

Community of Support Programme for Councils 2025 - 26

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Our Community of Support for Councils is starting its fourth year!

- New and existing members welcome!
- A new programme of support for 25/6
- 24 optional on-line sessions a year plus bonus sessions

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 and want to connect with others and with progressive support providers, trying your best to help build a brighter Social Care Future when times are really tough, what can you do?

Three 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. Over 45 councils have taken part so far, getting time and space in a supportive environment with others sharing the same challenges and aspirations.



'Nottinghamshire is proud to be part of it. I can recommend joining!'

Melanie Williams ADASS President March 2025

What is it?

- The Community of support is set up for councils, and local people to facilitate peer support and practical, themed assistance to help close the gap between where we are now and the social care future we want
- Regular, on-line, opt-in sessions open to members from councils and provider organisations and local people
- 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.
- 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 programme

There are a range of sessions that member organisations can join, and we always add extra one-off sessions

- **Peer support sessions** for provider organisations to come together and share and learn
- **Sharing power through Co-production:** how we can make sure we work in partnership with people and families in everything we do
- **Early action and asset-based commissioning:** making sure people get the support they need when they need it and that we make use of all local resources
- **Glimpses of the Future:** sharing where great stuff is happening towards the Social Care Future vision
- **People power:** focussed sessions 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. Community member can opt in to as many theme areas as they wish and spread attendance across a range of people – paid workers and people and families.

Cost and sign up £2,500 plus VAT per year.

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