

# Sheffield Spring Event agenda

10.30am – 3.30pm, Saturday 6 May 2017

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| 10.00 | <b>Arrival, hot drinks and breakfast</b>   |   |   |  |
| 10.30 | <b>Welcome, get to know each other activity and update on Big Local</b><br><i>Matt Leach, chief executive, Local Trust</i>   |   |   |  |
| 11.20 | <b>Move to workshops</b>   |   |   |  |
| 11.30 | <p><b>Bringing super-fast broadband to a rural village</b></p> <p>Whilst most of this Big Local area had optical fibre connectivity, the village of Elmton did not. BT quoted £30k to install it – and residents would have to foot the bill. The community decided this was a non-starter, so set out to find an innovative, lower cost solution. And now? It works, it's fast, it's reliable, and was implemented in weeks. Join this session to find out more!</p> <p><i>Elmton, Creswell and Hodthorpe Big Local</i></p> | <p><b>Communities managing land</b></p> <p>Communities across the country are increasingly taking responsibility for managing local parks and woodlands, and regenerating derelict land. This session explores community-led management of land: how to go about it and what the possibilities are.</p> <p><i>Shared Assets</i></p> | <p><b>Using digital tools matter for community engagement</b></p> <p>Whatever your aims for community engagement, the value of including online tools in your approach is now hard to ignore. The good news is that it doesn't need to be painful; can help reach more people; will highlight the needs of new audiences; and give you valuable data-driven insights. Discover how in this interactive session.</p> <p><i>Commonplace</i></p> | <p><b>Engaging communities: learning from research and real-life</b></p> <p>Big Local research into community engagement shows the importance of 'breadth' (reaching as many people as possible) as well as 'depth' (reaching a core of people willing to get deeply involved). This takes time - and happens through conversations, transparency, and visible action. This session links the research findings to the real-life experience of one Big Local area featured in the research.</p> <p><i>National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and Rastrick Big Local</i></p> |
| 12.15 | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |   |  |

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| 1.15 | <p><b>Building momentum: working with partners on a big project</b></p> <p>Find out how Warsop Big Local has attracted interest and built momentum by working with community members and partners on a large scale project. The journey started when they were offered a huge empty building for community use back in 2013, and the project has grown in scale and ambition. But it has not been easy and the road ahead holds many more challenges!</p> <p><i>Warsop Parish Big Local</i></p> | <p><b>The changing face of housing associations</b></p> <p>Housing associations came close to being privatised by the last government. Now they are off the 'naughty step', what does the future hold for them, their tenants and their partners? We'll explore how associations can do more, work better with stakeholders, add real value to community development and improve people's lives. We'll also look at the best way of partnering with them.</p> <p><i>South Yorkshire Housing Association</i></p> | <p><b>Balloon orchestra workshop</b></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><b>Creating affordable homes</b></p> <p>Find out how this area is tackling long-term empty properties by buying and fixing them up. The first house which had run down for years is now refurbished and occupied! The renovations involve local partners who offer training, apprenticeships, skills and employment to young people, improving the environment and boosting the local economy.</p> <p><i>Goldthorpe and Bolton on Dearne Big Local</i></p> |
| 2.00 | <b>Move to workshops</b>  |   |   |   |
| 2.15 | <p><b>Bloomin' Boston</b></p> <p>Boston in Bloom gardening competition has transformed the face of the town and brought residents together in the process. Using Big Local funds and initial support from the council, the project is now volunteer-led. Environmental concerns and poor publicity about the town were the catalysts; they've gone on to be awarded two gold Royal Horticultural Society awards.</p> <p><i>Central Boston Big Local</i></p>                                     | <p><b>Working with health agencies</b></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. 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><b>Sport can change lives</b></p> <p>Lincolnshire Sport is part of a national network of County Sports Partnerships (CSP) which are committed to improving lives by growing grassroots sport and physical activity. Hear examples of how sport can improve wellbeing and build local community cohesion, and explore the opportunities for working with a CSP in your area.</p> <p><i>Lincolnshire Sport</i></p> | <p><b>Meeting community members on their doorsteps</b></p> <p>Keighley Big Local engage local residents by meeting them on their doorsteps. See the photographs and scrapbooks of their journey so far. Hear about their next project: partnership members using their mobile phones to build up a library of mini-films that can evidence local need, show Big Local activity and share community celebrations.</p> <p><i>Keighley Valley Big Local</i></p>  |
| 3.00 | <b>Afternoon tea and cakes</b>  |   |   |   |
| 3.15 | <b>What next?</b>   |   |   |   |
| 3.30 | <b>Close</b>  |   |   |   |