

Birmingham Community Matters Surgeries



Questions asked at previous surgeries

- "We're looking for funding for our group, where do we start?"
- "I have a Facebook page of interested local residents, how do we mobilise to tackle issues in our area?"
- "We are not sure whether to become a CIC or a CIO, what are the factors we should consider?"

Attendance

Surgeries Held: 7

Patients Seen: 41

Surgeons Attended: 52

Two of those patients returned to a second surgery and others commenting that they would return

Nineteen of the surgeons attended more than one surgery

What are the Surgeries?

Birmingham Community Matters is a peer-to-peer learning network providing face-to-face support for small community and volunteer groups. The help we offer is provided by volunteer 'surgeons' who provide support on a one-to-one basis to new and/or developing small community and voluntary groups situated in and operating for the benefit of the people of Birmingham.

What is a Surgeon?

A 'surgeon' is a volunteer; they are any people with a level of experience or expertise - which can be formal through their job role, or informal through their own experience. Anyone can be a surgeon, they only have to commit to the 1-2 hours that a surgery runs, There is no commitment to helping between surgeries. Please get in touch if you think you could be a surgeon.

What happens at a surgery?

Surgeries are free, very informal sessions. The surgeons sit with a 'patient' who is someone representing a small community or voluntary organisation or someone with an idea for a community or voluntary project. The patient then presents a question, or set of questions and the surgeon helps them work through those questions. There are no presentations or formal talks.

Who are surgeries for?

Surgeries are for anyone part of a small volunteer or community organisation needing a little support, or for anyone with an idea for a community or volunteer project. You do not need to be at any particular stage with your organisation.

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