What is a Learning Pathways learning group?
Certificate in Community Engagement and Personal Development

It is simply a group of people who are on a Learning Pathways (LP) journey together giving each other support. Usually, it is the group of students who started LP in the same territory at the same time.

In LP we ask all students to have a designated group of people with whom they meet regularly e.g., once a month, either in person or electronically, to discuss how they are doing with their learning. **Learners should allow each other to express themselves freely while respecting each other’s points of view and personal experience.**

Honesty in sharing is the key to learning. What one person is struggling with another person might have understood and be able to help with. It might also come out in group conversations that something in the materials is unclear, in that case contact can be made with the Territorial LP Coordinator for clarification. If required, the Territorial LP Coordinator will make further clarification with the LP Administrator at IHQ.

Ideally members of a LP learning group would live in the same geographical area and would be able to meet up physically. If this is not possible, then learning together while meeting electronically allows for the same kind of interaction.

The group decides for themselves when they will meet and can designate a group leader whose job it is to organise the group’s meetings by deciding and communicating a date, time and place for the monthly meetings through calendar invites or WhatsApp messages. There is space in Personal Development booklet on page 12 to write out names and contact details for each learning group member and on page six to give your group a name.

There are also practical exercises in Community Engagement that can be done with the LP learning group. This is particularly interesting when a learning group lives in the same area. As the course develops the learning group will get to know more about their area and at the end of the course will have elements to consider for a local community development strategy.