



Community Involvement includes things like setting up an out of school club, standing as a local councillor, becoming a school governor, a member of a tenants' association, being part of a sports or arts club.

Training for community involvement, is for anyone who:

- ✓ has thought they would like to become involved in what goes on in their community, but don't know how to set about it
- ✓ has felt they don't have the skills or the confidence to make a contribution to their communities
- ✓ is 16 years or older
- ✓ lives in rural Somerset*
- ✓ would like to run or contribute to their own small community project

*The funding is from DEFRA and seeks to attract people living in rural Somerset; i.e. living outside Taunton, Bridgwater or Yeovil. This training will be free of charge, and support will be available for childcare, travel and for any other kind of help that may be needed to enable people to participate.

The training will be delivered by two qualified and experienced tutors, Sue Duffen and Val Saunders, who both live in Somerset and who have run these courses for 3 years. The style will be informal and friendly and will be designed to meet the needs of those who attend. Accreditation will be offered through the Open College Network.

The programme will include:

- Sitting on or chairing committees
- Talking in front of a group
- Fundraising
- How to have better meetings
- Project planning
- Promotion and marketing
- Dealing with 'tricky' situations

Times and Places

There will be 3 courses on offer. Each course will:

- Last for approximately four months
- Start with three whole day sessions
- End with one full day session
- Include organising a short community project or event with one-to-one support over the four month period
- Offer a certificate

The first course will run from November 2006 in the Cheddar area:

Dates: Wednesdays starting 8th November 2006
Venue: Shipham Hall, New Road, Shipham, BS25 1SJ

Two further courses will be offered:

March - June 2007 Chard area
September - December 2007 Williton area
(Venues and Times to be arranged)

Community Involvement training is one of several projects that are being run across Somerset under the name 'The Rural Action Partnership'. This Partnership has come together to tackle the needs of rural communities by improving the quality of life for individuals affected by rural social exclusion and by building the capacity of rural community groups to better meet the needs of their local community.

Please complete your details overleaf, detach and return in an envelope to:

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Please indicate here which of the courses you are interested in attending. Please give more than one choice if you are able:

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