

Community Cuppas in North Tyne – FAQs

What are the Community Cuppas in the North of Tyne?

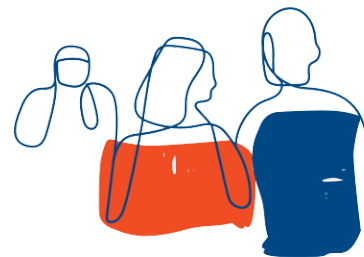
The Community Cuppas in the North of Tyne are three public engagement events that are happening in February 2023. The Community Cuppas will bring together members of the public like yourself to discuss “How should communities have a say on local investments that affect them?” These discussions will be had over cups of tea and coffee (and perhaps some biscuits) in a relaxed and friendly setting. That’s why they’re called Community Cuppas!

Why are the Community Cuppas happening in the North of Tyne area?

The three Community Cuppas are happening in the North of Tyne because a group of private investors, coordinated by the Impact Investing Institute, want to understand how they should engage with local communities as part of their place-based impact investing programme. The North of Tyne area is one of their pilot areas. These investors want to better understand how local communities think they should have their say on investment in their areas that are fairer and work better for people and the planet.

Who is organising the Community Cuppas?

Impact Investing Institute is a non-profit organisation that works on encouraging investment to be made in ways that generate positive social and environmental outcomes. Involve is the UK’s leading public participation charity, who want to make sure people have a say in decisions which affect their lives. Involve will design and run the Community Cuppas with involvement and support of the Impact Investing Institute. When you register you will contact someone at Involve.



Can I register my interest in taking part in the Community Cuppas?

Yes, if you are an adult who lives in the North of Tyne area, we would love for you to register your interest in one of the three Community Cuppas happening in the region. Once you have registered your interest in participating we will randomly select 25 people per area to come to the Community Cuppas who reflect the diversity of the area. If you are selected we will then confirm the exact location with you.

Who is excluded from the Community Cuppas?

These events are an opportunity for people who might not often have their voice heard on these sorts of issues. For this reason we are excluding people working for political parties, including local MPs, councillors and their staff.

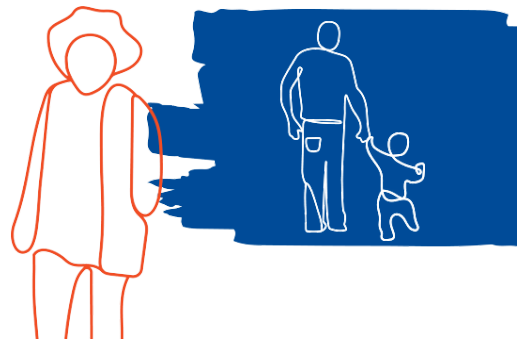
What will I get from taking part?

We will offer you a £25 supermarket or Amazon voucher as a thank you gift for taking part in one of the Community Cuppas. We will email this e-voucher to you after the event. If you

require the voucher to be given to you in person instead then we will ask you to let us know ahead of the Community Cuppas so we can arrange that with you. We cannot guarantee that receiving the thank you gift voucher will not impact on any benefits which you might receive. If you are unsure, please contact your work coach to discuss it with them.

What will it be like taking part in the Community Cuppas?

Community Cuppas are about discussing a question that is relevant to your local area in a friendly, comfortable way with a group of people from your local community. You will hear information about the topic, hear other people's perspectives and be able to share your own views with others too. Involve, who will be running the Community Cuppas, will make sure that you are welcomed and understand what you are being asked to discuss.



What do I need to do to prepare for taking part in the Community Cuppas?

If you want to take part then you need to register for one of the Community Cuppas and provide us with your email and phone number so we can contact you. We will email or text you to tell you what each of the next steps are.

You do not need to have any prior knowledge, experience or qualifications to take part in the Community Cuppas. If you are an adult resident in the North of Tyne area then we would love for you to register to take part.

When and where will the Community Cuppas be?

The Community Cuppas are going to take place in three locations:

- Hexham, Northumberland on Friday 3 February, 12.30-15.00
- West End of Newcastle on Saturday 4 February, 10.00-12.30
- North Shields on Saturday 4 February, 15.00-17.30

How do I register my interest in taking part?

The quickest way to register your interest in taking part in the North of Tyne Community Cuppas is to [go to this webpage and complete this short online form](#). This form will be open until midday on Wednesday 25 January.

If you are not able to register your interest using the internet then please give Involve a call on +44 20 3745 4334 and say that you would like to speak to someone about registering to take part in the North of Tyne Community Cuppas. They will either help you or get someone to call you back who can help you register.

Once you have registered your interest in participating please hold the date in your diary. We will be in touch as soon as possible (and no later than Friday 27 January) to confirm that you have a place. We are expecting to offer everyone who registers to attend a place, but we only have 25 places available at each event so it is possible that they will be oversubscribed. If we are oversubscribed then we will offer places primarily on a first-come-first-served basis, only making exceptions to that if it helps to ensure all parts of the community are represented at the events. At that point we will send you the full details of the venues.