

Community Representation Training opportunities.

'Skilling Up for Stronger Voices' is a national program in 5 Units of training aimed at community representatives who have a remit to take their organisation's members/users views and feed them into steering groups, focus groups, strategic partnerships and consultations. Sometimes you may be speaking on behalf of a number of organizations, like a network. Good representation skills are increasingly being seen as key to effective partnership working as well as to the credibility of the views of the people you are trying to represent. We delivered Unit 1 of the program late last year in Hastings and are now ready to roll out Unit 2.

**'Skills for Engagement Through Partnerships'
Unit 2 of Skilling up for Stronger Voices
11th March 9.30 - 2.00pm, Hastings**

This training session is open for people from across East Sussex.

This unit is aimed at people in representational roles on Partnerships and has an overall aim to: **Raise Awareness of the different types of engagement and expected outcomes in a partnership environment.**

The Local Authority is currently reviewing its community engagement strategy. In this context 'community engagement' refers to "the active processes and mechanisms by which third sector organizations are able to contribute and to influence the work of the LSP in planning and delivering local services"

This unit will help you to gauge the effectiveness of your representation and the degree to which you are influential on your partnership.

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In December 11 people took part in Unit 1 **Local Democracy and Partnerships** and all participants fed back a high degree of satisfaction and useful knowledge attained from the session.

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