



# 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. There are groups for Central, North and South of Aberdeen but we also focus on needs that may be Citywide e.g. sharing your experience as a person living with a disability. 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



Help prioritise and shape actions to meet these needs



Review how well local needs are being met

# What is the role of a Locality Empowerment Group member?

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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 will:



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

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

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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?

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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?

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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!

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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](mailto: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.