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The Centre for Translational
Research in Public Health

Fuse Quarterly Research Meeting

Empowering communities and mobilising resident knowledge to tackle health inequalities

11 January 2018, 9.30am - 12.45pm
The Core, Newcastle, NE4 5TF

What is this QRM about?

The causes of health inequalities are multifaceted but there is conclusive evidence that the social and economic conditions in which people live and work are primary drivers.

In this context, there is a growing interest at the national and local level in approaches that empower communities to have more control over decisions that affect their lives.

Such approaches include, for example:

- Place based initiatives that allocate funding to residents to tackle the issues that matter most in their communities, often working with other stakeholders to instigate change.
- Organisational models that enable more equitable collaboration between citizens, the public and third sectors.

Yet in the context of funding cuts, there is also a risk that increased control may be misconstrued as communities assuming greater responsibility for the delivery of services or having to cope with socioeconomic adversity without external support.

This event organised by Fuse will consider questions such as:

- How can local government and third sector organisations work in partnership with communities to tackle inequalities in health?
- In what ways can the knowledge and experiences of citizens actively involved in local communities be better integrated as part of the 'evidence base' for action?



This Fuse event is an opportunity to:

- Learn about new findings from the NIHR School for Public Health Research (SPHR) Communities in Control study.
- Hear from Public Health England (PHE) about their programme of support for community centred approaches.
- Gain insights from community development in the north east of England.
- Use learning to reflect upon the practice of engagement in your organisation.

Who is this event for?

- Commissioners and practitioners in Local Authority and other organisations who plan, commission, scrutinise or provide local health and wellbeing initiatives in collaboration with communities.
- Public health researchers.
- Community and voluntary sector organisations.
- Members of the public actively involved in their local community.

Programme

09.30-10.00	Arrivals and Registration
10.00-10.10	Welcome from the Chair Professor Clare Bamba, Professor of Public Health, Newcastle University
10.10-11.20	Community empowerment, inequalities and social justice Presentation and group discussion
	Update on Public Health England's national programme - Community-centred approaches to health improvement Alison Patey, Public Health England
	Community development insights from the north east of England James Hadman, Stockton Voice Officer, Catalyst Stockton
11.20	Refreshment break
11.40-12.30	Evaluating the health inequalities impact of the Big Local programme - An update from the Communities in Control study Group/plenary discussions
12.30-12.40	Closing remarks

Links and further information

Public Health England, *Health and wellbeing: a guide to community-centred approaches* (February 2015). This guide outlines a 'family of approaches' for evidence-based community-centred approaches to health and wellbeing. Available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-wellbeing-a-guide-to-community-centred-approaches

The Communities in Control Study (Phase 1 and 2) took place between 2014/17. Phase 3 of study will commence in spring 2018 with funding from NIHR. An update is available here: <http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/health-inequalities/news-events/update-phase-2-communities-control-study/>

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