

It's Time To Act

The Social Care Future Council Community of Support



- Starting its third year - join any time
- New programme of support for 24/5
- More than 30 optional on-line sessions a year
- Access for council staff and local citizens

“The Social Care Future vision gives direction to council’s strategies for change and ADASS is using the vision to build a roadmap to the future. It’s great to have the space this Community offers for collective support to help move from vision to reality. The balance of peer support & connection to positive innovation, ideas and action is just what is needed”.

Stephen Chandler (Past President ADASS)

“It’s amazing to see the journey you have travelled. Together we can go far”.

Beverley Tarka, ADASS President at Social Care Future 2023 Gathering

If you are working in a council, trying your best to help build a brighter social care future, but times are really tough, what can you do? Two years ago, a group of Directors of Adult Social Care inspired by the Social Care Future vision asked if we would bring their colleagues together in a supportive community for inspiration, support, ideas, methods to help them plan and act locally. To given them some time and space in a supportive environment with others sharing the same challenges and aspirations. Last year 39 councils took part.

What is it?

- A community of support, set up at the request of Directors of Adult Social Services to facilitate peer support and practical, themed assistance to help close the gap between where we are now and the social care we want
- Regular, on-line, opt-in sessions open to multiple council staff and citizens
- Opportunities for peer support – where people can come to problem solve and explore practical solutions to common issues – without judgment but with support to focus
- Sharing ‘glimpses of the future’ and practical resources and things people have tried from around the country
- Themed sessions supporting people to create the conditions and take steps forward, connecting co-production to changing practice and strategy

- Support to people who draw on social care from member councils to be powerful coproducers with their councils
- Opportunities to link to and influence the external forces shaping what we do – for example debating assurance issues with the Care Quality Commission Chief Inspector, helping shape national commissioner training, identifying the ‘Plumbing and Wiring’ issues inhibiting change to be negotiated with those responsible for them

The ADASS published [Time to Act: a roadmap to reform care and support in England](#) action areas will be the focus of the 2024/5 programme. In addition to **core sessions** to problem solve, share and connect across the *Time to Act* action areas, theme topics and resources for 24/5 will focus on:

- **Sharing power** through coproduction at all levels
- **Person centred practice** – including transforming assessment, support planning and focusing on self-direction
- **Early action** and asset-based commissioning – ‘prevention’ and use of all local resources
- **Developing better support** – with a focus on good support at home and when people need accommodation with support
- **People power** – focussed sessions specially for people who draw on social care to help them coproduce local change
- **A web-based resource** of materials relevant to community activity and themes and discussion forums

Sessions will include input from people able to share great approaches and examples. Council members can opt in to as many theme areas as they wish and spread attendance across staff and citizens.

How will the community work?

- Each council will nominate a link who can connect colleagues to the program elements relevant to their focus of interest
- Each theme will consist of a minimum of six two-hour on-line sessions to assist colleagues with their efforts to make change in the focus area via external inputs and facilitated peer support. Dates for the year are shared in advance.
- The People Power theme will be targeted at nominated people who draw on social care working to coproduce local change. In addition to the sessions, we will link participants to wider Social Care Future people power activities and opportunities
- Sessions will be recorded for sharing and materials and resources available via community web pages

Cost and sign up

£2,500 plus VAT per year. Please contact Martin Routledge at socialcarefuture@gmail.com