

NAVCA Increasing Voluntary Sector Influence Training

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To take place on 9 May 2016:

Module 1 – Opportunities for influencing through democracy and partnerships

- Explore and discuss local government models and structures
- Identify the law and other protocols that must be taken into account
- Identify the local partnership structures
- Identify drivers in central and local policy setting
- To identify and discuss routes of engagement in the emerging policy landscape

Module 3 – Overview of roles, responsibilities and skills of the representative

- Explore and define the role and key responsibilities of a representative within the local context
- Consider the strengths and weaknesses of local representation
- Outline the environments where voluntary sector representatives operate
- Identify the skills required to be an effective representative

To take place on 18 May 2016:

Module 6 – Introduction to the Compact and public law

- Understand how using public law and the Compact can protect the interests of the voluntary and community sector
- Use the tools to improve relationships with the public sector
- Identify what you can do if faced with a problem in your dealings with public bodies

Module 8 – Equality considerations and obligations

- Identify the importance of equality legislation for those delivering public functions
- Review key points of the Equality Act 2010, focusing on the Public Sector Equality Duty and relate these to the process of impact assessment
- Briefly review key legal challenges in the public law arena based on failure to assess equality