

Locality's Manifesto, Building Thriving Neighbourhoods

Locality's Manifesto, [Building Thriving Neighbourhoods](#) sets out a positive vision of where we can get to in 10 years' time, if we put communities in charge. It's practical and achievable – because it's based on things Locality Members are doing every day. The Manifesto outlines the three core building blocks of thriving neighbourhoods:

- **A community-powered economy**, which is democratic, regenerative and inclusive.
- **Preventative public services**, which offer person-centred, cradle-to-grave support that tackles social inequalities.
- **Places and spaces for everyone**, where people feel in control and have access to everything they need to live the lives they choose.

Community organisations can't do it all on their own. To get there we need big reform, fundamentally changing the way national and local government understand, engage, and collaborate with local people. The government can achieve this through five big reforms to inspire a community power revolution:

1. **Introduce a Community Power Act**, to create three new community rights – to buy assets of community value, to shape public services, and to control local investment. And to create Community Covenants, new power sharing arrangements between councils and local communities.
2. **Inspire a step change in community ownership**, through a new, cross-government National Community Ownership Strategy that boosts community ownership and capacity from energy to housing to health.
3. **Put communities in charge of local economic development**, giving residents more control over local regeneration spending and radically devolving employment and skills support to the hyper-local level.
4. **Make collaboration – not competition the guiding principle of public services**, with bold reform of commissioning and shifting budgets to community-led prevention.
5. **Community-led housing and planning**, giving communities a tangible stake in their neighbourhoods by supporting the growth of community-led housing and spreading the use of neighbourhood planning.



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