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WHAT IS

CO-PRODUCTION

As part of Co-production
Week Scotland 2024:
Embedding co-production

swipe



Co-production refers to the

reciprocal relationship
between service
providers and users that
draws on the knowledge,
ability and resources of
both to develop
solutions that are
successful, sustainable
and cost-effective.



It stems from the recognition that if organisations are to deliver successful services, they must understand the needs of their users and engage them closely in the design and delivery of those services.



This means people and communities

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truly playing a part in how decisions are made, at every stage of the decision-making process – having a say in what’s needed, how it’s developed and how it can be delivered – where things happen ‘with’ people, instead of ‘to’ them.



Co-production goes **04** beyond participation

and partnership working because it requires people to work together on an equal basis. It means breaking down traditional professional boundaries, sharing power and contributing lived experience, skills and ideas about what works, to make our communities better and to reshape the relationships that communities have with services.



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Co-production Network*
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area!

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