



The Man Matters Project, in partnership with ARK, is pleased to announce a joint workshop for groups in the men's work sector.

Accessing and collecting data: how and why
Tuesday 15th February 10.00am - 1.00pm
Groundwork NI
63-75 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast

One of the difficulties with men's work is the lack of good quality research, evidence and data. Often when seeking to justify our work with funders or policy makers, we find that research and data explicitly focused on men is difficult to find. Nevertheless, in times of financial cutbacks, providing solid evidence becomes even more crucial.

The Man Matters project is committed to finding ways to strengthen the men's sector and has, therefore, teamed up with ARK to help address the gaps identified. ARK is a joint Queen's University/University of Ulster resource facilitating the use of social and political information on Northern Ireland (see www.ark.ac.uk).

This introductory workshop has two parts:

- **Session 1** will identify a range of online data sources relevant to work with men.
- **Session 2** will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of different methods of collecting data (such as surveys and focus groups), which will be of benefit to those thinking about undertaking their own research project.

Who should attend? ...

Anyone involved in men's work - you do not have to be a researcher or statistician to attend. The seminar will be practically orientated so that it is readily applicable to your work. So, if you are responsible for writing funding bids, influencing policy makers or service providers, or perhaps you just want to find out more, please come along.

Man Matters is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and this support has allowed us to offer places on this workshop **free** to workers in the men's sector. Depending on interest and identified needs, we may also run a second workshop tailored to your research needs.

To book a place, please ring Michael Glover on 02890 329718, or email michael.glover@wea-ni.com with your contact details, putting 'Research workshop' in the subject line. You will then receive confirmation of your place and directions. **Booking closes on Wednesday 9th February but, as places are limited, you are advised to book as soon as possible.**

