



## Listening Skills for Community Organising

This interactive, quality-assured community organising course will help you to develop the skills and confidence to start listening to people to build relationships and activate people as part of a community organising strategy.

Listening to people is the foundation of community organising because it builds trust and relationships, uncovers issues and is an essential starting point for bringing people together to share stories, ideas and action. On this course, you will gain an understanding of why listening is important in community organising and you will develop practical listening skills and tactics and plan a listening campaign.

During this course you will explore

- ‘relational’ listening and its importance in community organising
- how to plan a listening campaign to kick-start your organising work
- practical listening tools you can use to engage people, build relationships and find leaders
- how asking powerful questions helps people to tell their stories
- how community organisers reflect to improve their work

*“The listening exercise made me reflect on how I have been listening to others and sometimes not hearing them.”*

### Location

TBC

### Date

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
10-5.30pm

### How to book

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Email or call Dot to sign up now and continue your Community Organising journey.

You Must Sign Up to Attend this Course. Please note if we do not receive enough bookings, this course will not run. Due to our Quality criteria, this course requires a minimum of X participants to run. If people sign up but do not attend, we may cancel the course on the day. Please let us know if you change your mind after signing up.

## More information

The course also provides a reminder of the basics of community organising, which are covered in our Introduction to Community Organising course. If you haven't been on our Introduction course, we would encourage you to do this before signing up to our Listening course.

The course lasts for 7.25 hours. Like all of our training, it is inspiring and interactive. It is designed so that everybody can take part, share their ideas and experiences and practice their skills.

*"I loved the training. I learned a lot and cannot wait to put it into practice... I can see how it translates into my community."*

This course is run by Community Organisers Ltd for Brighton and Hove Community Land Trust and funded by DCMS as part of the Community Organisers Expansion programme.

The course trainers are experienced and committed Community Organisers. The course is approved as quality training provision by Certa and as approved CPD. All participants receive a Certificate of Participation.

Further one-day courses are available focusing on practical aspects of community organising, plus longer courses for those who want to train as fully qualified community organisers.

