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Tea and coffee will be provided

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Who this course is for

The course will be of benefit to anyone who is directly engaged in community development work. It also caters for the increasing and diverse range of people who are involved in working and volunteering in the community. These include, workers in health, social care, education, community safety, housing, environmental development, childcare, library, open spaces and leisure services. In addition it will be of value to town and parish council staff and elected councillors who wish to develop their experience and skills of working with their communities.

What you will learn

The course is split into units each covering a theme in relation to working in the community. Further information on the units will be available at the introductory session. By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Understand the nature of different communities
- Understand the communities in which they live and work
- Enable communities to identify their needs
- Gain skills to work collectively with those communities
- Gain knowledge to support communities
- Refresh and update skills and knowledge
- Engage people in community development
- Work in partnerships
- Work with diversity
- Work with groups

The learning process

During the course you will work with your tutor and other learners to establish a learning climate that is based on trust and mutual respect. You will be encouraged to talk about and share your experiences of working within communities. The aim is to build on your own learning, skills and experience with the tutor facilitating this process and providing theory and inputs as appropriate. You will be expected to do research, work on your portfolio and keep a learning diary in addition to time spent learning with the group. To help you build your portfolio there will be one to one and group tutorials. The tutor will also be available to give you feedback on your work.

Learning Portfolios and Assessment

You will produce a portfolio that records and demonstrates your learning and this will be assessed against the course's learning outcomes, leading to the Level 3 Certificate in Community Development. As a nationally recognised qualification it will allow access to the Dip/HE/Foundation degrees and the BA programme.

Structure and duration of the course

The course will be divided into units and full information on this will be available at the induction day. It will run on Thursdays, 9.30am to 3.30pm starting 22nd October, concluding May 2010. The learning group will meet in six week blocks with a month between blocks to enable you to build up your portfolio. The venue will be confirmed but will be in the local area

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