**Empowering our Communities Partnership**

**Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015**

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

**How will this session be delivered:** Presentations by Scottish Government and Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Team, followed by questions/discussion.

**How many delegates can attend:** 40

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Programme Leader:** Kirsty Anderson (East Dunbartonshire Council, Policy Adviser, Community Planning and Partnerships Team)

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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 |
| RS46 | Monday 30 January | Community Participation in Public Decision Making (with Scottish Parliament) | 12-2pm | Hillhead Community Centre |
| RS46 | Wednesday 18 January | Community Empowerment Act and New Duties for CPP (with Corporate Performance Jo Greatorex on SIMD) | 12-2pm | Broomhill Boardroom |
| RS46 | Tuesday 28 February | Community Participation in Public Decision Making (with SG) | 12-2pm | Enterprise House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XQ |
| RS46 | Tuesday 28 February | Community Right to Buy and Asset Transfer (with SG) | 2.30-4.30pm | 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. The Bill was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 17 June 2015 and received Royal Assent, becoming an Act, on 24 July. The first two sessions are an introduction to Community Planning and the new Act, the second one focussing on Community Groups and how they are supported locally. This will be followed by specific sessions on the new Act by the team leader in Scottish Government (SG). Further specific sessions will be offered next year once the guidance for the Act has been published and the local approach has been developed further.

**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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