

## Community-led Practical Action Programme June - Dec 2021

In the face of Covid-19 people and communities stepped up with new ideas and approaches to get things done. Now a practical action programme wants to hear from diverse groups of people, organisations and partnerships with ideas on how **community led action can help build a fairer, greener, healthier future.**

**Are you a community group or cross-sector partnership that has diverse, inclusive ideas, activities or approaches that you want to test? Can you innovate at pace with local communities, working with others as a team across boundaries?**

This is an opportunity to take part in a rapid period of testing and learning, developing existing ideas as well as experimenting with new ones. You'll be looking at how local relationships help good things happen, or don't. What you learn will help policy makers understand how national strategy can support communities to thrive.

You'll be experienced in community action, eager to experiment and already working with others, or have an idea of how you'd like to work in partnership to get things done. You'll be diverse and inclusive, an active member of, or leading a community group, working in the voluntary, statutory or private sector. This includes a Local Authority or health board team working in the community, or a community-minded local business or enterprise with good ideas.

We're looking for **3 teams from across Wales** able to take part in this fast-paced **three month structured programme.** We provide coaching, support and facilitation to test ideas at pace in your community.

We want to learn:

- How communities that adapted well to Covid can maintain and sustain their efforts and infrastructure
- What it takes to build sustainable, collaborative relationships across sectors that share, create and release power - putting citizens and communities 'in the driving seat'
- How everyone in communities can access, contribute to, participate in and benefit from community action.
- How a shared understanding of the value of community action can be developed and demonstrated

Commissioned by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, the programme is working with community leaders to present evidence to Welsh Government. It's delivered in partnership with Nesta's People Powered Results team.

### **What will the programme look like in practice?**

Our coaches and facilitators will support small teams of people from communities across Wales to come together to design and test approaches and activities that meet key local challenges. We anticipate a core team of 3-4, inc. volunteers, people with lived experience, or public service staff working in the community. You'll have a local leader or sponsor from the statutory sector willing to back your idea and help remove barriers, as well as our support to develop and test it.

#### **You'll have:**

- Fortnightly webinars (1-2 hours) to check-in with team members, set goals and discuss progress across 3 months
- An opportunity to attend and take part in wider online events every 3-4 weeks across the programme to share what you're doing and what you're learning
- 2-3 extra coaching sessions with People Powered Results across the three months to develop methods to support and sustain your activities
- Help to develop existing partnerships - new partnerships will also be considered where they address lack of diversity and inclusiveness
- Support to build sustainable community-led action beyond the programme
- Support to help the national leadership group feed learning into future strategy

We'll provide practical coaching and facilitation, as opposed to grant funding.

Once formed, each team will meet regularly through webinars, supported by the PPR coaching team. At these sessions we will take you through a design process of setting goals, mapping access points and assets, before designing, testing and evaluating new ways/ activities to meet your goals. This builds on the work of the recent People Powered Results programmes and will be facilitated in partnership with the WCVA and the National Leadership Group of experienced community leaders. The programme will focus on structured innovation support that is inclusive, collaborative and aims to create the conditions for rapid change within complex systems, across boundaries and sectors.

**How to get involved:** You can enter by filling in the google form below or you can submit a short video (up to 3 minutes) describing your idea. The deadline is 9am on June 28th.

You can enter by heading to the google form below and either answering the questions, or following the guidance at the top of the form to submit a short video (up to 3 minutes).

[Link to guidance and application form](#)

**Contacts and information:** We'll hold informal, virtual, drop in session on:

- Thursday June 17th 4:30-5:30pm

<https://nesta.zoom.us/j/91075581993?pwd=TG4xUXI0OC8wTDBDMWd1d1hXT2lIQT09>

- Tuesday June 22nd 3:30-4:30pm

<https://nesta.zoom.us/j/99287969675?pwd=Z3lyHdRSk03bmZlc2RYUTVxU0pYQT09>

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