

London Borough of Barnet

# Can you help us to reach people to have their say about adult social care?

## Funding for the voluntary and community sector

August 2022

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YOUR | CHOICE.

## Context

We (Barnet Adult Social Care) have some small grants available for voluntary, community and faith organisations to undertake engagement.

We are working on a new engagement and co-production\* strategy which aims to get Barnet's people involved in making adult social care better.

We want to speak to as many people as possible to help shape this.

We know that the voluntary and community sector are experts in engagement and reaching all parts of the community, and we want to recognise and support this.

The timescale for this work is between August to mid-October.

*\*Co-production is a way of working, where people with lived experience of care and support, and carers, work together with the council and other organisations to shape and improve services.*

## What are the conditions of the funding?

### What is the funding for?

- The funding is for voluntary, community, and faith organisations to engage with their communities on the topic of adult social care
- The funding will be to cover the costs of staffing, administration, materials, accessibility requirement and expenses for engagement

### What do we want to find out?

- How people would like to be involved in improving things and shaping adult social care services
- Reaching new people to join our People's Voice community and be part of future adult social engagement
- We would also like to hear about people's experiences of adult social care

### Who do we want to reach?

We want to reach people who are users or potential users of adult social care. This includes:

- Older people
- People with physical or sensory impairments (aged over 18)
- People with learning disabilities and / or autism
- People with mental health challenges
- Carers of anyone above (by this we mean informal carers rather than paid care workers)

In terms of adult social care users and potential users listed above, we would especially like to continue reaching out to the following groups with your assistance. These are:

- People from Black, Asian, and minoritised backgrounds
- People from different faith backgrounds

- People with additional communication needs
- People from the LGBTQ+ community
- People whose first language is not English
- People from refugee and / or asylum seeker backgrounds

## What funding is available?

There are three tiers of funding available:

Amount available	Suggested activity
Tier 1: £2000	Small scale engagement activity e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveying members through email, post or phone</li> <li>• Running 3-5 focus groups (these can be as part of existing groups / meetings)</li> <li>• Ensuring that people’s accessibility needs are met</li> <li>• Getting feedback from around 20 people in total OR supporting fewer people with more complex needs to have their say</li> </ul>
Tier 2: £3000	Medium scale engagement activity e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveying members, including in-depth conversations where required</li> <li>• Running 5+ workshops or focus groups or putting on an event</li> <li>• Spending time to reach and support people who may not always engage</li> <li>• Ensuring that people’s accessibility needs are met</li> <li>• Getting feedback from around 30 people in total OR supporting fewer people with more complex needs to have their say</li> </ul>
Tier 3: £5000	Larger scale engagement activity e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More targeted and in-depth surveys / interviews</li> <li>• Putting on a larger event, especially where there are greater levels of accessibility requirements</li> <li>• Spending time to reach and support people who may not always engage</li> <li>• Getting feedback from around 50 people in total OR supporting fewer people with more complex needs to have their say</li> </ul>

*Note that we have included the number of people to reach for each tier. However, this is just a suggestion.*

*You can speak to fewer people if you are undertaking more in-depth engagement (e.g. interviews) or if you are working with people who require more adaptations / support.*

## What are the expectations for use of the funding?

- The funding should cover the additional staff time, administrative costs, accessibility, materials and expenses for running this engagement
- For each tier we will ask for a written report detailing how many people were engaged, key demographics and key findings – this will be more in-depth for tier 3
- The engagement activity can take place any time before 14 October 2022

### What support is available?

- We will provide templates and guidance on what questions to ask, ideas for creative activities, and the key areas to find out
- We will provide templates for the reports and feedback
- For tiers 1-2, get in touch if you'd like extra support with facilitating workshops / focus groups
- For tier 3 – we will be happy to attend events
- There will be opportunities to add your own questions as well and get valuable feedback for your group or organisation

## How to apply

To apply, please send an email to [engage.adults@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:engage.adults@barnet.gov.uk) answering the questions below.

1. What is the name of your group?
2. Who are your main clients or participants?
3. What tier are you applying for?
4. How will you use the funding? (max 400 words)
5. Roughly how many people do you expect to reach?
6. How will you reach a wide range of people? (max 400 words)
7. Do you have an existing contract with London Borough of Barnet? (this is a practical question to help us make payments, it won't impact your application)
8. Any other comments or questions?

We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis, however please bear in mind that all engagement activity needs to be completed by mid-October.

If you have any questions please contact Ella on [ella.goschalk@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ella.goschalk@barnet.gov.uk) or 0208 359 4712.