

What is Take Part?

Take Part is a national network based on the values of Social Justice, Participation, Equality and Co-operation. There are now 18 Pathfinders across England.

The aim of Take Part is to provide programmes of active learning and information that enable people to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to become empowered citizens - citizens who are able to make an active contribution to their communities and influence public policies and services.

The Take Part Pathfinder programme is funded by *The Department for Communities and Local Government*. The aim of the programme is to increase the number and diversity of people 'taking part' in civil and civic roles, decision-making and community leadership, and to identify and reduce barriers to participation. The programme works in particular with those in the community who are currently under-represented.



The programme will support improvement towards National Indicators 3 (civic participation in the local area) and 4 (people feeling that they can influence decisions in their locality) by narrowing gaps between groups in order to raise involvement of disadvantaged sections of society.

Take Part In Salford

The Take Part Programme in Salford is led by the Community Pride Unit and Manchester Metropolitan University with agreement and support from Salford City Council.

Take Part works through partnerships between the local authority, third sector organisations, business, Local Strategic Partners, groups and individuals to work together at a community level to find effective ways of empowering citizens with knowledge, skills and confidence to increase engagement in civil, civic and democratic activity.



The Take Part programme in Salford is flexible so that it can be shaped by agencies, organisations and residents in Salford. The programme includes a range of 'active learning for active citizenship' opportunities including:

- Schools of Participation
- Gender & Participation Training
- Deaf link & DeafBlind work
- Tailored short-term training
- Community Leadership training
- Academic accreditation
- Training for Trainers
- Information about the availability of opportunities for influence and lay governance roles
- Training for staff of LSP partners



Take Part Salford is working with a variety of individuals, groups and organisations including: Asian women, DeafBlind people, residents' groups, refugees and asylum seekers, community representatives, people with learning disabilities and many more.

We are also working in partnership with the WEA to deliver the regional Take Part Champions programme in the North West.



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