Breaking the Mould

One day conference 12th April

> Frome Town Hall Christchurch Street West Frome Somerset BA11 1EB

"If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you've always got"

Mark Twain



"Lots of larger parish and town councils have been achieving exciting and innovative outcomes over the last few years, intentionally breaking the mould. Sometimes we are constrained by the fact that we don't know whether what we propose is doable, sustainable or even legal. What is obvious is that we have a crucial role to play heading into an uncertain future."



Councillor Mel Usher.

Tired of conferences where parish and town councillors are squeezed out by academics, consultants, ministers and the old guard?

Interested in hearing from your peers about what is really happening on the ground?

Want to be able to pick and choose what you listen to and make an overall contribution to the day?

On 12th April Frome Town Council is to host a day for councillors, staff and interested others to come together to immerse ourselves in topics which fox us all. This will follow a format of interactive workshops, discussion panels, and informal learning opportunities which we hope will be the start of a new way of councils sharing good practice.

You'll hear and engage with a fascinating variety of speakers, some from Frome Town Council but also from other councils and a few handpicked gurus. We'll be discussing with them subjects like working with communities, alternative financing, resilience, interacting with local businesses and running meetings differently. So book now.

£99 Ticket price includes lunch & How To Notes. www.buytickets.at/frometowncouncil/121766 01373 465757

Programme

9.30	Coffee, topic selection and what's on your mind exercise
10.00	Opening remarks
10.10	Future proofing your council
10.30	Choice of Panels 1
-	Engaging the community
-	Money - alternative financing
-	Business, friend or foe?
11.00	Coffee
11.15	Choice of Panels 2
-	Infusing sustainability throughout
-	Housing - what can we do?
-	Picking the plums - easy wins to change your focus
11.45	How to break free from our grisly meetings culture.
12.15	Lunch
1.15	My council. 3 Delegates share where they are.
2.00	"What's on my mind" Group discussions
2.45	Break
3.00	Where is my council? Locate your council on a sliding scale
4.00	Five themes from the day
4.45	Close

There will be a free fringe event in the evening, Pizza and Politics, details to be released.

Panels

Choose from

Engaging the community

Empowering residents: grass roots community development.

Or

Money - alternative financing

Approaching financing creatively, from raising the precept to fundraising in new and innovative ways.

Or

Business, friend or foe? Working together

Supporting independent business to create an active and vibrant business community.

And

Infusing sustainability into everything we do

A whistle stop tour in how to plan for a flourishing, carbon neutral future.

Or

Housing - what can we do?

A vision, a neighbourhood plan and encouraging well planned urban extension.

Or

The Plums - easy wins to change your council's focus

Partnership projects and quick wins. Identifying projects that resonate and supporting them.

For further info, contact info@frometowncouncil.co.uk or to book go to www.buytickets.at/frometowncouncil/121766

