

Commissioning with Communities

A practical and engaging development programme for commissioners who want to develop their practice to make resources work better for communities

Who is the Commissioning with Communities programme for?

Are you:

- *Trying to develop more co-produced, collaborative and adaptive commissioning approaches?*
- *Curious to learn more about Human Learning Systems and alliance contracting?*
- *Keen to gain support to understand how to apply the theory in practice?*
- *Looking to develop a network of peers from across the country who are developing innovative new approaches to commissioning?*

Collaborate CIC, Co-Production Collective and Ideas Alliance are delighted to launch the second cohort of our commissioning programme that's aimed at supporting commissioners who want to do things differently.

If you're fed up with approaches that don't reflect the complex realities of the issues we're trying to address, that encourage siloed working and competition over collaboration, that prioritise process over people - come and join us to explore what different can look like and gain support on putting this into practice in your own work.

The programme is designed for commissioners from a range of backgrounds including health, local authorities and police and crime commissioners, who want to stretch and develop their practice.

"The commissioning programme is a must for individuals and organisations seeking to evolve and innovate in a complex commissioning environment. The programme challenged my assumptions on what 'great' commissioning looks like – creating a fresh perspective on the value and power of co-production, insight gathering and innovative procurement in driving inclusive and sustainable improvements in population health and care outcomes" Commissioning with Communities training participant



What can participants expect?

This six-session online programme will blend input, peer learning and practical support to develop your commissioning practice, and help you influence for and embed this within your organisation. Delivered by a team with a wealth of commissioning and co-production experience, we know how important it is to blend ideas and inspiration with practical support to translate the theory into day-to-day practice.

Key features of the programme include:

- Underpinned by a focus on: co-production, collaboration, understanding power dynamics, relational approaches, learning, and systems leadership. We bring deep expertise in providing hand-on support to help partners develop these approaches, as well as shaping new thinking and practise nationally e.g. on [Alliancing](#) and [Human Learning Systems](#).
- Begins with a foundational session exploring the above features, before moving through the commissioning cycle (insight gathering, co-design, procurement, delivery and learning), and finishing with a session on the Emerging Role of Commissioner to consolidate our learning and shape what we do next.
- There will be a focus on peer learning throughout - there will be so much collective wisdom in the room, and you will have the opportunity to share and support other commissioners from a range of backgrounds.
- We will be introducing you to the power of involving people with lived experience in the process of commissioning, service design and delivery; this programme will immerse you in the practical and collaborative approaches to working with them as equal partners and colleagues.
- You will have access to our alumni network which will enable you to stay connected beyond the lifetime of the programme.

“Invigorating and refreshing for all commissioners...always good to take time out of the day job to stop and take a look at how you work - think about it and resolve to do some things differently and see what happens” Commissioning with Communities training participant



Programme dates

Event	Date
Module 1 Setting the scene	24th April 12.30 - 3.30pm
Module 2 Co-production	15th May 12.30 - 3.30pm
Module 3 Insight gathering	5th June 12.30 - 3.30pm
Module 4 Procurement	26th June 12.30 - 3.30pm
Module 5 Delivery and learning	17th July 12.30 - 3.30pm
Module 6 Our emerging role as commissioners	11th September 12.30 - 3.30pm

How to get involved

The cost is £1,250 + VAT for the first participant from each organisation. We have found that it is particularly beneficial when there are multiple participants from an organisation and you can bring up to two additional colleagues for £1,050 + VAT per person. This covers participation in the programme from April-September 2024 and the opportunity to engage in some alumni activities..

If you would like to register, please complete this [form](#) by 29th February 2024. We'll be in touch with more information about the programme shortly after.

If you have any questions about the process, the programme itself or would like to discuss other ways we might support you to develop your approach to commissioning with communities, please email commissioning@collaboratecic.com

"I enjoyed the training and coming together very much and feel inspired to be brave as a commissioner to bring service users as partners to the table to make decisions that will influence services that matter to them." - Commissioning with communities training participant