

Learning Circles

A learning circle is a co-produced, self organised space where workers/activists can come together and explore opportunities to support more citizen-led social action in their work or in their neighbourhood where they live.

We will also explore how we can connect our work together across neighbourhoods and parts of the city.

Purpose

Bring together community workers who are interested to explore:

- Deepening your asset-based community development approach to your work
- Sharing tools and facilitation techniques to support community building work
- Supporting each other around dilemmas in a peer coaching methodology
- Network with other like-minded professionals
- To co-facilitate and contribute to the space

Commitment from Bristol City Council

We will host two partner learning circles in Bristol for community workers:

- North Bristol
- South Bristol

We will also host learning circles in a neighbourhood where the community development team are working and where the opportunity and energy arises. We will also support colleagues and partners to set up their own learning circles if desired.

Commitment from practitioners

Learning circles are co-produced and are set up with the input of all participants so may differ in timings. We recommend that a learning circle meets a minimum every two months and runs for at least two hours. Once a group is formed it might decide to become a closed group which doesn't allow other members to join, or it can remain open depending on what the participants prefer.

To make a learning circle work in terms of building practice, practitioners need to make a regular commitment to attend and prioritise it over other commitments where possible.

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