



Course Code & Title	LISS2135 Getting started with community-based research		
Convenor(s)	Harry Jenkins and Danny Hatfield from High Trees Community Development Trust		
Academic Year	2025-26	Term	Summer
Number of sessions	1	Length of session(s)	5 hours
Type of training	Research in Practice		
	Day, Date	Start – End	Location
	Wednesday 10 th June 2026	10am – 4pm	KCL Waterloo Campus, James Clerk Maxwell Building, room JCMB 108
Enrolment Links:	Available to book on SkillsForge from February 2026. Click to log in and register. Questions? Visit our Training FAQ .		

Course Description:

This course provides a practical introduction to involving communities in the research process and its outcomes. This includes how to meaningfully involve community members and organisations in setting research direction, working with community members as peer researchers, and turning research into community-led action that leads to positive change for local communities.

This course is ideal for students who are interested in participatory or peer research and would like to explore how to get started with designing and delivering a meaningful project with communities.

Key objectives:

1. Explore how to identify research priorities by working collaboratively with community organisations and community members.
2. Understand and explore the practical and ethical challenges of working with community members as peer researchers.
3. Recognise different ways to turn your research into community-led social action.



About the course convenor(s):

In 2023, High Trees Community Development Trust launched the [Lambeth Community Research Network](#), a network of local community organisations with an interest and expertise in strengthening community-based research. We believe that research should directly lead to positive change for local communities and meaningfully include their knowledge and experience in the research process. High Trees also manage the award-winning [Lambeth Peer Action Collective](#), made up of young people and youth organisations, working together to create better futures for young people in Lambeth. Young people take the lead in identifying, researching and taking action on issues that affect them.

Number of students:

Maximum number of places available: 25