

Community Leadership

Why this course?

This course is for people who are active in their communities and who find themselves in formal or informal leadership roles.

While community transformation is by its nature a collective, participative endeavour, it is also the case that community initiatives often depend for their success on the leadership of one or a small group of individuals. The pressures on such people can be huge and the rewards and recognition minimal, with the result that many burn out. Few such people actively seek to play leadership roles; most are motivated by the desire to improve conditions in the place and for the people where they live; they then find responsibility thrust upon them.

This course is designed to provide people who are active in their communities with some of the key skills and tools needed to help them assume, and make a success of, leadership roles and responsibilities.

Learning aims

By the end of the course, participants will know how to

- carry out leadership activities in ways appropriate to community development and change
- tap into and make use of their own resources
- motivate themselves and others
- develop a clear vision for the future of their communities
- boost their own and others' confidence
- communicate in empowering ways
- carry out effective action planning with and for their communities.

Outline programme (for 2_ - day course)

Day 1

10.00-11.15	Introduction to the course and to one another
11.30	Journeys: How we got to be where we are
1.00	<i>Lunch</i>
2.15-3.45	Values and beliefs
4.15-5.45	Building confidence and resilience

Day 2

9.15-10.45	Leadership in communities
11.15	Communicating to empower others
12.45	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00-3.30	Envisaging a better future
4.00-5.30	Developing a community vision

Day 3

9.15-10.45	Communicating your vision
11.00	Action planning
	Course evaluation
12.30	<i>Lunch and finish</i>