



Take Part Frequently Asked Questions

Take Part in what? In your community, in events that matters to you, in decisions making processes and help raise your awareness about:

- how local services make decisions about the services they provide in the area you live in and how to influence those decisions.
- what services and provision there is in your area and how to access them
- who does what and why they do it the way they do.(e.g housing providers, police, health services, various council departments, county council)
- how to feel empowered to shape your community.
- becoming actively engaged in the community you live or work in.

What is Community Empowerment? It is the giving of confidence, skills and power to communities to shape and influence what public bodies do for or with them.

What is Community Engagement? It is the process whereby public bodies reach out to communities to create empowerment opportunities.

How much will it cost me? Nothing except your time and commitment.

I have a disability, can I still Take Part? Absolutely, please let us know how we can help.

Can I bring my children? All children are welcome and are a very important part of our community, there will of course be some events or activities that won't be suitable, but we will work that out with you. There should be no barriers for people Taking Part. Please advise us of your needs. It is our intentions to arrange a number of family centred activities as part of the Take Part programme.

Do you offer any training? Any training or development will be tailored to the needs of the people Taking Part and may include confidence building, communicating, confidentially, how to run a meeting. The overarching purpose of Take Part is to increase people's awareness of services that are provided and their ability to influence those service providers in the area they live in. This

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Take Part project will have a range of both formal and informal learning opportunities for people Taking Part.

What about childcare? If you require crèche facilities for younger children this may be possible. Please advise us of your needs. It is our intentions to arrange a number of family centred activities as part of the take part programme.

How do I find out more? By contacting the project worker for your area.

Bushey - Cindy Sedman Telephone: **020 8207 4504** or **0794386 2207**
Email: **cindy@communityactionhertsmere.org**

Potters Bar - Paul Smyth Telephone: **020 8207 4504** or **07943862130**
Email: **paul@communityactionhertsmere.org**

Is this being organised by the council? No, the programme is delivered by Community Action Hertsmere – an independent voluntary organisation. Please have a look at the Take Part Video on www.communityactionhertsmere.org

This all sounds great, can I participate? Yes, providing you live, work or study in one of the target areas and complete an expression of interest form.

Is there an age limit? No. We encourage participation from all ages.

I don't know anybody who's attending, can I still take part? Yes – Take Part is an ideal opportunity to meet new people.

I run a group whose members would be interested in this, how can you help me? Contact your local Take Part Project Worker who would be happy to arrange a time to come out to talk to your group.

Do I have to live in the local area? Live, work or study in one of the target areas.

Where is take part taking place? The target areas are Bushey St James and Potters Bar Oakmere.



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