

The Purpose and Aims of the Kirklees Community Anchor Network

This document clarifies what Community Anchor work is and provides a template for planning and also for reporting each quarter.

The **purpose** of this work is to:

“Establish a Network of Community Anchor organisations that enable communities to respond to community needs and opportunities and to organise in sustainable and inclusive ways. Community Anchors help local groups make great things happen.”

Anchors help community organisations to get **support, connect and unite**.

Community Anchor organisations **aim** to:

1. Ensure Anchor organisations have the capacity and systems to deliver Anchor work.
 - Help to build a network of Community Anchor organisations that work effectively together across Kirklees.
2. Build relationships between Anchors and local community organisers.
 - Listen to community organisers and understand their concerns and priorities.
 - Understand community needs and opportunities.
3. Bring community organisers together to share information and ideas and to build trust.
 - Help community organisers to understand and support each other.
 - Encourage them to work together.
4. Provide information, connections and support to community organisers and organisations.
 - Help organisations to grow and develop, to be inclusive, and to make a difference in their community.
 - Help them to share learning and successes.
5. Enable community organisers to engage effectively with local decision makers and key partners.
 - Ensure good links with social prescribing services.
 - Encourage community organisations and partners to work together.
 - Help community organisers to share views, learning and priorities from their community and organisations, and to influence decision making affecting their community.