

# Thriving Together Grant Fund case study: Communities Together

Adur Voluntary Action and Community Works, two organisations that support voluntary and community groups, have joined forces to launch a new project that aims to build connection and belonging across Adur and Worthing.

The Communities Together project is funded by £15,000 from our Thriving Together grant fund to support 20–30 local groups, individuals and community leaders who are helping bring people together through their work.

This could be through community centres and projects, arts projects, wellbeing groups, youth groups, disability groups, LGBTQ+ spaces, migrant community groups, or online community initiatives.

The project will offer:

- Training sessions on equality, diversity, inclusion, anti-racism and understanding diverse communities.
- Friendly networking events where groups can meet each other, share ideas and build new relationships.
- Practical tools and resources so groups can make their activities more inclusive and welcoming.
- A community pledge, giving local organisations a way to publicly show they support fairness, inclusion and connection.

Karen Macleod CEO at Adur Voluntary Action said: *“Local groups are doing amazing work supporting and connecting our communities. Our project recognises this and by bringing groups together in supportive, inclusive, safe spaces we can all work together, learn from each other and continue to build accepting, connected and resilient communities.”*

Jessica Sumner CEO at Community Works said: *“At a time when a sense of community is so important, we look forward to working together supporting local groups and the community members who work tirelessly within them.”*

Groups taking part will create a network of local groups supporting one another and learn skills that will help them support future peer-support sessions - ensuring the knowledge is not lost when the project ends.

A toolkit with templates, guidance and resources will also be made available to all local community, voluntary and social enterprise groups that want to strengthen their approach to equality, diversity, and inclusion.

To find out more, please visit: <https://www.adurva.org/new-community-partnership-project>



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Our new partnership project in  
Adur and Worthing

