

Networks exist across England to facilitate networking and support between CLCs and to share good practice between schemes.



Social media is an exciting way of keeping in touch with other schemes and CLCs. Find us on Facebook at: **Community Learning Champions Support Programme (NATIONAL)**



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Community Learning Champions and learning

Community Learning Champions (CLCs) are volunteers who become active in their community promoting the value of learning to others. They work in a wide range of settings and are supported by host organisations of many different kinds including local authority adult learning services, large national charities, community organisations and workplaces.

Some CLCs work with specific communities of interest such as older people, social housing tenants, ex-offenders and their workmates. Some focus on learning in particular contexts, e.g. heritage and culture, digital skills or community development. In some cases, CLCs also support their peers with signposting and advice on wider issues like housing, health and family finances. They are sometimes known as ambassadors, mentors or advocates.

CLCs' enthusiasm for learning reflects the difference it has made to their own lives. This makes them uniquely placed to encourage people to take up learning who believe that it is 'not for them'. Through the feedback they collect, CLCs can help providers to improve what they offer. Many CLCs gain valuable skills, knowledge and experience that enables them to progress to further or higher education, further volunteering or paid work.

If you work with volunteers whose role includes supporting people to learn or develop new skills, the national Community Learning Champions Support Programme can help you and your volunteers to get the most from working together.

The Support Programme is free to access and includes the following resources:

The website is a source of resources, expertise and good practice for CLCs and those who support them. It provides an opportunity to share ideas with others and offers information about CLC networks and events. It also hosts the training programme, the toolkit, the branding guidelines and the register for CLCs.

The national brand for CLCs aims to raise the profile of the programme's approach. The badge and registration scheme for CLCs provide national recognition for individual CLCs. Schemes can register the CLCs they support.

The toolkits provide a user friendly guide for individuals acting as champions, and useful advice for managers and development workers about how to set up and run an effective CLC scheme.

The training programme offers accreditation for CLCs. The framework and training materials are freely available for use by those supporting CLCs.

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