



Herts Co-production Team

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



This week is Co-production Week! Co-production is forever growing and developing across the county, which is so exciting and something to celebrate. On the last page, you will find more information on what's been happening in Hertfordshire this year.

This week we are hosting a couple of events as part of Co-production Week celebrations. More information can be found on these on the second page. We hope that you celebrate Co-production Week by spreading the word and sharing skills and experiences. Please email us at coproduction@hertfordshire.gov.uk and tell us something you have done so we can share it in future editions.

Spotlight



Kirsty Warrack Co-chair of the Learning Disability Co-production Board

Kirsty is one of our co-chairs, she is so enthusiastic and is happy to help us with anything to do with co-production. In May we were invited to the local 'Rumbles Awards' Hertfordshire's Learning Disability Personality of the Year awards where Kirsty won a Leading Light award for being a friendly, caring star. As you can see from the photos, it was great fun.

Kirsty has also said that she wants to be involved in co-production to support people in the community. She thinks that we need to do more events to get more people involved.



Inspired to join Co-production?

As you can see co-production can be fun and inspiring. Please visit our webpage and complete the expression of interest form to join us. We are especially looking for people to join the older people's and dementia co-production board's.

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Contact the Co-production Team by email coproduction@hertfordshire.gov.uk
or by phone on 01438 843708



A Strategy for People with Physical Disabilities is coming to Hertfordshire

The Physical Disability Co-Production Board has identified the need for Hertfordshire County Council to develop a strategy for people with a physical disability. The strategy will be a plan of action which will deliver long-term goals to improve the lives of people with a physical disability in Hertfordshire.

We want this strategy to be co-produced by the people who need the support, advice, and services, so we are working in partnership with NDTi (National Development Team for Inclusion) who will help gather views from people with a physical disability across Hertfordshire.

There are a number of ways of contributing your views, including a survey and focus groups which will be held in late July. For more information, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coproduction.



We really want to hear from and involve as many people as possible so please spread the word!

First ever Hertfordshire CareFest

The Co-production team attended CareFest across the county, which is a new initiative that was launched by the library service in collaboration with Adult Care Services. 170 visitors, consisting mostly of older residents and carers, received targeted advice and demonstrations on physical and mental health and well-being at five venues across the county. Feedback from both attendees and partner organisations has been universally positive, and we hope to build on this success over the coming years. A huge thank you to all involved!



Drug and Alcohol Strategy Refresh

Hertfordshire's Drug & Alcohol Strategic Board is embarking on a refresh of the county drug & alcohol strategy for the next five years. A great deal of work and innovation has taken place over the life of the existing strategy, but now is the time to consider the landscape ahead. We would like to hear from anyone with an interest in this area of work from a co-production perspective. We would like to hold a co-production focus group to discuss the future strategy, which can be held either in person or online depending on demand and practicalities.

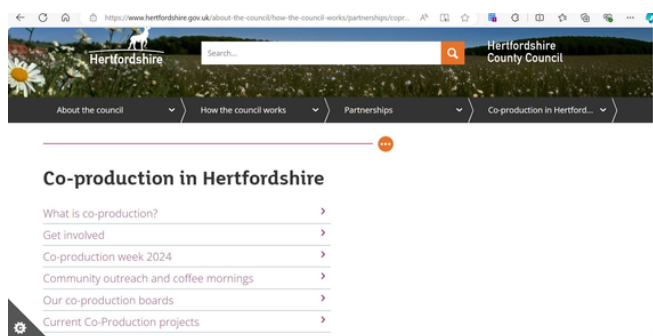
If you would like to take part in this work, please contact Michael.Nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk before the 5th of July to express your interest.



[Read more about the current strategy for Hertfordshire](#)

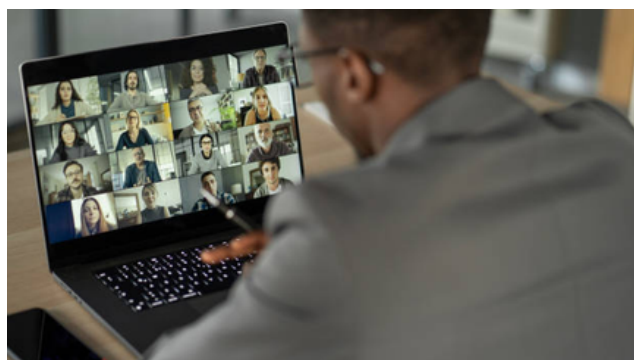


Dates for your diary



We are launching a new project to improve Hertfordshire County Councils Co-production webpage. Please contact the Co-production Team to tell us your views on our webpages.

Thursday 11th July 12.00-13.30 is our first 'Lunch and Learn' Please join us to learn how to communicate in a better way.



Monday 15th of July 12 11.00-12.30 we are running our Co-production Lite Bite virtual training session. 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. It's an informal training and there are plenty of opportunities to share experiences and learn from others.

Don't forget to come along to our virtual coffee morning on the last Thursday of the month. The next one is on Thursday 25th of July 10.00-11.00.

Virtual coffee mornings are informal sessions that allow everyone to share ideas about co-production.



[Join us virtually](#)

[Watch our video to find out more.](#)



Our Facts and Figures for Co-production Year July 2023 - July 2024



An average of 10 people attend each coffee monthly virtual co-production coffee mornings. We have had 43 new attendees since July last year!



Within the last year we have supported 10 colleagues from Adult Care Services and NHS with request for support around co-production. We have also had conversations with other local authorities who want to learn about co-production from us!



159 people have attended a co-production training session this year.



29 people attended the online session effective communication and 15 people attended the in-person one in Hatfield.



19 people have expressed an interest to be involved in co-production in the last year. Some of whom have become co-production board members and others have been involved in task and finish groups.