

EAST MIDLANDS SOCIAL INCLUSION POLICY FORUM

Forum Structure

Terms of Reference

The SIPF exists to:

- Provide a forum where policy and decision makers, inclusion project practitioners and people experiencing exclusion can share information and experience, debate issues, draw lessons from experience and develop new and more effective responses to Social Exclusion in the region. With the aim of making practical improvements to provision.
- Hold events and conduct debates exploring questions related to Social Exclusion in the Region, meeting at least twice a year to debate current Exclusion issues.
- Publish strategy discussion documents, or other material, on Exclusion as a basis for discussion on, or the development of, policy. Publish reports on the conclusions of those discussions. This material will be circulated under the SIPF's name without necessarily being taken as the formal view of the SIPF collectively.
- Seek to develop a collective voice in response to consultation and planning cycles affecting exclusion in the region and more widely.

Composition

Membership of the forum will be open to all organisations and individuals working to combat exclusion. The forum will make an effort to balance representation from:

- bodies with strategic role in combating exclusion,
- those working professionally in projects at the front line, and
- people experiencing exclusion.

This balance will be maintained in the overall membership and in participation at events or in consultations.

Secretariat

OEM, or bodies delegated by it, will act as the secretariat for the SIPF

Convening

The VCS East Midland Social Inclusion Policy Champion, elected through OEM, will act as convener for SIPF.

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POVERTY AWARENESS

GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

LASTING LEGACY