

# Representing Your Community

**The aims** of this course are to help participants:

- Understand what representation means in practice for them
- Recognise the limits and potential of their role as community representatives
- Explore the diversity of needs and perspectives in their community
- Know how to find out local people's views
- Be able to feed back information to local people
- Have the confidence to speak and act on behalf of local people



## Outline programme

- Session 1 Introduction to the course and one another
- What is a 'community representative'? – Different approaches to representation
- Roles and responsibilities of representatives
- Session 2 Who do we represent? – Mapping the different sections and interests in our community
- Understanding the communication and feedback loop
- Session 3 Informing and consulting local people: the tool-box of techniques
- Session 4 Standing up for local people's interests – dealing with people in power
- Action planning
- Course review