



ProHelp

What is ProHelp?

ProHelp is a national network of over 600 professional firms committed to making a difference in their local community, supporting community groups and voluntary organisations by providing free advice and professional support.

ProHelp can offer access to a range of professional expertise. Members include solicitors, accountants, surveyors, architects, public relations, marketing and management consultants.

Each ProHelp group is a local network of professional firms. All community organisations receive the same level of service as a fee-paying client - the only difference is that the service given to a community client is free.

You will probably be asked to complete a simple application form to let the team know what type of support you require. A summary of your request will then be taken to ProHelp members who will consider it. If a firm is available to help, a meeting will then be arranged to take things further.

ProHelp also run general advice surgeries and workshops on specific topics impacting on local community groups.

To be eligible for ProHelp support you must be a community-based, not-for-profit group working for the social and economic regeneration of your local area and should fit within the following criteria:

- Have a track record of working successfully with the local community
- Have no funding available for the specific project and not paid advisors retained to do the work
- If part of a national organisation, your branch must be locally constituted, and prove that neither the expertise nor the funding to pay for the work is available centrally
- Your project must be realistic and viable
- Your governing body must be willing to authorise the involvement of ProHelp.

For more information

www.prohelp.org.uk
www.bitc.org.uk/prohelp