

# Working Together in Oldham

## Summary of the Day

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From Key Note speaker Cormac Russell to an afternoon of inspiring workshops and constructive conversations, find out more about what went on during the Working Together in Oldham Event on Tuesday 3 October



The conference was drawn together by partners from the voluntary sector, CCG and the council. We wanted to reach a wide audience of partners and leaders in order to build a shared understanding of how our organisations currently work together to support place-based working and thriving communities, and explore opportunities to do that even more effectively in the future.

- Over 200 delegates from across the borough and beyond including elected and community partners
- Over 40% of delegates at the conference were from the community, voluntary and faith sector in Oldham.
- Approx. 30% of delegates were from a wide range of partners, including police, fire, leisure, health, private sector and some Greater Manchester colleagues.
- A key note speech from Cormac Russell a leading expert in asset based community development from the University of Chicago was described as 'inspirational' and 'a great positive'
- Workshop style sessions demonstrated the work that the groups do, how they work differently and their experience working with the community and partners in an integrated way. Delegates comments included; 'informative', very good balanced group - good challenge and thought provoking'



If you would like to know more about

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any of the workshops that featured on the day or would like to know how to get involved you can find details on the Thriving Communities page on the Oldham Partnership website [www.oldhampartnership.org.uk](http://www.oldhampartnership.org.uk)

Delegates were given the opportunity to ask questions throughout the day via Twitter and email and these were posed to a panel during the event for a full list of questions/answers please go to [www.oldhampartnership.org.uk/working-together-oldham/](http://www.oldhampartnership.org.uk/working-together-oldham/)

School of Thriving Communities was introduced as a concept and opened up to the delegates for discussion and debate. It was clear that the name was universally not liked but that there was a strong feeling of support for the concept and philosophy.



There is more work to be done with our partners and we will come back to you before Christmas with news of our progress.