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# Brighton & Hove The People's Blueprint

## Community Steering Group Role



# What is the project?

**The People's Blueprint is a project in Brighton and Hove that aims to give communities more power to shape the city centre where they live.**

**Through community conversations and a city-wide deliberation event, residents (particularly those who are often unheard in decision making) will help develop recommendations for how the city's streets, buildings, and public spaces can better meet their needs.**

**The project also aims to leave a lasting legacy of community power by supporting connections, skills, and knowledge that can be used beyond this pilot.**

## **How can you be involved?**

We are inviting people to express their interest in becoming members of the Community Steering Group for the People's Blueprint. The group will help guide the project, ensuring our work reflects the real experiences, needs and priorities of communities in Brighton & Hove.

As a member, you will:

- Advise on the recruitment and engagement for Community Conversations and the City Centre Deliberation Day.
- Help define what impact looks like for communities and how it should be measured
- Support legacy planning, making sure the project strengthens community power beyond the grand period (insert)
- Connect the project team to marginalised communities, including young renters, migrants and disabled people.

By combining lived experience and local knowledge, the Steering Group will ensure that the project is inclusive, equitable and responsive to Brighton and Hove's diverse city centre communities.

## **Who We Want**

We are looking for people who:

- Are well-connected in local communities and understand their needs.
- Represent or have strong links to marginalised groups, including young renters, migrants and disabled people in Brighton and Hove city centre.
- Are passionate about community empowerment and shaping local decision making.
- Can commit to attending meetings and providing insight and guidance.



# Role and Responsibilities

Community Steering Group member will be expected to:

- Attend four meetings across the year (April, June, September and December). These will be at Brighton City Hall for two to three hours.
- Offer insight on local context, community needs and opportunities for engagement.
- Advise on how to involve people who are often underrepresented and unheard in decision-making.
- Optionally participate in training to support in the delivery of the Community Conversations.
- Contribute to discussions on monitoring, evaluation and learning to track project impact.
- Help plan for the project's long-term legacy and share lessons learned for future projects.

## What to Expect

- Collaborative discussions with project staff and fellow Steering Group members.
- Opportunities to influence community engagement, event planning and legacy work.
- A chance to help define how community power is built and measured in Brighton and Hove.

# FAQs

**Q How do I register my interest in being a member of the Community Steering Group**

A: Please complete the expression of interest form by [clicking here](#). In this form you will be asked to tell us a bit about yourself and your connection to a community or communities.

**Q Do I need experience in community organising or campaigning?**

A: Lived experience and community connections are as important as formal experience. We welcome anyone who understands or is connected to the communities we aim to reach

**Q How much time will I need to commit?**

A: Four meetings per year (2-3 hours each). Optional involvement in Community Conversations is extra. The meetings will be in person and are likely to take place at Brighton Town Hall.

**Q Will I be paid for my time?**

A: Members will be paid £75 for each Community Steering Group they attend. This will be paid after each session which will take place in April, June, September and December.

**Q How will the outcomes of The People's Blueprint project be used by Brighton and Hove City Council?**

A: The recommendations developed through this project will be shared with Brighton and Hove City Council who are keen to learn from what communities tell them. The council are supporting The People's Blueprint throughout and will be hearing from communities at each step of the way. The recommendations which communities produce will inform the new City Plan which the council is preparing, and could help support a future Design Code for the city centre which would significantly shape the built environment.

**Q Will I need to run community events myself?**

A: It is optional. You will be offered a space on our public engagement training day where you will be able to learn how to run community conversations if you would like to. If you do not wish to do this, it will not prevent you being a member of the Citizen Governance Group.

**Q What influence will I have?**

A: The Steering Group will provide advice and guidance to help shape the project's priorities, activities, and legacy. While final decisions remain with Involve and Brighton and Hove City Council, your insight will ensure that engagement is meaningful, inclusive, and grounded in the experiences of local communities.

**Q I don't think I am right for this role, but might know someone who is. Can I share this with them?**

A: Yes, absolutely. We'd really welcome you sharing this opportunity with anyone you think would be a good fit, especially people with strong connections to local communities in Brighton and Hove city centre.

**Q How will members of the Community Steering Group be selected?**

A: The purpose of the Community Steering Group is to ensure this work is connected into the communities of the city centre, particularly those whose voices we know are currently marginalised. We will review the expressions of interest and select a group of people who can help us understand the range of experiences in the city centre, and help connect us to those diverse communities.

**Q Who do I contact with any queries?**

A: If you have any questions, please [visit the website](#) or contact the team at [Blueprint@involve.org.uk](mailto:Blueprint@involve.org.uk).

# CITY CENTRE

The city centre is roughly a square with four corners: Seven Dials, St Peter's Church, Brighton Pier and the corner of Montpelier Road and King's Road.

Image credit: Brighton and Hove City Council

