# Top-tips from local leaders.

* Signpost

Be sure to have resources ready if someone needs further support.

* Comfort is key.

Don’t be forceful about getting people to join in. People will participate in their own way and time.

* Attend community meetings.

Make sure your voice is heard in your community while also actively listening to the needs of other people. Perhaps even offer to host an event at your corps/centre building.

* Be inclusive.

Have an open-door policy and an accessible building.

* Recognise limitations.

This might be poor transport links of limited volunteers. Find ways to work around these issues and work to your strong points.

* Prioritise relationships.

Shift the focus of your groups from entertainment to creating a safe space for people to gather. Make sure to encourage relationships to continue outside of programmes.