

What is it? Community development is an approach that enables communities to take control on identified issues, enabling them to change through developing their skills, knowledge and experience. This course is based on the principles of equity, participation, empowerment, partnership and collective action. It aims to help participants integrate a community development approach into their practice.

Who is it for? This course is for anyone working with communities, eg in health, education, primary care, social work, and is for those involved with services in the voluntary or statutory sector.

What does it involve? It includes a series of 6 facilitated sessions, supported by personal study and a written assignment. There is an option to gain 10 points at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework level 9 via accreditation with Queen Margaret University.

## When is the next set of course dates?

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Wed 7 Oct 2015	9.30-12.30
Wed 28 Oct 2015	9.30-2.30
Wed 11 Nov 2015	9.30-2.30
Wed 18 Nov 2015	9.30-2.30
Wed 9 Dec 2015	9.30-2.30
Wed 16 Dec 2015	9.30-12.30
Venue: Musselburgh East Community Learning	

Want to find out more? Come along to an introductory meeting on Thurs 10 Sept 2015 from 10.00-11.00 at Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre, Haddington Road, Musselburgh to get more information and meet the facilitators. On bus routes: (Lothian Buses 15; First Buses 106, 124; Lothian Country Buses 113). Free car parking spaces also available.

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For more information, or to apply for a place