

Community Champions and Engagement Community of Improvement (COI): Yorkshire and Humber

Terms of Reference

The Community Champions and Engagement COI started in 2021 in order to bring together partners across the Yorkshire and Humber region who were delivering (or planning to) Community Champions schemes. Some of these projects are funded by the national government Community Vaccine Champions programme (and some received further funding in 2022), but not all. The group has since developed and widened in both theme (wider community development) and membership.

1. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- 1.1. The meeting will provide a forum for: sharing best practice; providing regional and national updates; shaping and developing community champions programmes (or similar); and feedback on successes and lessons learnt.
- 1.2. Where possible, the meeting will complement the Department for Levelling Up, Communities and Housing's (DLUCH) Community Champions programme and associated delivery outcomes. It will also be aligned to the work of the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) Yorkshire and Humber Healthy Places and Sustainable Communities work on reducing health inequalities.
- 1.3. The COI aims to connect up across the Yorkshire and Humber system, including other COIs, and supports the priority ambitions of the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Directors of Public Health.
- 1.4. The meeting will seek to inform and feed into regional and national partnerships, strategy and policy, providing local insight and intelligence and a better understanding of "place".
- 1.5. The focus of the group will centre on the use of community champions and community-based approaches for:
 - Supporting vaccine uptake, and community response and support.
 - The recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.
 - The reduction of health inequalities and supporting resilient, healthy communities.
 - Building capacity, capability, and strong partnerships at local level, and in the region with a long-term aim to build trust, resilience, and sustainability in communities.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. Managers and portfolio leads for community champions/health champions/community development programmes and those leading on community

engagement related to the coronavirus pandemic, coronavirus vaccine uptake and health inequalities.

- 2.2. Attendees should have the ability to implement/ influence change within their organisation and are responsible for taking forward any agreed learnings or actions and dissemination of information back to their individual organisations/teams.
- 2.3. OHID Healthy Places and Sustainable Communities team.
- 2.4. Ad hoc members identified as relevant to the work programme or specific agenda items including voluntary and community sector partners and national government partners where appropriate.
- 2.5. Ad hoc support/attendance from the DLUCH community champions team.

3. FREQUENCY, LOCATION & AGENDA

- 3.1. It is intended that meetings will take place every two months.
- 3.2. To be held at virtually via. Teams.
- 3.3. Items for the agenda will be agreed by attendees and to be flexible to meet the group members' needs.

Next Terms of Reference Review: April 2023

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