Black Country Empowerment Reference Group

Terms of reference



Our reason for being:

To share learning and practice which will contribute to the delivery of the Take Part Pathfinder Programme in work directly with over 100 individuals and 40 organisations to increase the level of influence people and communities have over the decisions that affect their lives. Activities of the group will include performance management, measuring outcomes and evaluation.

This is who we are:

Stakeholders who have an interest in being involved in the Take Part Pathfinder from both Statutory and Third Sector organisations. To include members of the Core Delivery Group.

This is what we will do:

Meet 4 times a year

Join up with other empowerment work across the Black Country

Work in an empowering way with each other and those we work with through:

- honest and open dialogue
- sharing appropriate and mutually agreed responsibility
- recognising that misunderstandings and mistakes occur and agreeing to work together to resolve any issues
- working in an equitable way

Share our practice and learning where appropriate and cascade learning within our own organisations

Strive to find ways to embed our approach within both Statutory and Third sectors across the Black Country

Keep up-to-date with national progress, share our approach and learning nationally and seek to influence the national agenda

Attend Task and Finish groups where we have interest or expertise to support the activity

Link with Core Delivery Group as appropriate



The Black Country Take Part Pathfinder project is managed by Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council. It forms part of the Take Part Pathfinder programme which is funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and managed by the Community Development Foundation.