



VCSE Sectoral Advisory Panel and citywide network



Belfast VCSE Sectoral Advisory Panel – nomination and selection process

VCSE organisations and groups in Belfast are now being invited to **nominate candidates for selection to a Sectoral Advisory Panel**

The panel will comprise approximately 15 members drawn from organisations and groups in Belfast's VCSE sectors. Panel members will be expected to advocate and input views on behalf of others in the sector, utilising their existing sectoral connections, and through the citywide VCSE network.

The nomination and selection process is being managed by **NICVA**. The nomination form along with supporting information for applicants (including selection criteria) can be accessed from the **NICVA website** at

www.nicva.org/bcp-vcse-sectoraladvisorypanel

The closing date for nominations to be submitted to NICVA is 31st January 2020.

Similar to the process for selecting voluntary and community sector representatives to the Joint Government/Voluntary Sector Forum (whereby voluntary and community organisations are invited to submit nominations for candidates to be considered for selection to the Panel) NICVA will assess nominations received and select representatives according to agreed criteria. Reflecting the community planning and Belfast context, the process and criteria have been adapted to take account of the proposed Panel's interaction with the community planning process and the Belfast Agenda themes and priorities.

At the end of this process, NICVA will provide a report to the Community Planning Partnership outlining 15 recommended candidates for appointment along with a further 10 suggested reserve candidates. NICVA will thereafter hand over responsibility to the CPP to consider the report and formally make offers of appointment to the Panel.

The indicative timeline for completion of the Panel selection process is as follows:

Dates	Milestone/Activity
31 January 2020	Closing date for nominations 31 January 2020
By 14 February 2020	Selection process undertaken by NICVA
17 February 2020	NICVA selection process report provided to CPP
20 February 2020	Endorsement of Panel selections by CPP (subgroup meeting)
By 21 February 2020	Formal appointment letter issued by CPP to the Sectoral Advisory Panel Members.
w/c 2 March 2020	Induction training days <i>Prospective Panel members should endeavour to keep this week available for up to 2 induction training days (dates TBC).</i>
w/c 9 March	1 st Sectoral Advisory Panel meeting

Get involved! Belfast VCSE citywide network

The Community Planning Partnership is encouraging anyone working or involved in the VCSE sectors to sign up to a **citywide VCSE network** – to receive regular updates and information about community planning, along with opportunities to participate in a programme of events and online engagements during 2020. Sign up to the network and receive email updates by registering at:

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/belfastagenda

We are also holding some information briefings during January 2020. To register attendance, or to find out more about these opportunities, visit our website.

Monday 13 th January 2020, 3.00pm <i>Culturlann McAdam Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road,</i>	Monday 17 th January 2020 3.00pm <i>Clifton House, 2 North Queen Street</i>
Wednesday 15 th January 2020, 3.00pm <i>Belfast City Council offices, 9 Adelaide Street</i>	Tuesday 21 st January 2020, 6.00pm, <i>Belfast City Council offices, 9 Adelaide Street</i>
Friday 17 th January 2020, 3.00pm <i>East Belfast Network Centre, 55 Templemore Ave</i>	Thursday 23 rd January 2020, 9.30am <i>Crescent Arts Centre, 2-4 University Road</i>

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