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Environment Support
Group - Trust



Learn and think about...

- The mandate of WC
- The functions of WC
- The challenges to WC's operation
- How to collaborate with the WC to improve the city in a citizen-driven way

HOW TO DO IT...

**A workshop to...
understand how to get
Ward Committees (WC)
to....work for the city**

Date: 19.Jan.2018, Friday

Time: 5.30 to 8 pm

**Venue: ESG Workshop
space, 1575 Ring Road,
Banashankari II stage,
Bangalore -70**

<https://goo.gl/maps/agJvCSPqk2E2>

Suggested contribution:

Rs. 250 via <http://www.esgindia.org/about-us/what-you-can-do.html>

Registration:

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**Workshop facilitators: Leo F. Saldanha, Swetha Rao
Dhananka, Vinay Sreenivasa**



'How to do it?' workshops

An ESG initiative

How to get Ward Committees to work for the city

The workshop Facilitators will assist participants in appreciating the Constitutional mandate for making Ward Committees core units for improving the quality of urban governance. In the process, participants will be assisted in learning how to employ Ward Committees in citizen-driven efforts to improve urban governance, services and facilities so that quality of life of all improves. While the functions and duties of the Ward Committees are known, there are lots of undefined mechanisms that ought to be worked through in practice. The workshop will assist in learning of the roles, duties and processes of functioning of these committees, while it is also an opportunity to brainstorm and collate ideas to build viable processes for enhancing the quality of interactions within and between ward communities and the larger ward public.

The 2nd "How to do it" workshop is on **Friday, 19th January 2018, from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm @ ESG Workshop Space**, 1575, Ring Road, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore 560070. **(Prior registration needed. See details below.)**

They workshop facilitators are:

- ! Leo F. Saldanha, Coordinator of Environment Support Group (ESG).
- ! Dr. Swetha Rao Dhananka is an urban sociologist and has taught and researched on social justices issues in Bangalore. She is currently consulting with ESG.
- ! Vinay Sreenivasa, is a lawyer and urban governance activist, and works with Alternative Law Forum

About the "How to" workshop series:

This series of workshops is about how we can equip ourselves with tactical knowledge and skills that empower us to achieve collective aims for improving the quality of life in Bangalore. These workshops will help us appreciate the nuances of processes that address environmental and public health concerns, social cohesion, socio-economic equity and participatory decision-making, and instruct us how we can engage with them in practice. It is about how an informed and organised public can reclaim the city, which now has been appropriated by elite and divisive imaginations, such as "world class city" and "smart city".

Narrow and divisive elite imaginations tend to benefit decision-makers and developers who profit from undemocratic ways. In the process, scarce financial and administrative resources are diverted to particular projects and away from the fundamental needs of people. The need of the hour is a focus on social integration, public health, public transport, affordable education and housing, environmental conservation, making neighborhoods safe, which will transform into inclusive, sustainable cities that are viable for all. There are plenty of debate on ways to deal with these challenges, but very little practical information on how to create change effectively through collective learning. Inspired from each other and from diverse geographical contexts, we aim to explore effective and tactical ways to work collectively to improve our city.

In this series of "how to do it" workshops, participants from various disciplines, sectors and communities will work with experienced facilitators in closely examining various issues of public interest with a focus of building solutions for change through participatory methods. The idea is to enhance and build civic engagements in meaningful, inclusive and productive ways. The question we all want to answer is "how to do it".

For example: How to organise and save lakes? How to keep our neighbourhoods safe and healthy? How to green our neighbourhoods? How to make our homes and offices green? How to organise a civic protest? How to plan and make neighbourhoods safe to walk, cycle and travel in?

All are welcome!

To register for this workshop, please email apoorva@esgindia.org with subject "How to", or call 080-2671360/61 providing your name, address, and what you do.

Suggested contribution/workshop: Rs. 250 per person. You may donate this contribution to ESG's General fund online at <http://esgindia.org/about-us/what-you-can-do.html>.