



**Ageing Better LGBT Hub**

## **ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY ORGANISING TRAINING**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Birmingham LGBT Centre**

The Ageing Better LGBT Hub is offering this one-day FREE training course for members of the community who are interested in setting up community activities, and those who are already organisers who are looking to develop their skills.

Active citizenship is about taking steps or taking on a role within your community which improves the lot not just of yourself but of others within that community. Community organising develops the capacity of people with shared interests and goals, to use their passion and energy effectively and collectively to create positive change.

This training workshop will look at examples including from the participants' and trainer's own experiences, in order to develop participants' understanding of successful citizen-led community actions. It will provide insight into how the right combination of elements such as motivation, resources, information, allies, networking and activities can result in successful outcomes. It will introduce a variety of inclusive and empowering practical methods which can promote and facilitate effective community organisation and activism.

There will be an opportunity to develop strategic and action plans around specific community issues or ideas brought to the group by participants.

Registration is from 9.30am for a 9.45am start and the course is expected to finish by 4pm. Booking is essential as places are limited

**If you can't make the date, this course will be run again on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

*Please see overleaf for booking details, Learning Outcomes, and more information on the trainer.*

To book or for further details, please contact:

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**Lunch is provided – please let Maria know of any dietary requirements.**

## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the workshop participants will:

- 1) Have an enhanced understanding of active citizenship, community organising and activism, and their benefits and rewards
- 2) Be able to recognise different forms of community organising and have a framework for analysing the effectiveness of different approaches and techniques
- 3) Be aware of the implications of LGBT identity when working within and outside LGBT communities
- 4) Be able to compare and select potential strategies and approaches which could be utilised by active citizens in organising groups, networks, events or campaigns to meet current needs or social issues, and identify support and resources needed.
- 5) Have practiced several essential communication skills during the course of the day and take away several useful tools and checklists
- 6) Have developed an action plan to take away to address an issue or concern affecting themselves or their community, as an active citizen or community organiser

## **The trainer – Lesley Pattenson MSc, DHSA, DipHEd, DARQE**

Lesley Pattenson is an independent trainer, researcher and project manager, having worked with and for a range of statutory and voluntary sector organisations at local, regional and national levels. During her professional NHS management career she was responsible for, and developed considerable expertise in the areas of community engagement and participation, equality and diversity, and research and evaluation. Alongside her paid work she has been involved in developing a range of community organisations and groups, and has campaigned and organised with and for sections of the community including women, LGBTs, carers, disabled and older people in relation to equal rights, health and services, the local environment, leisure, the arts and heritage. Lesley can demonstrate and draw upon many successful outcomes and achievements from four decades of being an active citizen, community organiser and activist.