

# Co-production development groups

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## Co-production

- Co-production is a relationship where professionals and citizens share power to plan and deliver support together, recognising that both partners have vital contributions to make in order to improve quality of life for people and communities.
- Co-production could, and should, become the standard way of getting things done.
- New groups and organisations are becoming interested in co-production as a way of working and are making requests for introductory workshops, talks and presentations.

## Development groups

- Co-production development groups are a way of responding to the demand for inductions, workshops and presentations on co-production from organisations, conferences and events.
- Each group would bring together people who work in co-production but come from different perspectives – as people who use services, practitioners and policy makers.
- The groups would co-design a presentation they could then tailor to different audiences and deliver together.
- Groups may form around particular areas of interest within co-production (for example, housing or local government).

## Why get involved?

- Successful co-production aims to recognise and grow people's capabilities. The development groups are a way of building up your own skills (or the skills of someone you work with) in communicating about co-production.
- You will be working with people who have different kinds of expertise from your own (policy – practice – lived experience) which will enrich your understanding.
- By working together we will be able to co-design and co-deliver more engaging presentations to new audiences, with the overall aim of making co-production the standard way of getting things done. We hope most event organisers will be able to offer expenses and a small speakers' fee.

## How to get involved

- The National Co-production Critical Friends will host a meeting in London on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October to bring together people who are interested in improving the idea and forming development groups.
- Don't worry if you can't attend this initial meeting – there will be other, more local networking events to follow.
- Email Sarah Lyall from nef on [sarah.lyall@neweconomics.org](mailto:sarah.lyall@neweconomics.org) by 20<sup>th</sup> August if you or someone you know would like to help form a development group. The new economics foundation will help suggest and facilitate connections between people, so when you email Sarah please describe your involvement in co-production in 1-2 short sentences.

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