

Highlights from the presentation

The project is meant to build local skills around an emergency, and participants will develop confidence in engaging with others about resilience.

Full day workshop on 2nd March is mandatory. It will consist of facilitation with scenario-based learning to build practical resilience skills; lunch and networking; Tabletop exercises to build more skills before planning your own communities' exercises.

- Will learn to adapt templates to your local needs.
- £1500 will be transferred to each successful applicant organisation
- You'll learn how to address disproportionate impacts in your community

Helpful links

- Capabilities Project information page: <https://londonplus.org/community-resilience-capabilities-project/>
- Link to the application form: <https://londonplus.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Expression-of-Interest-Form-%E2%80%93-Community-Resilience-Capabilities-Project.docx> – DUE 10TH FEBRUARY 23:59 GMT
- Findings from LCEP's last Train the Trainer project: [Extreme Hot Weather Exercise - London Plus](#)
- Community Resilience Toolkit: <https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk/london-community-resilience-toolkit/>
- Partnership in Practice is an online train the trainer model by our co-chair VCSEP. The next one takes place in March: <https://www.vcsep.org.uk/events>

Q&A and other discussions

Eligibility

Requirements: Registered charity (not necessarily in London but should be London operational), not political, available to attend on 2nd March. Community Interest Communities (CICs) and Community Benefit Societies (CBSs) also welcome to apply.

- Q: Can we apply with another organisation? – A: Yes. Partnerships are encouraged, although each successful applicant will only receive £1500, even if multiple organisations are on the application.
- Q: You say that preference to those who have been less trained to conduct these exercises. If we participated in the [2025 Heat Wave Exercise](#), should we even apply? – A: We encourage all organisations to apply. You will not be ruled out if you participated in LCEP's other train the trainer project. It may help to know that all LCEP partners will have access to the tools and resources from this project, regardless if you are an approved participant.
- Q: Are community interest communities (CIC) allowed to join? And Community benefit societies (CBS)? – A: Yes.
- Q: Charities must be registered *in* London? – A: No, but eligible applicants should be an organisation that works with Londoners.
- Q: What if we have no experience in emergencies? – A: Even better! This project is especially for organisations that aren't community emergency experts
- Q: If we participated in the previous round but didn't get the funding to create the event/emergency hub, will be considered in case,? Or priority will be given to those organisations that never engaged with any community prepared event? Or if we participate in the other recently-launched Community Resilience toolkit grant and the Resilience Hub funding projects, are we still eligible to apply? – A: You are still eligible for this project. When we said that there is preference for applicants who have not participated in the TtT model, we

were specifically referring to LCEP's Heat Exercise. If you or your team has already joined other training, it is your discretion to apply for this project. It would not be held against you if you participated in someone else's train the trainer project.

Workshop on 2nd March

- Q: How many spaces are there for the Trainer the Trainer day? 1 per org? – A: Yes, one person per approved organisation. Note also that our co-chair VCSEP run online train-the-trainer sessions called Partnership in Practice, which your colleagues can register to join. Space is limited; PiP event dates and registration links are posted here: <https://www.vcsep.org.uk/events>
- Q: How is the day structured? – A: It will last all day. The morning basic training will be led by VCSEP's head of capabilities. In the afternoon, BRC colleagues will conduct two simultaneous tabletop exercises. You will decide that day which afternoon exercise session you want to attend. The afternoon session allows you to practice what you learned in the morning. The exercises will focus on the two most frequently requested emergencies from the application form, although they will be delivered in a way that allows you to apply the learning to any type of emergency for your own community tabletop exercise.
- Q: I'm concerned that the two afternoon tabletop exercises will be based on emergencies that do not apply to my community. How can we guarantee that this project will be applicable to us if we do not know which emergencies will be used in the workshop? – A:
 - First, applicants can choose 2-3 emergencies that they are most interested in exercising.
 - Second, based on the emergencies chosen by applicants, we will choose the top two requested emergencies to model on the afternoon of the workshop on 2nd March
 - Third, adapt the training sessions and resources in a way that works for you to create the emergency exercise that is relevant for your community. The training sessions and the resources are created in a way that allows you to adapt them for your community exercise.

About your local tabletop exercises – due by 31st May

- Q: Does the exercise have to be in-person? – A: Yes. Key reasons for the success of this model for improving community resilience are the connections built, and the in-person engagement that enhances the learning. Other benefits of in-person exercising are: understanding who is in the community, what they would do, and networking.
- Q: Do we have to conduct the exercises based on the ones covered in the workshop? – A: No. Participants can choose any scenario/emergency they want to run with their community, based on what you and your community need. The training on 2nd March and the tools are created to be adaptable. Note also that your exercise can be risk agnostic – we've found that all emergency scenarios will draw out similar lessons learned for improving preparedness for all types of emergencies.
- Q: What do the resources include? – A: Resources will provide scenarios and give you injects and other ways to set up your tabletop exercise. Also note that our co-chair, VCSEP, sign-post their existing exercises, which you can also use. The workshop is meant to give you the confidence and skills to carry out your own exercises, and you can use what you need to carry out an exercise that makes sense for you and your community.
- Q: Are the resources very prescribed, or is there room for adapting it? – A: 100% adaptable, that's why the TtT model has been so effective.
- Q: Can we conduct an exercise based on rest centres? – A: Yes.
- Q: How long should the exercises be? – A: Typically they run about 2 hours minimum, up to a half day. Also consider that you may choose to conduct your follow-up activity on the same day, e.g. in the afternoon, to maximise time with participants and the chosen venue
- Q: Do we need equipment, e.g. ability to show a presentation? – A: BRC's template package will likely have a ppt to lay out the instructions, and some documents to print out for the participants. And there will be facilitator notes in the resource package. You can decide the

best way to share the information with your community members. You will need tables for different groups to discuss and work together during the exercise.

Other

- Q: By when is the follow-up activity supposed to take place? – A: Both your exercise and follow-up activity should take place before 31st May.
- Q: How should the follow-up activity be structured? – A: We encourage you to link it with existing work, and/or extension of the exercise for meeting the objectives of this project
- Q: Are there restrictions on how we use the money? – A: No. The money is not prescriptive. It's for your time and what you use to deliver the exercise and follow-up activity
- Q: Could you put this programme in the context of the Resilience toolkit grant and the Resilience Hub funding that kicked off this month? How are they related to this project? – A: all of these projects are funded by the GLA, with similar time frames. They all aim to improve community resilience in different ways, but they are not connected. This project is the capabilities component of this GLA community resilience portfolio. For those that want a reference to the Community Resilience Toolkit:
<https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk/london-community-resilience-toolkit/>