact Claire Caddick on the details at the end of this leaflet.



Innovations network

Current social care strategy seeks to encourage a far greater contribution from the voluntary sector to deliver public services. This network will begin the journey to proactively develop opportunities for your organisation in the light of the changing policy agenda in East Sussex.

Who is the network targeted at?

Chief executives and senior managers. A commitment to attending all three sessions will be required.

What will you learn?

At the end of the network, participating organisations should be better equipped to achieve efficiencies whilst delivering outcomes for service users.

Dates: 4 October, 29 November, and 31 January.

For more information contact Nicolette Rattle on...

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Cultural capability network

A practical look at changes your organisation could make to improve Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) access to your services. The network will look at the organisational benefits to providing support and services to cultural minority groups.

Who is the network targeted at?

Chairs, trustees, chief executives and service managers.

What will you learn?

The sessions will offer time and space to develop a plan to better target your services at BME groups.

Dates: 27 September, 10 December, and 28 January.

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User-led organisations network

A ULO is an organisation that is run and controlled by people who use support services including disabled people, mental health service users, people with learning difficulties, older people, and their families and carers. This network will explore what it means to be a ULO, looking particularly at values, power and knowledge.

Who is the network targeted at?

Chairs, trustees, chief executives and service managers.

What will you learn?

Through implementation of the East Sussex ULO toolkit you will learn how to transform your organisation so you are led by users' needs. You can download the toolkit here: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/socialcare/adults/puttingpeoplefirst/ppfprovidersinfo.htm.

Dates: 1 October, 25 October, and 5 January.

For more information contact Nick Tapp on...

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Personalisation readiness network

The network will offer a series of practical sessions looking at organisations' readiness to deliver personalised services. Seminars will focus on real-life examples of good practice and are designed to help organisations understand what areas may need additional work to be personalisation-ready.

Who is the network targeted at?

Community-based organisations, and organisations beginning on the personalisation journey.

What will you learn?

Organisational Health Checks will be used to help you understand your strengths and weaknesses. Working with a national toolkit, you will assess your organisational readiness for personalisation and consider how you could adapt your services accordingly.

Dates: October to January.

For more information contact Katherine Perrin on...

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Questions and applying for a place

Questions about the content of the networks should go to the network leader for that course.

Organisations will initially be limited to one place on the network of their choice, with places allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants for the Innovations network will need to meet the target criteria. Course materials for all the networks will be available even if you don't get a place. Once the deadline has passed we will allocate any remaining places using your preferences as a guide.

To apply for a place on the networks you will need to complete an 'expression of interest' form.

Request an 'expression of interest' form or send completed forms to:

Email: claire.caddick@eastsussex.gov.uk

Address: Claire Caddick, Learning networks, North – A Floor, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE

The deadline for returning completed forms to us is 15 September.