



Local Governance Research Unit

Overview and Scrutiny: Collecting Evidence Through Questioning

Presenter:

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Objectives

The objectives for the programme are to:

- Explore face-to-face appropriate methods for collecting scrutiny evidence
- Develop questioning skills
- Practice planning lines of questioning for exploring an issue,
- Examine how scrutiny can conduct effective inquiries
- Consider how best to promote and maintain discursive and investigative scrutiny processes

Programme

10.00 am: Introductions

10.10 am - 11.15.am: How to develop a line of investigation and questioning (to include a group discussion exercise)

11.15 -11.30am: -Break

11.30 – 12.45pm: Identifying and developing Good Investigative Skills (to include a group discussion exercise)

12.45 – 1.45pm: Lunch

1.45pm – 3.00pm: Developing Investigations and Questioning to Suit the Subject (To include individual exercise followed by plenary debate)

3.00 – 4.00pm: Round-table Discussion of Questioning and Scrutiny