

Liverpool Spring Event agenda

10.30am – 3.30pm, Thursday 27 April 2017.

Foresight Centre, Liverpool University, L69 3GL

10.00	Arrival, hot drinks and breakfast			
10.30	Welcome, get to know each other activity and update on Big Local <i>Matt Leach, chief executive, Local Trust</i>			
11.20	Move to workshops			
11.30	<p>Sport – a tool for health and wealth in communities</p> <p>Lancashire Sport is part of the national network of County Sports Partnerships which are committed to improving lives by growing grassroots sport and physical activity. Hear examples of how this community partnership model delivers physical and emotional health benefits in disadvantaged communities, builds community assets and delivers economic outcomes.</p> <p><i>Lancashire Sport</i></p>	<p>Winning hearts and minds</p> <p>Telling a good story is a powerful way to get people to care about what you're doing, and think how they could help. In this taster session you will discover how to find and tell the stories that matter in your community, and how to use stories to help you get more people involved or more active in their support for Big Local.</p> <p><i>Roger Hill</i></p>	<p>Taking the streets back</p> <p>In an area that was blighted by gang culture, where residents felt scared to go out on the streets, bringing back the annual firework display has empowered people to regain ownership of their streets. It has also started to regenerate community spirit and a greater interest in Big Local.</p> <p><i>L30's Million Big Local</i></p>	<p>Connecting local people to local jobs</p> <p>Find out how the Wargrave job club helped 35 residents into jobs in its first year and how this has developed into other employment projects. These tackle residents' need for support on their doorstep and include specific support for mental health, for young people and for anyone who is excluded from mainstream support. This session includes time for discussing ideas about skills development projects.</p> <p><i>Wargrave Big Local</i></p>
12.15	Lunch			

1.15	<p>Connected Communities: a grassroots response to loneliness</p> <p>Discover what the Eden Project Communities and the Centre for Economics and Business Research have uncovered about the value of bringing communities together, and how initiatives like the Big Lunch – which involves over 7.3 million people in taking action across the UK – are effective in addressing loneliness and isolation. Find out how you could take part!</p> <p><i>The Big Lunch</i></p>	<p>Balloon orchestra workshop</p> <p>Be ready to explore and try new things and join the balloon orchestra! In a short space of time you'll work together using balloons as a source of sound (and fun!) and use your imagination to create short rhythms and compositions.</p> <p><i>Sergio Lopez Figueroa</i></p>	<p>Working with health agencies</p> <p>Find out how residents and health agencies can work together to tackle health and wellbeing in the community. Review learning from research on this topic that involved Big Local areas, and discuss the findings in relation to your own experiences and ideas. Hear about and take away tried and tested tools to support your own work with health agencies.</p> <p><i>Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR)</i></p>	<p>Establishing a Community Land Trust</p> <p>Birchwood Big Local has succeeded in setting up a Community Land Trust. This enables them to own and lease land and buildings in their area on behalf of the Birchwood community. Find out how they did it and what they hope to achieve.</p> <p><i>Birchwood Big Local</i></p>
2.00	Move to workshops			
2.15	<p>Community asset – or liability: deciding whether your community building will earn its keep</p> <p>Many Big Local areas want to take on a building – but it can be a big risk. How do you know if it will earn money or not? This is a chance to test your ideas and think about other sources of investment to make your £1m go further.</p> <p><i>Charity Bank</i></p>	<p>Local land and local economies</p> <p>Find out how to identify public land that could be made available for community economic benefits. Try out the New Economics Foundation's innovative new tool for rolling out 'local land audits', and understand how community led approaches to land and housing can transform local economies.</p> <p><i>The New Economics Foundation (NEF)</i></p>	<p>Changing delivery model: from grant giving to commissioning</p> <p>In their first plan, the partnership awarded grants to groups that applied. This enabled them to fund projects early on, but they found that funds weren't benefitting as many people as hoped. So they started to think differently and have moved to a commissioning model and now employ a community worker. Come along to explore the pros and cons of different types of delivery.</p> <p><i>Rudheath and Witton Big Local</i></p>	<p>How to partner with your local housing association</p> <p>As a social landlord, the Riverside Group provides support to people of all ages and circumstances. Explore the role of housing associations in working with local communities, and find out the best way of partnering with your local housing association for mutual benefit.</p> <p><i>The Riverside Group</i></p>
3.00	Afternoon tea and cakes			
3.15	What next?			
3.30	Close			