**Learning Together**

We all have something to offer, we all have something to learn

Information for applicants

Learning Together is a free regional support initiative for voluntary organisations, community and faith groups and social enterprises supporting communities through COVID19, that runs for 6 months from 11January - 16 July 2021. There are up to 100 free places in each of the 7 NHS regions across England.

It brings together leaders from across your region in arts, natural environment, financial wellbeing, physical activity, health and care to:

* celebrate your work in supporting communities through COVID19;
* share learning;
* give free and dedicated time to talk about the challenges of your work with other community leaders, learn from others and consider possible solutions; and
* help you to build new partnerships across sectors, including arts, financial wellbeing, natural environment, leisure, physical activity and sport, health and care.

**It is free to join but places are limited through a selection process.**

Learning Together is part of the Thriving Communities Programme.

**Why should I apply for Learning Together?**

Learning Together will be designed and tailored to the needs of your region by your Thriving Communities regional lead. It will offer you:

* a named Thriving Communities Lead, who will help you connect with other groups and organisations to stimulate new partnerships with arts, natural environment, financial wellbeing, physical activity and health and care organisations, including social prescribing link workers
* opportunities to join other leaders to encourage, coach, and support each other so you can share your learning, develop your skills and help to tackle your challenges
* opportunities to join others in a regular small ‘action learning’ group to discuss the challenges of supporting communities through COVID19 and crowdsource solutions together.

You will automatically become part of the **Thriving Communities Network**, which provides regular webinars tailored to the needs of voluntary organisations, community and faith groups and social enterprises and access to a Thriving Communities Ideas Hub, where you can share your work, gain new ideas and access to helpful resources.

**Eligibility**

* The initiative is designed for voluntary organisations, community and faith groups and social enterprises supporting communities through COVID19 – and we welcome applications from all these communities.
* Priority will be given to smaller, local groups and organisations working alongside communities most affected by COVID19 and tackling health inequalities.
* You can apply as an individual or as an organisation or community group, but numbers are restricted to a maximum of 2 per organisation/group.

**How to apply**

Complete and submit the short form to your regional lead by email no later than **12pm on 11 December 2020**. Your application will be assessed by the NASP Regional Lead and you will be notified by 11 January 2020.

**If you have any questions, please contact your regional lead.**

**Stay in touch! Sign up to our Thriving Communities Network.**