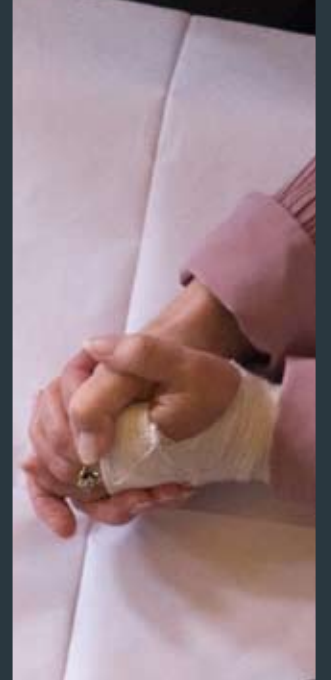




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About us

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is a registered charity. We are recognised by the Scottish Government as the lead body for community development in Scotland.

What is community development?

Community development is action that helps communities to organise themselves and respond to problems and needs which they share. It supports the establishment of strong communities that control and use assets to promote social justice and help improve the quality of community life. It also enables community and public agencies to work together to improve the quality of government.

SCDC training courses 2010 to 2012

SCDC offers flexible training courses which are designed to support practitioners to enable them to make a greater positive impact on the quality of life within their communities. Training course content is discussed with local partners prior to delivery to ensure that the courses offered accurately reflect local needs. We are currently offering a range of training courses based on the themes we have identified with our partners as most relevant to current practice across the fields of health, regeneration and community learning and development.

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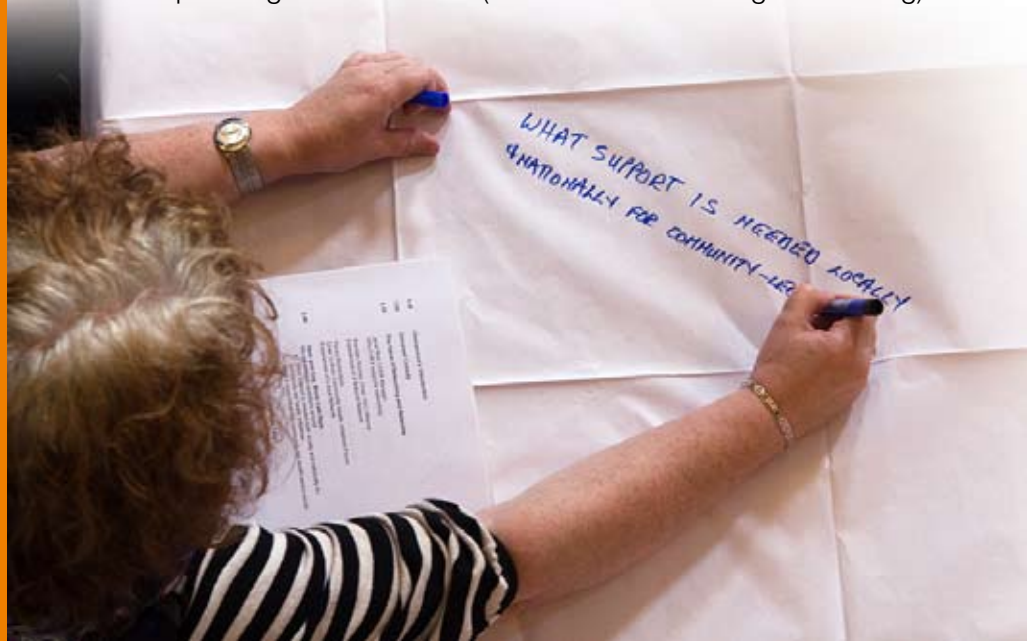
Community engagement

The active participation of communities and service-users in decision-making processes and the design and delivery of public services is an increasingly central theme of public policy and service delivery. We offer introductory and more in-depth training on the principles, standards, processes and methods that underpin good practice in community engagement. Typical courses are:

- ▶ **National Standards for Community Engagement – ½ day or 1 day course:** training covers the principles and practice of community engagement and applying the Standards
- ▶ **VOiCE (Visioning Outcomes in Community Engagement) – ½ day or 1 day course:** training covers the principles underpinning VOiCE, the use of the VOiCE database and its application in practical contexts. It focuses on an outcome-focused approach to community engagement and can be combined with sessions on the principles of community engagement/National Standards.

Outcome-focused practice

Training support in this area explores the principles and process of outcome-focused planning and evaluation in a partnership setting and introduces the core tools and frameworks that support outcome-focused practice in CLD including the new **LEAP software package**. Training is tailored to meet specific needs but will typically cover: the key principles and processes of outcome-focused practice; participatory and need-led approaches to planning and evaluation; the wider context for outcome-focused planning and evaluation; and the core tools and frameworks that support outcome-focused planning and evaluation (such as LEAP and logic modelling).





Building the capacity of communities

Supporting the capacity of community organisations to take effective action and a leading role in the development of their communities. Typical courses we deliver are:

- ▶ **Assessing community strengths/SCORE – ½ day or 1 day course:** this course covers the key elements of strong communities and related community capacity building support.
- ▶ **Building effective organisations/achieving community change – 1 day course:** this course covers the key elements and processes involved in building strong community groups and organisations and explores how community organisations can best prepare their case for change, build alliances and support, and develop strategies for sustainable change.

Community-led action research

Supporting communities to develop their skills and abilities to undertake research and evidence issues of concern to them is a positive way of building the capacity of communities to achieve change. Based on our experience of successfully supporting community groups to plan, undertake research, analyse it and present their evidence (through the Scottish Community Action Research Fund and Demonstrating the Links) we can provide training for staff to support communities to effectively carry out their own research.

- ▶ **Training for those with research experience – 1 day course:** covering practical tools and methods for supporting effective community research.
- ▶ **Supporting community-led action research – 2 day course:** an in-depth course for those with little experience of this type of research which provides more time to come to terms with the issues involved and the chance to work through practical examples.

SCDC also delivers training on:

- ▶ **ABCD (Achieving Better Community Development):** understanding, implementing and evaluating a community development approach to change based on the ABCD model.
- ▶ **Co-production: principles and practice:** exploring the principles, values and methods involved in co-production and the application of these processes at local level.
- ▶ **Community-led health:** understanding and implementing a need-led collaborative approach to health improvement and addressing health inequalities. Including the **Health Issues in the Community (HiIC)** training initiative.

What does it cost and how do you go about it?

SCDC charges a daily rate for its training and consultancy support. This varies between £500 and £600* per day for up to ten participants, with discount available for community groups/unfunded organisations. All training and consultancy work is negotiated between the client and SCDC – we are committed to designing and delivering training/support which meets your needs rather than expecting you to fit into a set programme.

** Please note the exceptions to this are Credit-Rated LEAP (contact **Susan Paxton** – susan@scdc.org.uk) and Credit-Rated HiIC (contact **Robert Cuthbert** – robert@scdc.org.uk) which have a separate pricing structure.*

Further information and contact details

If you are interested in accessing any of the training/consultancy support described above or if you would like to discuss any other areas that you feel we could help you with please contact: **David Allan (Head of Programmes)** on **0141 248 1924** or by email at david@scdc.org.uk and for more information on the work of SCDC please visit our website on www.scdc.org.uk

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