

Benefits for communities and civic society

- Equality and dignity for all.
- Self-determination and ownership.
- Ensuring that services and activities are relevant to local needs.
- Enabling communities to voice their opinions and identify good practice and areas of concern.
- Raising community consciousness.
- Discovering and exploring community identity, along with distinct and/or connected identities.
- Dispelling community fears and anxieties and promoting social inclusion.
- Improving community cohesion.
- Developing a sense of pride within, and for, communities.
- Strengthening the role of communities in policy change and creating new political accountability structures.
- Promoting collective action.
- Empowering people to effective interventions in their own lives and in their communities.