



Locality Empowerment Groups

Connecting with Communities



Community Planning
Aberdeen

Are you enthusiastic about improving your community? We need you!

Do you want to positively influence your community?
Do you want to work in partnership to deliver change?

If the answer is YES, Locality Empowerment Groups could be for you!



What are Locality Empowerment Groups?

Locality Empowerment Groups (LEGs) are local people interested in improving the quality of life for people living in Aberdeen. Members use their own knowledge and experiences to influence priorities and help determine solutions which are captured in a Locality Plan. There is a plan in place for the Central, North and South areas of Aberdeen. The Locality Empowerment Groups in each area help shape the plans and take action. There are also Priority Neighbourhoods which focus on areas of the City which experience the greatest disadvantage, when you get in touch we can let you know which group would be best for you.

The Locality Empowerment Groups:



Use their experiences to identify needs within communities



Support the development and delivery of Locality Plans



Review how well local needs are being met

What is the role of a Locality Empowerment Group member?

The role of a LEG member is intended to be as flexible as possible. People can contribute in a number of ways. Maybe through getting involved in activities to improve your community; attending LEG sessions; through participation in surveys or on-line forums. There are no set time commitments expected and involvement can be as little or as much as suits you and your circumstances.

You do not require any specific skills, we are looking for people who are motivated and enthusiastic to make a difference, where support is required, we aim to provide this.

LEG members can:



Share
knowledge, skills,
and experiences



Provide feedback on
consultations



Pass information onto
their networks



Get involved in
work to improve
your community



Identify needs in
their community
and possible ways to
address them



Shape Locality Plans to
deliver improved
outcomes for people
and communities

Can I participate in the Locality Empowerment Groups on behalf of someone else?

Yes, individuals are welcome to participate on behalf of family, friends and client groups where they may be unable to participate (e.g. support workers, unpaid carers, professionals working with vulnerable groups/minorities). It is our aim to ensure all voices of Aberdeen City can be heard.



What is in it for you?



Influence what happens in your community



Help make a brighter future for all



Connect with others



Participation can lead to credits for the Saltire Award (young people 12-25 years old) which can help develop skills and confidence

What are the principles of the Locality Empowerment Groups?



Everyone is welcome



We treat everyone with respect



We will be open and honest and share our experiences



We aim to create a friendly and supportive environment that is enjoyable to be a part of

How to get involved!

Aberdeen is made up of a diverse population and we want to ensure all ages and communities get involved, therefore we particularly welcome minority groups.

If you would like to get involved please email

localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk with your name, address and first part of your postcode so we can ensure you are given the details of your local group.