

Big Locals: Balancing the power

Arrive 12:30 for 13:00 start, finish at 15:15, Friday 8th June 2018

The Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EP

In partnership with the Local Trust

Joining Instructions

We look forward to seeing you at our workshop on Big Local areas. Please find below information about the event. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at vschneider@nlgn.org.uk or 020 7148 4601.

Event details

Friday 8th June 2018

12:30 Lunch

13:00 Welcome and introductions

13:15 Presentation of early findings

13:30 Roundtable discussion

Feedback and reflections on early findings

14:15 Coffee break

14:20 Breakout session 1

Practical steps to good partnership working

14:40 Breakout session 2

Developing shared ownership and accountability between community and council

15:00 Closing words and next steps

Location

Room 101, The Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EP (map [here](#))

Please find exact directions to the venue [here](#).

About the event

The role of the council and councillor is changing – local authorities have traditionally had a paternalistic relationship with their communities, with councillors leading from the front and deciding what services a local area needs. In the face of funding shortages, communities have stepped in to fill that role. This shift in power has changed the relationship between communities and councils.

NLGN and the Local Trust are exploring the existing partnership dynamics between councils and local communities in the Big Local areas, and how these relationships may be improved.

Drawing on your experiences, during this workshop we will explore the following questions:

- ✚ What models of partnership have worked well? And what have not?
- ✚ How have councils and local communities overcome key challenges in their partnership?
- ✚ What are the key recommendations for other councils and community organisations looking to set up a project in their area?

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

The NLGN Team