

Towards a Community Manifesto More Power for Local Communities

A public conversation for
Edinburgh Northern and Leith
Saturday 2 April 10.00h-13.00h

More power for local communities. That was a strong theme of our Open Space meeting in December. Key issues that emerged included more affordable housing, more support for carers, better use of empty space and most votes went to the idea of creating environmentally sustainable local economies. All of these issues need community involvement – and a holistic policy which makes vital links between environment, housing, health, transport, education and social welfare.

Now we hope to work together with local residents and community groups to combine these concerns into a manifesto for a fair and prosperous way of life in Edinburgh North and Leith.

Participants, old and new will have the opportunity to:

- Hear updates on what has happened since December
- Contribute to realistic action plans to address the 6 community priorities identified in December
- Rank the priorities for action by community and elected representatives

The venue for this follow-up to the community Open Space event, taking place on Saturday **2 April**, is **Newhaven Church Café, 7 Craighall Rd, EH6 4ND**. Buses 7, 11 and 16 stop close by.

Doors open at **10.00h**. Dialogue begins promptly at **10.30h** and ends at 1.00pm when a light lunch will be offered.

What is Open Space?

Open Space brings people together to explore a common theme. There is no agenda, no keynote speaker. It is simple and effective, and needs no advance preparation. At an Open Space everyone has an equal opportunity to say what they want – together we will reach conclusions.

This event is hosted by Lesley Hinds, Labour Candidate for the Scottish Parliament for Edinburgh Northern and Leith (lhinds@blueyonder.co.uk) and facilitated by Judith Chivers.

It is a fully participatory approach to community development and it is open to everyone with an interest in making life better in Edinburgh Northern and Leith. The event is FREE but please book your place through **Eventbrite**