



## Devon Communities Together

### Catalyst Service

Catalyst is the in-house consultancy service provided by Devon Communities Together (DCT). The specialist service includes provision of support to Devon Town and Parish Councils, Community Groups and Organisations.

**Home 4 Ukraine Support Community Consultation Project**  
 As part of the response to the Ukraine sponsorship programme where hosts and guests are partnered local area based support is required to ensure a supportive and inclusive environment is created.

### High Level Costed Delivery Offer

	Key Outputs	Staff Resource & Cost
<p><b>1. Peer to Peer support (8 weeks)</b></p>	<p>Supporting EDDC and specifically Devon for Ukraine in moving from an informal association to a structured enterprise.                      Provide general advice on organisation and structure including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create and assist DBS application process for staff/volunteers</li> <li>○ Develop policies for safeguarding and ensuring guests operate in a safe environment.</li> <li>○ Develop and implement a policy for GDPR and data protection.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support Ukraine Café                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attend sessions to provide training and support to volunteers to ensure policies and processes are understood and followed</li> <li>○ Provide information and signposting collateral for volunteers, guests and host families</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager 8 days</p> <p><b>Cost: £2,800</b></p>

<b>2. Research and Scope (6 weeks)</b>	<p>To map and provide signposting for knowledge and support services in the East Devon region. Focusing on mapping the VCSE and community groups responses that are springing up especially in areas for mental health support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research local statutory and community support services available in the East Devon area and scope for: Capacity - can they support Ukrainian guests Quality - are the services suitable qualified to deliver the service Range - Types of support the organisation offers</li> <li>• Map formal and informal appropriate mental health support from statutory agencies, national charities and local provision support networks available</li> <li>• Produce an information leaflet to enable CAB to refer clients to appropriate support services.</li> <li>• Produce a final report to EDDC to scope the support provision, how it matches to other Devon regions and to state areas to develop.</li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager 8 days</p> <p><b>Cost: £2, 800</b></p>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<b>£5,600</b>

*All costings are indicative and may be scaled up or down according to local need. Services provided will be subject to the addition of VAT.*

### About Devon Communities Together

<https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/>

Devon Communities Together (DCT) is the Rural Community Council for Devon. We are an independent charity that works alongside communities across the county of Devon through a broad and diverse range of projects and services that support our vision of dynamic Devon communities shaping their own futures and help people and communities overcome the challenges they are facing.

Over the last 60 years, we have accumulated an extensive track record and a wealth of experience in helping communities resolve and progress the matters that are important to them. We are part of a national network, Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and we have a special care for our rural and remote rural communities.

Our specialist Asset Based Community Development staff team is focused on inspiring, upskilling, training, supporting and advising groups and individuals to make changes and achieve positive outcomes for their communities, across a wide variety of areas including village halls & community buildings; community resilience; flood resilience; affordable & community led housing; entrepreneurship & business support; neighbourhood and community plans; sport and play; health and wellbeing and much more - but our work is always designed to help communities help themselves.

We have extensive experience of delivering high quality independent reports to tight deadlines and to a high standard, with a well-established track record of designing and producing reports from a range of data (both quantitative and qualitative). We have separately published more than 40 independent reports over the last 5 years detailing and evaluating a diverse range of community engagement, consultation, planning and development projects in Devon.

We are currently delivery partners in 3 community resilience/ land management stakeholder engagement programmes:

- Devon Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme
- Devon Community Resilience Forum
- Devon Land Use Framework Facilitation Programme

### **DCT Vision, Mission and Values**

Our Vision is of dynamic communities shaping their own futures. The values by which we work are:

- collaboration and inclusion
- integrity
- professionalism
- good communication
- initiative and resourcefulness

As part of our commitment to measuring the impact of our work, DCT has adopted the following social objectives. We want to ensure that communities:

- have increased capability, skills and confidence in addressing local issues
- become more resourceful and resilient
- become economically stronger
- become healthier, more vibrant and inclusive, with improved wellbeing
- are supported to develop strategies to protect and regenerate their natural environment

DCT has an extensive and well-established network of community groups and partner organisations and we provide a countywide centralised support service / focal point for Village Halls, Community Buildings and other community facilities. We also support the Devon Community Resilience Forum and have established links to the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC).

DCT is actively engaged with Devon's Carbon Net Zero Task Force and supported the delivery of the Devon Citizens Assembly. We have also hosted a series of county wide peer-support network event for local council representatives. Speakers provided information on a visioning method for community engagement and environmental land management schemes and the changing funding context for farmers. The aim of the network is to inform educate and discuss climate emergency themes and to encourage the use of renewable energy.

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