

NORTH YORKSHIRE TOWNS ALIVE SEMINAR

Community Ownership Event, Monday 15th November, Evolution Business Centre 6 County Business Park, Darlington Road, Northallerton. DL6 2XB

09.45 – 10.00 **Registration (Refreshments will be available)**

10.00 – 10.05 **Welcome and introductions**

10.05 – 11.00 **Chris Hill, Camberwell, Leeds.**

Chris will provide an overview of Community Share Issues: What is a share scheme and how does it work, the benefits and how to organise one. Chris will draw on practical, relevant examples and show you how share schemes are not as difficult to organise as you may think.

11.00 – 11.35 **Case Study: George and Dragon, Martin Booth, Hudswell Community Pub**

11.35 – 11.45 **Refreshments break**

11.45 – 12.20 **Case Study: Baywind Energy Cooperative Ltd, David Eastlick**

12.20 – 13.00 **Plunkett Foundation, Charlotte Foster, Community Retail Adviser**

With rural shop closures across the UK, community ownership is often the only viable option for communities wishing to retain a local shop. Charlotte will provide an overview of the support offered by Plunkett to communities wishing to set up and manage a community owned shop.

13.00 – 13.45 **Lunch:** A buffet lunch and opportunity to network and share experiences and ideas.

During the lunch break, both the **Key Fund** and **Co-operatives YH** will be hosting information desks so that you can learn about the support and start up funding available to help you get your community owned enterprises off the ground.

13.50 – 14.50 **Workshop Session one (both workshops will be run twice so you will have the opportunity to attend both if you wish)**

Community Shares Workshop: Following the morning's overview of the benefits of community shares schemes Chris will cover some of the finer details including guidance on governance and offer documentation.

Community Shops Workshop: Charlotte will present a few case studies from some of the shops she has worked with - encouraging participants to look at what has worked and what has not and think about how they could apply the learning to their own towns.

14.55 - 15.55 **Workshop Session Two (Repeat of above)**

16.00 **Wrap Up, Evaluation and Close.**