



The PEP Alba training consortium

Do you want?

- Better value from your training budget
- More input into the design of training courses for your customers and staff
- Training to be delivered locally at venues convenient to you

If a number of organisations in your area want to work together to achieve this, then a training consortium could be the answer.

What's meant by a training consortium?

It's where a group of housing providers or community organisations jointly procure training courses. There are various models which we can discuss with you to find out what suits you best. We have helped to set up, deliver and administer training to several training consortia in other parts of the country and would be happy to provide you with housing provider contacts from these consortia who can explain how it works for them and what benefits they derive.

The consortia we are currently working with have an average membership of 10 - 12 different organisations; mainly local authorities and other registered housing providers (housing associations and tenant management organisations).

What are the benefits?

- Low cost but high quality training that meets your needs
- Flexibility regarding the numbers of people you send on the courses
- Training in local venues to encourage attendance and keep down travelling costs
- Partnership working with other local organisations to share good practice and provide a benchmarking framework
- Joint training - staff and customers together - training that helps to break down barriers



How are they financed?

Training consortia can be financed in three main ways:

- By a fixed lump sum paid by each member of the consortium
- By a course participant fee
- Or by a combination of the two
- Venue-related costs can be funded by any of the above or by consortium members hosting the courses between themselves

We can advise you what funding arrangements are being used elsewhere so you can choose the method that provides you with the best value for money.

Who are PEP and Alba?

PEP is a not for profit, independent organisation with over 30 years experience working throughout England; providing advice, project work, training and research services. Our mission is to tackle social exclusion, support neighbourhood renewal and to help build sustainable communities.

Alba provides research and management support to the Third Sector. Alba's recent work in the community and charitable sector includes: governance and leadership support, business planning and development, funding advice and supporting collaboration.

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