



PRIDE IN PLACE

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Workshops

Whose voice? Which choice? Tensions and trade-offs in community-led decision making

10:30-11:30, Robert Adam Room



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Residents or community representatives making decisions on funding for their area can be very powerful. Done well, it celebrates and validates community voice and enables local people to shape their community's future. But as community-based decision making becomes increasingly mainstream how much are we prepared to consider the challenges that come with it? This session will explore some of those challenges, especially the difficult trade-offs that arise when the real-world consequences of decisions being made locally are so much sharper.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify common tensions and trade-offs that arise when making funding decisions.
- Learn how to create an enabling environment for good decision making.
- Gain confidence to explore the harder aspects of community led decision making in your own setting.

Delivered by Foundation Scotland

Enabling community-led systems change and sustainable partnerships

10:30-11:30, Reception Room



This session explores practical insights into how both local services can be reoriented around citizen voice, prevention, and collaboration, enabling community-led decision-making and embedding sustainable, long-term change in local service delivery. Participants will hear about the mechanics and outcomes of setting up two place-based partnerships: the Clackmannanshire Voice Led Transformation Space and the Perthshire Youth Work Partnership.

Learning outcomes:

- Understand core features of pooled funding and distributed governance to support community-led transformation.
- Gain insights into using lived experience through Community Voice panels to actively shape local service delivery.



- Learn strategies for stabilising local sectors and increasing community engagement through long-term funding commitments and high-trust collaboration.
- Recognise how to shift from reactive, siloed services to relational, early intervention models.

Delivered by IVAR (Institute for Voluntary Action Research)

Making and delivering plans within the wider ‘planscape’

12:00-13:00, Robert Adam Room



This workshop will provide practical steps for getting Pride in Place areas and their plans off to a strong start. At a time when many communities are already leading discussions about what matters locally, participants will reflect on the range of existing approaches and explore what Neighbourhood Boards should consider when navigating the wider landscape of community-led plans.

Learning outcomes:

- Understand the core elements of community-led planning.
- Build confidence in creating flexible plans that reflect local priorities.
- Consider how Pride in Place can add value to existing community-led plans, either those in place or being developed.

Delivered by SCDC (Scottish Community Development Centre)

Community land and buildings – assets not liabilities

12:00-13:00, Reception Room



Asset ownership can transform communities, protecting and developing services and bringing a range of social and economic benefits. How do we sort the assets from liabilities and identify which are best suited for our communities?

This workshop explores the key areas that communities should consider ahead of the acquisition or transfer of land and buildings into community ownership. It offers a practical session exploring options appraisals and the key characteristics of success. The workshop also provides the opportunity to hear from community groups who have already undertaken this process and learn from their experience.

Learning outcomes

- Gain an understanding of the asset acquisition process and the key considerations for long term success.
- Be introduced to an outline framework to consider the asset options available to them.
- Have the opportunity to explore with established asset owning community groups their recommendations for success.

Delivered by DTAS (Development Trust Association Scotland)



Measuring impact and informing change

14:15-15:15, Robert Adam Room



This interactive workshop will introduce participants to tried, tested, and inexpensive methods that can be used to measure pride in place and establish a trackable baseline. It will first introduce the kinds of methods that can be used, then explore how to work with the information they provide, before outlining how these understandings can inform changes to place-based decision making and be used to demonstrate impact.

Learning outcomes:

- Identify and better understand baseline levels of community pride.
- Gain practical resources to measure and evaluate people-centered, place-based change.
- Be able to reflect on changes in pride and connection at a local level.

Delivered by the AHRC Place-Based Research Programme, University of Glasgow

Engaging local anchor organisations

14:15-15:15, Reception Room



This interactive workshop explores how engagement with local anchor organisations can shape and strengthen the delivery of key programmes such as Pride in Place. In particular, this session will make the case for early, long-term, and embedded engagement and collaboration that builds on existing community interests and priorities.

With input and examples from organisations in Edinburgh and Glasgow, the workshop will explore how this collaborative approach can best be shaped through Pride in Place, and what lessons can be drawn from previous programmes.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the local landscape, and identify (and prioritise) key anchor organisations to partner with.
- Develop strategies for building capacity in areas with no anchor organisations.
- Leverage existing community priorities and plans to create a partnership approach that avoids duplication.

Delivered by SURF (Scotland's Regeneration Forum)