



What's it all about?

Launched in December 2008, the East Midlands Empowerment Partnership has grown out of the new government White Paper 'Communities in Control, Real People, Real Power' [Read More](#).

Across the UK there are 9 Regional partnerships and together they are part of the National Empowerment Partnership [Read More](#)

These initiatives seek to increase the number of people, particularly in disadvantaged areas, who participate in public issues, contribute to the improvement of public services, and help to shape the future of their local communities.

What will happen in the East Midlands?

We have an inclusive mission to:

- Improve and increase empowerment activities across our region
- Co-ordinate dialogue between the public sector, third sector agencies and grass roots organisations
- Identify evidence of what works as key to underpinning policy for public service delivery within national, regional and local government

We do NOT act as a delivery body for empowerment. And we're certainly NOT here to tell you what to do. Our aim is to set up a framework to enable the public sector, third sector and communities at a regional and local level to **share and maximise existing skills, expertise, knowledge and networks**.

We want to bring added value to the many activities already taking place in the east midlands, and find ways to measure and encourage effective empowerment of local citizens in public services.

Over the coming months we will be creating a series of printed and online resources together with workshops and networking events.

Who's already involved in our region?

Some agencies are already involved in the Partnership, for example GOEM, East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (EM IEP), EMDA, Community Matters, East Midlands ACRE Network, TANC, Young Advisors, Lincoln University and various social enterprises. However, the partnership is still in its infancy.

Leicester North West Community Forum is the lead and 'Accountable' body for the Partnership. We are a small, resident run, not for profit organisation with a vision.

'Leicester North West Community Forum is committed to the creation of a Partnership that harnesses, and supports, the potential that exists across the region within the people, and organisations, who have a passion to empower others and their community to bring about positive change.'

Kath Taylor, Local Resident and Chair of Leicester North West community Forum

How can I get involved?

We have created 6 options for you (or your organisation) to get involved in the Partnership depending on your interest area.

Please click on the pdf link most relevant to you.

- [Young people's empowerment in the East Midlands](#)
- [Rural empowerment in the East Midlands](#)
- [Neighbourhood empowerment in the East Midlands](#)
- [Asset Management empowerment in the East Midlands](#)
- [Special Interest empowerment in the East Midlands](#)
- [Social enterprise empowerment in the East Midlands](#)

These pdf documents offer you an opportunity to **contribute, participate** and **receive support** on this challenging, impelling and exciting agenda. You will find the contact details of the regional facilitator for each of these empowerment agendas on the documents.

Please forward this document

We need your help to spread the word. Therefore, please forward this document to anyone, or any group, that you think are engaged in, or interested, in any aspect of empowerment. This means any person or organisation in our region that is:

- Informing people
- Involving people
- Consulting people
- Engaging people
- Facilitating people to participate
- Facilitating people to take greater responsibility
- Facilitating people on their journey from 'victim' or 'by-stander' to 'player' or 'leader'
- Working for people who are driving 'bottom up' agendas
- Leading transformation and change in their community from the 'bottom up'
- Engendering belief in people that they 'Can do it'

.....And people who have the intention to work towards the agenda set out in the new white paper but who haven't started their work as yet.

Please contact the person listed on the pdf documents as responsible for your area of interest. Or, if your enquiry involves empowerment agendas not included in the pdfs contact us at Leicester North West Community Forum.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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