

Yorkshire and Humber Healthy Communities Community of Improvement (COI)

Terms of Reference

June 2024

Introduction

The Community Champions and Engagement COI started in 2021 in order to bring together partners across the Yorkshire and Humber region who were delivering Community Champions schemes. The group has since developed and widened in both theme and membership. We now cover a range of healthy communities themes and community development approaches.

We are a friendly and informal group who support each other, share best practice and learn together. We share a wealth of information and resources with each other and work with a range of partners in the Yorkshire and Humber region to improve health through community. We invite speakers to share their research, practice and learning with the group and can provide feedback, expertise and support where needed.

Our group reports to the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Directors of Public Health (YHADPH) and you can find more information about the COI, plus a range of resources on [our website](#).

Chair: Steffi Rogers, Third Sector Leaders (TSL), Kirklees

Deputy Chair: Emma Nicholas, Doncaster Council

Facilitator: Karen Horrocks, OHID

Director of Public Health Sponsor: Diane Lee

1. Purpose of the meeting

1.1. The meeting will provide a forum for: sharing best practice; providing local, regional and national updates; championing and developing community champions and community approaches programmes; feedback on successes and lessons learnt and supporting new evidence and research.

1.2. Our work will 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 connects across Yorkshire and Humber including to other COIs and supports the priority ambitions of the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Directors of Public Health.

1.4. The meeting will feed into regional and national partnerships, strategy and policy. It will provide 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 approaches for:

- Reducing health inequalities and supporting resilient, healthy communities.
- Building capacity, capability, and strong partnerships at local level.
- Supporting public health through the development and evaluation of community champions programmes.
- Promote and embed the family of community centred approaches in our work and that of our partners.

2. Membership

2.1. Managers and portfolio leads for healthy communities, community champions, health champions and community development and engagement programmes.

2.2. Colleagues working in this area who want to learn and share and who are identified as relevant to the work programme or specific agenda items including academics, national government colleagues, health sector and the voluntary and community sector.

2.3. 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.

2.4. OHID Healthy Places and Sustainable Communities Programme Manager.

2.5. The COI will not provide a platform for promoting specific products or services and this will be reflected in the membership.

3. How our COI works

3.1. Meetings take place every 3 months.

3.2. To be held virtually via. Teams, unless agreed by members.

3.3. Items for the agenda will be proposed by group members. A forward work plan is available which includes any work planned and undertaken by the COI.

3.4. Members are encouraged to complete a flashcard and update for their area, and bring with them to the meeting, but this is not mandatory.

3.5. No minutes are taken at this meeting, but links and attachments will be shared afterwards.

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