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Winter event series



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

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The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is central to the mission-driven government, from fixing the foundations of an affordable home to handing power back to communities and rebuilding local governments.

Local Trust

Local Trust is a place-based funder supporting communities to transform and improve their lives and the places in which they live. We believe there is a need to put more power, resources, and decision making into the hands of communities. We do this by trusting local people.

Our aims are to demonstrate the value of long term, unconditional, resident-led funding, and to draw on the learning from our work delivering the Big Local programme to promote a wider transformation in the way policy makers, funders and others engage with communities and place.

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 **THIS DAY**

This Day Foundation

This Day Foundation was established by Gary Lubner in 2023 to drive social change in the UK and South Africa. Its core mission is to improve the lives of young people and tackle deep-rooted poverty and help young people thrive. In the UK, that means supporting those facing hardship, displacement, or disadvantage. In South Africa, it's about breaking the cycle of poverty through education and employment. All their work includes a leadership development element, recognising that people and their energy are the main vector of positive change.



Delivery partners

Power to Change



Power to Change is the think-do tank that backs community business.

We back community business from the ground up. We turn bold ideas into action, so communities have the power to change what matters to them.

We know community business works to build stronger communities and better places to live. We've seen people create resilient and prosperous local economies when power is in community hands. We also know the barriers that stand in the way of their success.

As a think-do tank, we go beyond funding or research alone: we test, learn, and adapt in real time, creating practical solutions that shift the conditions for community business to thrive.

Locality



Locality is the national membership network supporting local community organisations to be strong and successful. We believe in the power of community to transform lives and create a fairer society. Our 2,000 members provide the services their communities need most in spaces where everyone belongs. Locality provides specialist advice, peer-learning, resources and campaigns to help every community thrive. We're the national experts in community ownership. We believe it helps communities take control of their future, so we campaign for funding and powers to help communities take ownership of spaces and manage them.

The Centre for Participation and Action



The Centre for Participation and Action brings over a decade of national experience in participatory approaches to public engagement. Developed by grassroots organisers, activists and engagement



specialists, our work is grounded in real-world delivery. We support public bodies, voluntary sector organisations, funders and communities to design engagement that leads to genuine, meaningful action.

We combine proven participatory methods with deep insight into how people and institutions build trust, work collaboratively and deliver better outcomes for all.

The National Association for Voluntary and Community Action



NAVCA, the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action, is the membership body for 186 local voluntary and community sector infrastructure support organisations [LIOs] in England. NAVCA provides support, resources and a national voice for members which, in turn, provide voice, support and development for VCFSE organisations and communities

Involve

Involve is the UK's leading public participation charity. Since 2003, we have partnered with governments, parliaments, civil society, academics and members of the public to create, advocate for and deliver new forms of public participation that revitalise democracy, improve decision-making, and enable people to shape the decisions that affect their lives.



We work across three pillars: making the case for why participation and deliberation are essential for healthy democracy; embedding change by building capacity and developing evidence, principles and standards; and pioneering practice by encouraging widespread uptake and promoting innovation. We are realistic about the challenges facing democracy, but optimistic about how to overcome them.

Working across the UK and internationally from offices in Belfast and London, we are committed to ensuring our democracies are vibrant and fit for the future by putting people at the heart of decision-making.



3ni

3ni is a new social value partnership, bringing together policy and practice to transform neighbourhoods across the country. By creating a space for collaboration and innovation, we're working with local government and the wider public sector to drive meaningful, lasting change where it's needed most.

At 3ni, we believe that real transformation starts from the ground up. Through our national network for neighbourhood improvement, we're sharing and shaping the best and next practices that help rebuild disadvantaged communities. Our research, events, and activities are designed to support local government and public sector partners in learning what works—and, more importantly, putting it into action.

Citizens UK



Citizens UK is the UK's biggest, most diverse, and most effective people-powered alliance. We're here to overcome injustice, bringing together everyday people and local organisations to build a better, fairer society.

The Centre for Collaboration in Community Connectedness



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The Centre for Collaboration in Community Connectedness is a UK-wide research centre that brings together academics, researchers, community practitioners, funders, professionals and local people to build stronger and more connected communities.

We carry out research and gather evidence on what is needed to build stronger, more connected communities. This is used to support our shared goal of improved policy making and practice.

We do this because we believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live in a community where they have a sense of pride and belonging, and where they can build good relationships with their neighbours and public services.



The National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund is the UK's largest champion of community-led change, using the generosity of National Lottery players to help charities and local groups connect, grow, and build better futures. With funding officers rooted in communities across the UK, we focus where need is greatest, supporting people facing poverty, disadvantage, or discrimination, and backing

projects that bring communities together, protect the environment, empower young people, and boost wellbeing.

By 2030, we will have shared over £4 billion to create stronger, fairer communities across the UK, while also offering practical guidance, insight, and support to turn all sorts of ideas and initiatives into something truly life-changing.



Co-operatives UK

The UK's authority on co-operatives, Co-operatives UK empowers member-owned business to thrive. We provide expertise across governance, HR, training, and networking to grow the co-operative economy, ensuring every co-operative can build strong, sustainable member ownership.



Hyphen Poetry

At Hyphen Poetry, Nikita loves connecting with people and teaching them how to not only write and perform spoken word poetry. But also how to use poetry as a tool for self-reflection, to explore themes and to communicate. Her favourite part is facilitating a safe and creative space for people to express themselves and to connect with a community.