The purpose of community circles is to bring people from a local community together to share their skills, talents, gifts and resources. This idea is based upon the premise that ALL of us need three things in our lives to make us happy and fulfilled: these are money, friendship and meaning. We believe that everyone needs community, everyone needs to be heard and everyone needs to have fun.

Community Circles are based upon reciprocity and the assumption that EVERYONE has both gifts and needs - whether they are labeled or not. The circles adopt the fundamental value of inclusion that 'all means all', no one is excluded from community circles, and instead the circle members work out how to include everyone equally and safely.
Community circles provide a great foundation or starting point from which to explore connections, build relationships, locate resources and share skills. They provide a safe forum in which people can meet and friendships can start, a natural reservoir of people and relationships where people can be invited to offer their time and capacity.

Who should attend?
Anyone who is trying to workout how to make our communities better places for us all to live. This includes Support Providers, Community Activists, Local Area Co-coordinators, Community Health partners, Councilors, Politicians, Community Leaders and individuals.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

*Derek Wilson* and *Colin Newton* are co-founders of Inclusive Solutions. They have combined experience of over 50 years working as educational psychologists across the UK. They are passionate about inclusion and provide training and consultancy nationally and internationally.

In Control Scotland
In Control Scotland works with organisations, local authorities and people across Scotland to support the development of a sustainable system of self-directed support. We provide training, development and consultancy and share what we learn to improve the experience of self directed support for everyone.

**Cost**
Professionals £110 - (INCLUDES Tea/Coffee/lunch)
In Control Scotland Members £70
Individuals/Family Members £20