

We are All the Small Things



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All the Small Things is a **Community Interest Company (CIC)** incorporated in January 2015, based in North Staffordshire.

We are a **Social Action Hub** connected to **Community Organisers Ltd.** The organisation is led by seven Directors, all of whom are community development practitioners and involved in delivery of the work of the CiC, alongside our Associates and dedicated volunteers.

We are also a part of the **Connection Coalition**, a network of support for organisations concerned about loneliness and social isolation.

What do we do?



All the Small Things is committed to positive social change and working for a more socially just, caring and cooperative society. We are therefore passionate about developing and strengthening individuals and organisations so that they are more able to take action and influence public decision making, with the aim of reducing social inequalities and improving quality of life for everyone.

All the Small Things started as a small organisation commissioned by **Public Health England** to facilitate the **1000 Lives Community Network** in Stoke on Trent. We also set out to develop **Community Organising** activity in the city.



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What is Community Organising?



Community organising is the work of bringing people together to take action around their common concerns and overcome social injustice.

Community Organisers reach out and listen, connect and motivate people to build their collective power. When people are organised, communities get heard and power begins to shift creating real change for good.

Community Organisers are often connected to **Social Action Hubs** in their area in order to get the training and support they need.

What is a Social Action Hub?

Social Action Hub is the term used to describe local hubs that promote the values, principles and methods of community organising.

There are 15 Social Action Hubs across the UK. These locally-rooted organisations vary in size and approach, but all of them help people to listen, be powerful and take action for change, both locally and nationally.

We are one of the six Social Action Hubs that are also **Affiliated Training Providers**. This means we are part of the **National Academy of Community Organising** and deliver training in the practice and principles of community organising, from quality assured short courses through to National Qualifications. For more information on some of the principles go to:

www.corganisers.org.uk

How can you get involved?

We invest in Community Organising practice through training, mentoring and strategic partnerships, to embed this approach in North Staffordshire and support effective collective action for social justice.

We have trained and supported a number of individuals, but have also worked with organisations who value the approach as part of their way of supporting the people they serve, like:

Sporting Communities: Community Development Specialists

www.sportingcommunitiescic.org



VOICES: Coordinating services with people experiencing homelessness, mental-ill health, addiction, and offending in combination.

www.voicesofstoke.org.uk



Stoke North Big Local: made up of local residents, resident groups and agencies - working hard to improve the communities of Fegg Hayes, Great Chell and Chell Heath.

www.snbl.uk



Hanley Team Ministry: The Hanley Team Ministry is based in the City Centre of Stoke-on-Trent, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

www.hanleyteamministry.org



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There are often a number of opportunities for **individuals** such as free training, mentoring and support, events and activities. Many of these are regularly advertised in our newsletters and emails, as well as on our social media channels. To find out more you can:



- ask us what we have on offer right now
- email us on: allthesmallthingscic@gmail.com
- follow us on our social media:
- Twitter: @AtSTCiC
- Facebook: @AtSTCiC

If you represent an **organisation** and would like to know more about **Community Organising** as an approach, **training for staff**, or anything else that could be of benefit, then please get in touch.

Local Organising Group North Staffs

We support the **Local Organising Group for North Staffs**. The group is for people who have done the Community Organising training and other people who are interested in taking action together.

The Local Organising Group has an **Action Plan** which is about supporting our communities with some of the consequences of COVID-19, tackling poverty and reducing loneliness. If you would like to join or link with us please email:

localorganisingstaffs@gmail.com

