**Empowering our Communities Partnership**

**Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015**

**Supporting our Community Groups**

**Who this session is aimed at:** Council staff and partners involved in community development / capacity building with young people, adults and communities. This session is also aimed at local community groups and volunteers.

**How will this session be delivered:** Presentations from Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Team and East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA) on support for groups, followed by fun activities!

**How many delegates can attend:** 40

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Programme Leader:** Kirsty Anderson (Policy Adviser, EDC), Anne Marie Timmoney (Community Development Worker, EDC) and Scott Lafferty (Community Development Manager, EDVA)

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| **Course code** | **Date** | **Course Title** | **Time** | **Location** |
| RS46 | Thursday 8 December  | Supporting our Community Groups | 12-2pm | Enterprise House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XQ |

**Aim:** To further awareness and understanding of key aspects of the new Act and to develop further the East Dunbartonshire response. This session is part of a series on the new Act and will focus on support that is available locally for community groups and volunteers from staff in the Council and EDVA. There will be presentations on the relevant aspects of the new Act including Local Outcome Improvement Planning, participation requests, asset transfer and participatory budgeting. There will be an outline of the local community group landscape, funding available via the Community Grant Scheme, the ways community groups can be constituted and made sustainable and the training that is available for up-skilling. The second half of the session will be interactive with a range of fun group activities to develop community networks; analyse and understand power dynamics; and develop skills, knowledge and aspirations to empower groups to participate in public decision making.

**Objectives:** By the end of the session you will be able to:

* Demonstrate increased knowledge and understanding of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
* Facilitate and promote community empowerment.
* Utilise increased networks with colleagues within the Council and external partners.
* Further ensure Community Learning and Development activity is focussed and high quality.

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