

take
part

It gave me a
positive spin
towards the
future

Getting out there...
gives you a sense
of direction in your
life

I'm 30 and I've
never voted.
This year I am
going to vote!

HELPING
LONDONERS
GET INVOLVED

LONDON
CIVIC FORUM

Our offer to
organisations
supporting
communities
in London



TAKE PART IS A PROVEN LEARNING MODEL WHICH HELPS PEOPLE DEVELOP THE CONFIDENCE, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE CITIZENS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS TAKE PART?

Take Part learning is:

- built on the strengths of each individual
- community-based, bringing people together to find real solutions to local issues
- active and reflective, encouraging open dialogue and practical, informal learning

Take Part gives people an understanding of how authority works, and how they can influence decisions and policies.

Learners develop the skills, confidence and experience to tackle local political, social and technical challenges in their communities.

TAKE PART: THE STORY SO FAR

London Civic Forum (LCF) was one of eight Active Learning For Active Citizenship Hubs from whose work the Take Part Approach developed in 2006.

From 2006 to 2011, the National Take Part Programme enabled local organisations across England, including LCF, to run active citizenship learning for thousands of people and to support more organisations to embed Take Part learning in their work with communities.

Together, Take Part partners developed expertise in supporting active citizenship in diverse communities, particularly with more disadvantaged people. The independent Take Part Network continues to offer expertise, resources and support across the UK.

TAKE PART IN LONDON 2011-12

London Civic Forum is now delivering a new Take Part Learning Programme funded by the OCS Transition Fund.

We work with local organisations across sectors to deliver active citizenship learning for the London communities they serve.

Take Part resources are free to download from:
www.londoncivicforum.org.uk/takepart/



HOW WE CAN WORK WITH YOU

FOR EXAMPLE, OUR CURRENT WORK WITH PARTNERS INCLUDES:

- * Running tailor-made community engagement training for NHS and local authority staff
- * Working with libraries to run citizenship learning and engagement activities for young people
- * Helping community groups develop active citizenship learning sessions to meet new community needs
- * Leading good-practice sharing sessions for Local Strategic Partnerships
- * Delivering learning for the Chairs of Police Community Advisory Panels and PCSOs

OUR TAKE PART LEARNING OFFER HELPS YOU ADOPT AND ADAPT TAKE PART FOR YOUR COMMUNITY...

- * Active citizenship learning for the communities you serve: we will work with you to develop a bespoke package
- * Training for your staff and volunteers in running active citizenship learning
- * Support planning active citizenship learning projects: our expertise and evidence of impact can support your business case, funding bid or evaluation.
- * Tailor-made resources: we can design and produce flyers, mini-films, case studies and other resources to promote active citizenship in your area.
- * Courses and learning materials: we share course outlines and learning materials and help you adapt them for local use.
- * Partnership development, networking and good practice sharing: learn with other local, regional and national organisations working in this field.

TAKE PART: ACTIVE CITIZENS, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TAKE PART CAN HELP LONDONERS CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE

ABOUT LONDON CIVIC FORUM

LONDON CIVIC FORUM IS THE HUB FOR CIVIC PARTICIPATION IN LONDON

Take Part Learning is at the heart of London Civic Forum's vision of a strong, active and inclusive civil society, working across London to build active, healthy communities and improve quality of life for all.

THROUGH ALL OF OUR WORK, LONDON CIVIC FORUM PROVIDES PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:

- Championing civic engagement
- Making power systems accessible
- Brokering relationships
- Delivering locally

LONDON CIVIC FORUM'S OTHER PROGRAMMES ARE:

- London Empowerment Partnership: improving the quality, profile and coordination of empowerment work
- Your Voice, Your City: supporting civil society organisations in engaging in decision-making in London.
- The Big Opportunity: providing a voice for London's civil society on the 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games and legacy.

TAKE PART RESOURCES:

- The Take Part Framework: how to adopt and adapt the Take Part model to meet local need
- A wide range of active citizenship course outlines and learning materials
- Resources promoting active citizenship opportunities to local people
- Evidence of the positive impact of active citizenship learning on local people, communities and services

For national Take Part resources visit:
www.takepart.org

Join the national Take Part Network at:
www.takepartnetwork.org

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