

## **NCIA Transition Roadshows – Meet... Discuss... Debate...Act...**

The NCIA Transition ‘roadshow’ is about to start. The first three are happening in Sheffield, Durham and Brighton, each organised by a local host in collaboration with NCIA in the Summer of 2015. This is part of NCIA’s transition and goodbye handshake in its current form. Book your place directly with the local organiser as indicated below. You don’t necessarily have to come from the local area to participate.

### **What is the purpose?**

The aims are to:

- reflect on the accumulated thinking from NCIA over the last few years, in particular what has emerged from reports such as [‘Here We Stand’](#), (an inquiry into Local Activism and Dissent) and [‘Fight or Fright’](#) (an inquiry into the Future of Voluntary Services). These set out the changes that have occurred in the landscape of voluntary services, community groups, and activism including campaign groups and trade unions.
- review what independent community action is happening and talk together about what needs to happen next
- discuss what can happen locally after the event and who can do it.

### **Where and when?**

#### **Sheffield:**

**‘Independence, Voice, Voluntary services, Activism: What next where you are?’**

Thursday 2nd July 2015 (1pm – 5pm)

Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW

Book your place here: with Lesley Pollard.

**Lesley Pollard** is collaborating with NCIA to organise the Sheffield event, if

you have any practical questions about the event, or for more information, please email Lesley.

**Durham:**

**‘Protecting democracy: Independent community action in North East England’**

Thursday 16th July 2015 (10 am to 4.00 pm)

Alington House Community Centre, 4 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET

Book your place here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCIA16072015>

Sue Robson is collaborating with NCIA to organise the North East event, if you have any practical questions about the event, or for more information, please email Sue Robson.

**Brighton:**

**‘Independent Action in Brighton and beyond: Building the links between activism, community groups, voluntary services and trade unions’**

Thursday 23rd July (6.30pm for start at 7pm – 10pm)

Hanover Community Centre, Southover Street, Brighton BN2

Book your place here: [mike@independentaction.net](mailto:mike@independentaction.net)

Mike Aiken is collaborating with NCIA to organise this event, for more information or if you have any questions, please email Mike.

**What’s the format?**

The format of each events will be slightly different to reflect local needs but each will include: small group discussions, local speakers, NCIA national speakers (including Penny Waterhouse and Andy Benson, founding members of NCIA), time to brainstorm actions for the future, convivial time to share and network.

## **Who should come?**

You may be an individual, volunteer, worker, manager, or activist involved in

- Independent community or voluntary action
- Campaigning or advocacy
- Informal political action
- ‘Below the radar’ work
- Providing services as a voluntary group

Given the Tory election victory it is now more important than ever that we take stock of the future we face and plan our responses. Please do come to one of our meetings!