

Developing Volunteering Projects



Developing working relationships with partners (one day workshop)

Aim of the session:

This workshop is designed to develop the capacity of projects to engage effectively with partners that are affected by the work of the project. There is a need to ensure volunteering projects are developed with the support of delivery partners, and that the project is perceived as a positive initiative by all.

Learning objectives

Delegates will be able to:

- Understand and explain the principles of developing effective partnership working
- Identify how these principles can apply to their own situation
- Recognise good practice evident in other volunteering projects and identify how these lessons may be applicable to their own situation
- Share with others how they develop effective working relationships with partners in their own project.

This session will allow delegates to recognise the importance of developing positive working relationships and how these can be nurtured. It will provide the opportunity to consider principles of relationship development, and how these apply to their own situation. The workshop will also enable delegates to reflect on how others are developing working relationships and consider how these strategies and techniques can help them as they seek to ensure success for the volunteering project they are responsible for.

Outline agenda

- 09.45 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Welcome, introductions & agreeing outcomes for the day
- 10.20 Project updates and progress with partners – Small groups
- 10.45 Project updates and progress with partners – Whole group
- 11.15 Coffee
- 11.30 Identifying needs and priorities with partners – Small groups
- 12.15 Identifying needs and priorities with partners – Whole group
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.30 Strategies for developing on-going relationships – Small groups
- 14.15 Strategies for developing on-going relationships – Whole group
- 14.45 Coffee
- 15.00 Action planning for the future – Small groups
- 15.20 Action planning for the future – feedback from small groups
- 15.45 Summary and closing context
- 16.00 Close