



Herts Co-production Team Newsletter.

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Welcome to the Fourth edition of the Co-production Team's ENewsletter.



Welcome to Spring! This year seems to be busier than ever with co-production happening all over Hertfordshire, in all different shapes and forms. We have been so excited to see the way that co-production is developing, and to meet so many different and new people in the process.

To help improve co-production within Hertfordshire County Council the co-production team are supporting a project management event on Thursday 18th of April. This event is focussing on co-production throughout the project management cycle, and there will be attendees from a variety of different departments across the council. The event is also being co-produced with two of our co-production board members!

Spotlight a new Co-production Board Member

Meet Tinu Ade the new Co-chair of the Carers Co-production Board

How I describe co-production is imagine a symphony orchestra, where each musician plays a unique instrument. Individually, they produce beautiful sounds, but when they play together under the guidance of a conductor, they create a harmonious melody that's far more enchanting. The main benefit of co-production is akin to this orchestra. It's the harmony of ideas. When diverse minds come together, they bring unique perspectives to the table. So, in essence, co-production is the symphony of collaboration that leads to the melody of practicable innovations.



Co-production is fun because it's all about teamwork. Different people bring different ideas, and together, they create something unique. It's like solving a puzzle as a group, where everyone contributes a piece, whether it's a question that's outside of the box, or a suggestion that's very simple but profound; The joy comes from seeing all those pieces come together to form a complete picture. It's a rewarding and enjoyable process!

I'm like a walking jukebox and a movie encyclopaedia combined! I love immersing myself in the world of music and movies. But what's even more exciting for me is meeting people! It's like adding new songs to my playlist and new scenes to my movie reel of life.

Inspired to join Co-production please visit our website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coproduction and complete the quick expression of interest form and we can get the ball rolling!

Or call us on 01438 843708.



As a result of co-production with visually impaired residents and charities, improvements to the design of Hertfordshire's continuous crossings have been agreed to improve their accessibility. Future engagement will also take place prior and during the development of these crossings to keep residents engaged on the changes.

Continuous Crossings bring benefits for encouraging alternative methods of travel and increasing the priority of pedestrians, national reports highlight the challenges they can pose for pedestrians with a visual impairment. It was agreed the design would be co-produced with residents of Hertfordshire to mitigate the challenges and improve accessibility. As a result of the co-production group discussing these issues:

- Highways colleagues produced models of the crossings to give practical examples of the current design.
- Highways redesigned the continuous crossings based off resident feedback to include; tactile paving and dropped curbs to ensure that guide dogs recognised the crossing point for cars.
- It was also agreed that any introduction of these crossings would be accompanied by significant engagement with charities that represent people with visual impairments and residents of Hertfordshire with experience of a visual impairment.



If you would like to get involved with this project, please let the Co-production Team know.

Ideas to get more people involved in Co-production

Increase Awareness Campaigns where bite-sized informational sessions, meetups and workshops to educate people about the benefits and impacts of co-production will take place.

Inclusive Environment: Foster an inclusive environment where everyone's ideas are valued. This can motivate individuals to contribute their unique perspectives, particularly to those who are not in the mainstream.

Accessible Platforms: Using simpler and more accessible digital platforms to make co-production opportunities and notifications more accessible and convenient.

Partnerships: Collaborate with local organizations and local influencers who can advocate for co-production and inspire their followers to get involved.

It is important to note that the key to any successful co-production is to make everyone feel valued, included, and practicable solutions are proffered. It's about creating a space where collaboration and innovation can thrive without bias.



Co-production Conversations and Training - get involved.



We are hosting our Co-production Lite Bite session for beginners to learn about co-production, the principles behind it and some ideas on how to work in a co-productive way on the Thursday the 23rd of May 13.30-15.00.

[Book your place via TicketSource](#)

Also don't forget to grab a coffee and [Join us virtually](#) at the next virtual coffee morning on Thursday 25th of April 10.00-11.00 to talk about all things co-production.