# VCS membership:

# Community engagement panel member

# About the opportunity

## Summary

The **Community Engagement Panel** supports the Council in the implementation of the Our Greenwich: Community Engagement Pledge and scrutinises the effectiveness of its action plan.

As a member of the Panel, you will oversee and ensure change and improvement to community engagement delivered using the success indicators and outcomes being measured.

The panel will provide motivation, developing and challenging higher standards in community engagement across the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

## Description

The council launched the Our Greenwich: Community Engagement Pledge in July 2024 following many months of research and consultation with residents, staff and borough-based organisations. Alongside the Pledge being implemented, we are setting up a community engagement panel with resident volunteer panel members and voluntary sector organisations representing the different communities of Greenwich, alongside council staff and councillors.

As a Panel member you will help establish how the Panel functions, attend the meetings and contribute to ensuring that the Pledge is great for the borough. The Panel will oversee and ensure change and improvement to community engagement delivered by and with the council to ensure the delivery the framework promises, using the success indicators and outcomes measured.

**Voluntary and Community Sector Shortlisting Criteria:**

**To become a CVS member of the community engagement panel, we’d appreciate knowing more about you and your organisation. This information will be used to help the council’s overview of the panel composition, aiming for representation from a number of sectors, geographic base and type of organisation.**

1. Equity-led organisation

By equity-led we mean groups and organisations that are led by and for communities impacted by structural inequalities. This includes residents from the Global Majority, Deaf and Disabled, LGBT+, older and women residents.

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| Yes |  | No |  |

1. Demographics group/s, communities and social groups worked with

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| Tell us more; |

1. Location/s

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| Ward of organisation base | Wards of operation / where work happens | Borough wide |
| Tell us more; | Tell us more if applicable; | Tick here if applicable. |

1. What size is your organisation?

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| Micro  <£10k per annum |  | Small  £10k to £100k p/a |  | Medium  £100k to £500K p/a |  | Large  >£500k p/a |  |

1. Your impact on the local community (i.e. purpose driven and value for the local community).

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| Tick as many as apply to you; | Yes | No |
| Health Inequalities and access to health and social care services; |  |  |
| Social and economic inequalities/ working with groups from lower-socio economic backgrounds; |  |  |
| Youth Justice and Young People; |  |  |
| Local community services, local community centre; |  |  |
| Culture and Arts In the local community; |  |  |
| Elderly care related or carers in the Community; |  |  |
| Faith group, where their activity is not promoting religion; |  |  |
| Residents and tenants’ association or Tenant management organisations; |  |  |
| Community sports hub/health and wellbeing centre; |  |  |

1. Expression of interest

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| Why are you interested in your organisation becoming a VCS representative on the community engagement panel? |
| Maximum 150 words; |

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| What skills and interests do you have that you think will be useful in this role? |
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| Do you have any health problems, disabilities or other needs which the council may need to adapt too? |
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# Application details

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# Additional information – Panel aims

**The aims of the panel are:**

* To **represent** community engagement **perspectives** through the voices of diverse communities, organisations and stakeholders within the Royal Borough of Greenwich.
* To enable **conversations, collaboration and understanding** around community engagement between the members of the panel and the council.
* To make sure the voices of the **community are heard** and influence the **councils' plans and decisions**.
* To enable the community and council to **work together** and **highlight best practice** and good work in community engagement.