

First Steps programme

Are you interested in developing practical action plans to improve your neighbourhood or housing estate? The Community Development Foundation in partnership with Locality will be supporting 115 communities to decide what they do and don't like in their area, what steps are needed to make positive changes, and which local partners they need to bring on board to make it happen.

The programme is aimed at small community groups, like residents associations and Tenant Management Organisations. It offers practical support and grants to help develop community action plans: groups can get £2500 to work with others to help write their plan, as well as access to skills training, and a mentor to see them through the process. Participants will also be plugged into networks of other people who are doing similar things.

Groups can apply from 1 April 2015 and the closing date is 8 May 2015 so if you're interested head over to

www.mycommunity.org.uk/programme/first-steps/

to find out more.