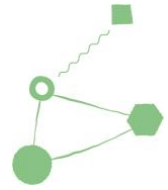


# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Community Organisers, the national membership body and training organisation for community organising, has just become a registered charity!**

The organisation, which has been operating for over seven years, has been trying to gain charitable status for the past 16 months, following a decision by its membership – who voted for the change.

Nick Gardham, CEO of Community Organisers, described becoming a charity as “absolutely brilliant”, continuing: “This is a huge achievement for our organisation; we’ve reached an important milestone in our journey that will not only enable us to access greater support and resource, but will also provide Community Organisers with additional monitoring, information, and advice from the charity commission.”

“We couldn’t have got this far without the support of our amazing members and, to say thank you, we will be holding a special celebration at our National Community Organisers’ Meet-up – ‘CCO19 – Developing Skills and Practice’ – which takes place at the Yarnfield Park Conference Centre in Staffordshire on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June.”

The new created charity – registered number: 1183487 – is looking to its membership for two additional trustees; to join the Community Organisers’ board at the organisation’s AGM, which will also take place as part of the CO19 Meet-up.

Trustees are elected for a period of two years and members can put themselves forward as a candidate for election by submitting a 300-word ‘personal statement’ or two-minute video on why they would like to be a Trustee.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a trustee should get in touch with Community Organisers via their website: <https://www.corganisers.org.uk/>

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### Notes to editors:

**Community Organisers** – the national training and membership organisation for community organisers in England – believe in the collective power of people and that when people get together, they can create positive change that will transform their neighbourhoods for good. Community Organisers’ mission is to ignite social action in communities, embed community organising locally and in different sectors, and develop a strong network and sustainable future for neighbourhood community organising.

**Community Organisers’ registered charity number: 1183487.**

**The National Academy of Community Organising** is the training body of Community Organisers and provides quality assured training and Qualification courses in community organising. The National Academy is a Recognised Certa Centre for the delivery of regulated Qualifications and endorsed under the ABC Awards and Certa Awards Quality Licence Scheme.

**Community organising** is the work of bringing people together to take action around their common concerns and overcome social injustice. Community organisers reach out and listen, connect and motivate people to build their collective power.

### **Community Organisers Expansion Programme:**

In 2017, Community Organisers secured a major £4.2m contract from the Office for Civil Society – part of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport – to expand the network of people involved with community organising from 6,500 to 10,000 by 2020.

This ambitious expansion is increasing the numbers of people engaged in community organising across England and is enabling people to take greater control of their neighbourhoods and create strong, resilient communities that work for everyone.

So far, this programme has trained over 2,000 learners since 2017 and has created a network of Social Action Hubs that together form the National Academy of Community Organising.

