



Small Groups Network Questionnaire: Assessing Your Needs

Small Groups

For the purpose of the Dudley CVS Lottery Project, 'small groups' are defined as voluntary and community organisations with an income of under £5000 per year, regardless of how many members your group has and what area it covers.

Small Groups Network

The voluntary and community sector in the Dudley borough is made up of many small community and voluntary organisations who deliver a diverse range of valuable services and activities. The Small Groups Network was established as a result of small groups informing Dudley CVS that it is difficult for them to influence national, regional and local initiatives due to the capacity of their groups. Small groups are often run solely by volunteers which results in them not having enough people to attend different meetings where they could feed in their views and influence change. The Small Groups Network aims to provide up to date and relevant information to groups and provide mechanisms so that the voices of small groups can be heard. It also aims to provide a forum for small groups to share knowledge, information and good practice.

What is the purpose of this questionnaire?

We would like to know what issues and/or concerns small groups face so that we can best deliver our services to them. This questionnaire provides you with the opportunity to influence what themes and topics Network meetings should cover and to make suggestions about how its meetings and events could be run.

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.

Small Groups Network Questionnaire

1. What issues do you think small groups face?

2. What support needs do you feel your small group needs?

3. How would your group prefer to be supported?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Open training courses for all groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Network meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In house training for your group | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings with DCVS staff 'as and when needed' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state | |

4. What kind of events would your small group find useful?

5. What themes/topics would you like to be covered at Small Groups Network Meetings?

6. How would you like to be kept informed of issues affecting small groups?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Post | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail bulletin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state |

7. The Small Groups Development Officer and the Information Officer plan to pilot a free-to-use e-mailing network. Users will be able to interact, gain support and information from other groups in the network from their own e-mail accounts. Would you be interested in using such a service?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but I do not have internet access / an e-mail address | |

8. Are there any small groups issues that you would like to raise now?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - please use space below to state how you would like Dudley CVS to respond to the issue(s) |
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9. Would you be interested in joining the Small Groups Network?

Yes

No

10. Any further comments / suggestions

Organisation Details (optional)

Your name

Organisation name

Address

Telephone number:

E-mail:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return this questionnaire by Wednesday 30 July to Becky Pickin, Small Groups Development Officer, Dudley Council for Voluntary Service, 7 Albion Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3EE. Telephone: 01384 267431. E-mail: smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk