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Working with the Grassroots: Learning from community organisers, community development and community engagement

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The trend towards increasing the voluntary sector's role in mainstream policy initiatives has recently extended outward to smaller third sector groups and activities; arguably, the least known about and larger part of the third sector. Their increasing importance in policy is reflected in the continued drive towards localism and the coalition government;s £15 million investment int he Community Organising Programme.

Reflecting on current policy, this seminar will help further our understanding of local grassroots organisations - frequently referred to as under or below-the-radar (BTR) organisations.

The seminar will explore and compare different models of community organisers, community development and community engagement practice. It will draw on TSRC's pilot micro-mapping project that aimed to identify unregistered third sector activity.

It will include discussion and debate on:

- How and where small grassroots organisations operate;
- The extent to which they offer services to the public (as opposed to delivering public services);
- Challenges and issues that grassroots organisations face;
- Whether policy interventions are helping or hindering small grassroots organisations.

More information

More information and agenda (http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/NewsandEvents/Events/Workingwiththegrassroots/tabid/910/Default.aspx?dm_i=A1N,TG7F,18V2MZ,2EOQM,1)

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