



Building Together is Worcestershire's Adult Social Care Co-production forum.

The Building Together Forum is made up of people who use adult social care and their carers, as well as a Workforce Group and countywide Peer Network of individuals and organisations.

Co-production is about people who use services, and people who run services, coming together as equals. People who use services, their carers and families are best placed to shape the services and support they receive.

The Building Together Forum is about sharing knowledge and improving lives.

Building Together's goal is to ensure that at all times people who use services and their carers have an equal voice and influence over decisions about design, development and delivery of services.

What is Co-production:

- culture shift
- equal partners
- everyone together
- power shift
- share decision making
- respect
- accessible

Co-production principles:

- shared values
- time
- every voice counts
- build relationships
- listen to opinions
- on-going support
- easy to understand language, plain English, good communication
- creating a safe space
- training and upskilling

- there needs to be equality
- there needs to be reciprocity

- there needs to be diversity

Since the Building Together launch, April 2023, a board has been established of people who use adult social care and their carers.

Examples of co-production include people with experience of adult social care being supported to create “I” statements for the Adult Social Care Strategy, carers participating in a re-design of carers assessment paperwork, people with learning disabilities delivering a workshop to Social Workers, people who use Direct Payments being involved in reviewing how we can improve Direct Payments, and Building Together creating a Plan of Action for the following year (to be launched).

Collectively the Building Together Forum has agreed the following overall co-production aims for the coming year for adult social care:

To embed co-production in adult social care

To ensure collaborative working with partners and residents, identifying common goals and opportunities for Co-production.

Building Together Board to establish partnership working with other Partnership Boards and Forums in Worcestershire.

Co-production Plans

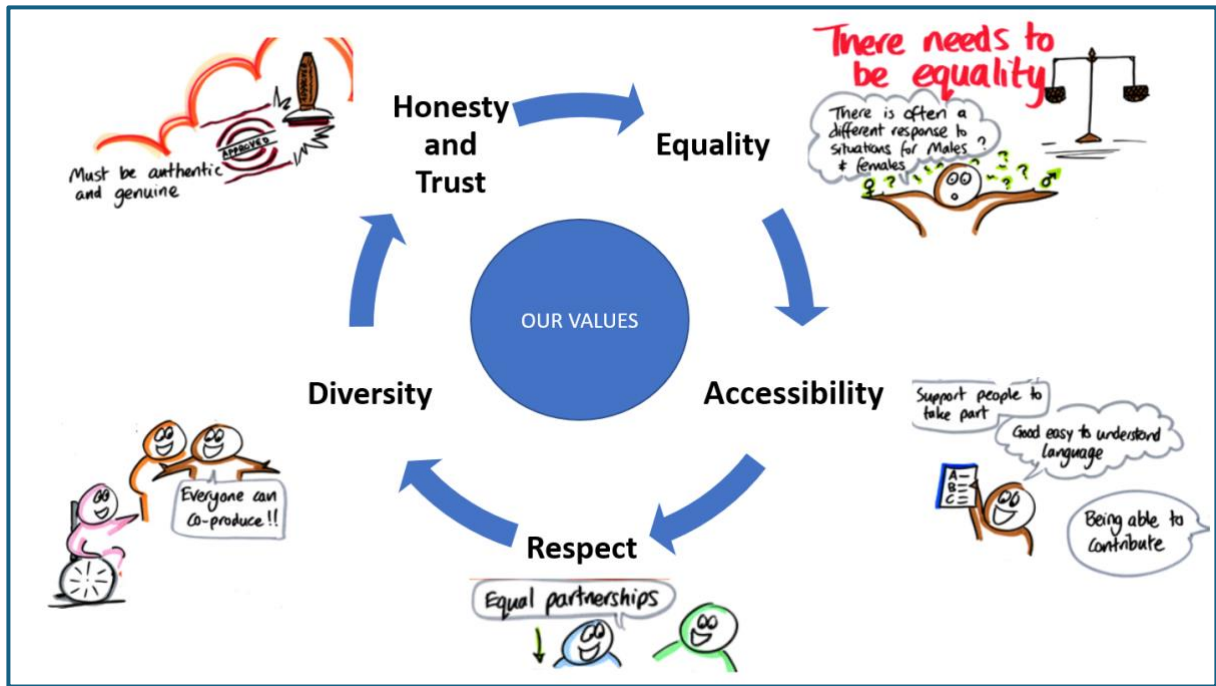
Training for the adult social care workforce will be co-created and co-delivered by Building Together. Building Together will work with the council to identify future needs and priorities for training for the social care workforce.

Worcestershire County Council is exploring how we work together with Building Together to enable them to contribute throughout the whole process of tender evaluation.

Building Together is an active part of the Worcestershire Engagement Network, which enables collaboration between partner organisations with a shared aim of co-production and engagement. A positive connection has been built with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Alliance, which reaches community groups in Worcestershire.

[Link to Building Together webpage](#)

The Building Together Board are currently welcoming applications for the Board membership role. Applications will close on 31th August. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about a board membership role or joining the Peer Network. Email: BuildingTogether@worcestershire.gov.uk



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