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Who are ngage?

ngage is a community organisation that supports the development of Community Forums and groups in Thurrock.

We also work with individual residents to promote 'active citizenship' and encourage them to play a bigger part in their local community and get involved in local decision making.

If this is something that you would like to do but are unsure how to go about it, we can point you in the right direction in order for you to make links with local groups, organisations and partner agencies.

We run a friendly and informal service and support many residents and groups in becoming more active in their local community. We are also responsible for a number of community projects and initiatives that take place across Thurrock.



Consultation opportunities

Meaningful consultation is vital if residents are to feel confident that they have been given the best opportunity to become involved in key decisions. One of our key roles is to ensure that this happens .

We work closely with Council departments and partners such as the Police, Primary Care Trust etc to ensure that they follow methods of good practice when consulting communities, and more importantly are listening to what the community says.

ngage can also carry out consultations on behalf of partner agencies.

Community involvement

There are many opportunities to become involved in your local community and have a say on subjects such as crime, transport, housing, environmental Issues, health, regeneration and much more,

You could also attend your local community forum to ensure that **YOU** start getting involved in making decisions about **YOUR** local area.



Supporting Community Groups and Forums in Thurrock

We offer support, advice and guidance to community groups so they are able to run their group or meetings more effectively.

We also work closely with residents who want to develop a community group and can provide advice and guidance on writing constitutions, publicity, funding and much more.

We offer ongoing support to Community Forums to ensure that they become more representative of the local area. **ngage** is recognised as the independent link to Community Forums by Partner agencies.

We would encourage community groups to contact us so they can become more aware of what is happening in Thurrock and play a greater role in local deci-

Information and events

Our **ngage** newsletter has information on consultation opportunities, local events, funding opportunities and much more.

We also send regular information updates to community groups. This means that groups can be kept regularly informed of forthcoming events, funding opportunities, consultations and much more.

Training opportunities

We are happy to offer free training to support community groups in developing their committee skills and to run their meetings more effectively. We can also arrange specific training courses identified by the community groups themselves.

There are also free training opportunities for local residents and groups, subjects have included basic computer skills, website design, charring skills, first aid, volunteering and much more.

For more information please contact **ngage**.

Do you.....

Want to know more about **ngage** or the services we provide?

Need help in supporting or developing your community group?

Want to receive our newsletter?

Want to find out more about your local Community Forum?

Want to join the **ngage** membership as part of a community group or as an Individual?

If so, why not contact us at:

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