

Community of Support Programme for Councils 2026/27

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Six years ago 15 Directors of Adult Social Services asked Social Care Future to create a space to connect and support local colleagues striving towards this vision:

We all want to live in the place we call home, with the people and things we love, in communities where we look out for one another, doing things that matter to us.

Last year folks from 40 councils came together for networking, inspiration, time to reflect and test thinking in a supportive space; engage with citizens and support providers:

"This space gives me time to reflect, exchange ideas and be challenged to think differently – something I rarely get in the day-to-day hamster wheel."

"Practical tools and ideas I can take back to my area make a real difference."

"Keeping informed of national policy developments helps me stay ahead."

"Sharing ideas and working through barriers together has been so helpful."

"It's been great to build connections with others in the community and hear from guest speakers."

"Hearing the art of the possible has been uplifting."

What the 2026/27 Community of Support offers, starting in September

A minimum of 24 online optional themed sessions for local colleagues to access (no limit on numbers)

- Council peer support and updates on Social Care Future action
- Co-producing a Gloriously Ordinary Life with Tricia Nicoll and Bryony Shannon
- Glimpses of the future we want in examples and approaches nationally and internationally
- Going for the "win-win" on early action/prevention and commissioning
- Building a workforce for a better future
- Guest sessions with national leaders (including ADASS, LGA, CQC leaders)

"The impact of Social Care Future on the reform of adult social care is impressive and unarguable. For proof you only have to see how much their stuff has been nicked by others! The original is still the best though, and I'm glad that so many Directors of Adult Social Services remain connected with SCF and their work to focus hope and energy, driving towards a better future "

Phil Holmes, ADASS President 2026/7

Why join?

A space to connect

Build relationships with peers across councils, organisations and groups who are working to reimagine social care. Connect into and support the wider work and influencing of Social Care Future

Learn from what's working

Share practical examples, stories, evidence and approaches that are helping shift culture, practice and commissioning.

Tackle challenges together

Create space for honest discussion, shared problem-solving and collective thinking about key issues.

Strengthen Co-production

Co-produce change in ways that are radical, inclusive and impactful.

Build momentum

Turn ambition into action through practical support, shared learning and a community that helps sustain energy for change.

Who is for?

If you are working in a council and want to connect with others, and with progressive support providers and community organisations then join the Community of Support. Whether you are just starting your journey or building on existing work, this community offers support, challenge and practical help.

Costs

The cost is £2,750 plus VAT for Sept - July 26/27

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