

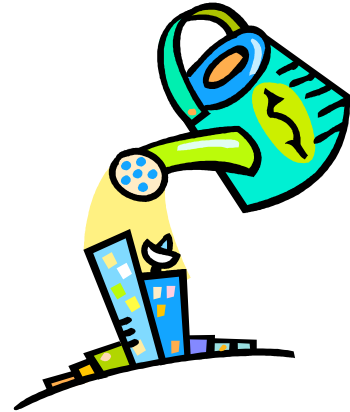
Local Economic Initiatives

A training workshop about ways that local people can take the initiative to tackle economic problems like worklessness and debt

Aims

By the end of this course, participants will

- Understand how to tackle economic problems in their community
- Be aware of a range of economic initiatives that can be taken at neighbourhood level
- Know about successful examples elsewhere
- Have a resource pack they can use to follow up the course.



Outline programme

Session 1 Introduction to the course and to one another

What is an 'economic' initiative – and how can it be 'local'?

Overview of the change process

Session 2 Getting started: gathering information about economic problems and needs; engaging stakeholders; setting up a steering group

Session 3 What are the options? Introduction to a range of economic initiatives, including credit unions, local labour schemes, careers advice and support, training schemes, community enterprise, small businesses, and development trusts

Session 4 Taking action

Course review