**Violence Reduction Unit Community Advisory Group Recruitment 2022/23**

The West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is looking for new representatives to join the Community Advisory Group. This is an opportunity to learn more about the VRU in West Yorkshire and its work streams, including tackling knife crime, domestic abuse and reducing hospital admissions due to knife related injuries for under 25’s. Importantly, you will be able to inform and influence the interventions which will help reduce violence across West Yorkshire.

The purpose of the advisory group is:

* To advise the Violence Reduction Unit on matters (including fears, challenges, and positive changes) which are most important to our communities
* To advise on workstreams and delivery from a community perspective
* To bring your local knowledge and concerns about violence in West Yorkshire
* To support two-way engagement between the Violence Reduction Unit and West Yorkshire communities

The positions are unpaid and voluntary in nature, but reasonable out of pocket expenses e.g., travel within West Yorkshire could be met.

Members of the group are expected to:

* Attend 6 meetings of the advisory group per year (on a bimonthly basis – every 2 months)
* Assist with coproduction projects including attendance on scoring panels
* Suggest items for inclusion on future agendas
* Share information and seek views from communities
* Be willing to contribute to the work of the group

The VRU is seeking to balance the group across the geography of West Yorkshire by having a minimum of two representatives per district. Other experience would be welcomed including knowledge of your local communities, involvement with minority or marginalised groups, and related areas of interest which impact upon violence including but not limited to; drugs and alcohol, women and girls, domestic abuse and sexual violence, mental health, reducing re-offending, desistence, and early intervention.

If you are willing to volunteer for the Advisory Group, please return an expression of interest on the form attached setting out how you as an individual (not your organisation) meet the identified criteria.

Expressions of interest should be no more than one side of A4, 11 point. If you need any additional support or assistance in completing the form please contact us. They should be sent by e-mail to the Violence Reduction Unit at [vru@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:vru@westyorks-ca.gov.uk)

For an informal conversation and any questions about this please contact Celeste Armitage (Programme Delivery Manager, Engagement) – [celeste.armitage@Westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:celeste.armitage@Westyorks-ca.gov.uk)

Postal Forms may also be returned to:

FAO VRU Engagement Team

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire

Ploughland House

62 George Street

Wakefield

WF1 1DL

Further information about the VRU is available at: [West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit - West Yorkshire Combined Authority (westyorks-ca.gov.uk)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-violence-reduction-unit/)

**Expression of Interest - Violence Reduction Unit Community Advisory Group**

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Please complete and return to [vru@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:vru@westyorks-ca.gov.uk) by 1st May 2022.

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| Name: | District Representing: |
| Email address: | Contact telephone number: |

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| Awareness or understanding of violence reduction in West Yorkshire |
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| Experience of representing and championing your community (defined as the location where you live, work or interact) including managing conflicts of interest |
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| Please tell us why you’d like to be a member of the Community Advisory Group, including any specialist interest areas you have. |
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| Any Additional Comments |

**Privacy Notice**

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority is the Data Controller for the information you are providing on this form. The Combined Authority is collecting this data and will process it for the purpose of processing your application and, if successful, administration of the Violence Reduction Unit’s Community Advisory Group throughout your time on the group (12 months until March 2023).

Information relating to unsuccessful applicants will be retained for 6 months and information relating to successful applicants will be retained in line with our corporate retention schedules.

Any special category information provided to the Combined Authority during your tenure will be processed under Article 9(2)(b) of the GPDR which states that processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law. We will require your consent to use such data for these purposes. However, as a data subject you have a number of rights under the DPA. These include the right to access the information which we hold about you. In some cases you may have a right to have your personal data rectified, erased or restricted, and to object to certain use of your data. If you would like further information on your privacy rights and how we use your data, please see our privacy notice [https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/privacy-policy](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorks-ca.gov.uk%2Fpolicing-and-crime%2Fprivacy-policy&data=04%7C01%7C%7C83cf355f79c34f71b2ca08da12224e98%7C34e93bfcee664345a4fe805b67e480c0%7C0%7C0%7C637842235794272025%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=kAKpLX7kQCm9JzfIaLkJ%2BbimMEMueqZbN7JbfARsGg8%3D&reserved=0)

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**Equality and Diversity Monitoring**

It is entirely optional to complete this part of the expression of interest. However, if you do so you will help us to ensure that our engagement reflects the diverse communities that make up West Yorkshire.

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| **What is your age**  16-24🗆 25-29 🗆 30-34 🗆 35-39🗆 40-44 🗆 45-49 🗆  50-54 🗆55-59 🗆 60-64 🗆 65+ 🗆 Prefer not to say 🗆 |
| **What best describes your gender**  Female 🗆 Male 🗆 Non-binary 🗆 Prefer not to say 🗆  Prefer to self-describe 🗆 ………………………..…………. |
| **What is your ethnicity?**  Prefer not to say 🗆  ***Asian/Asian British***  Indian 🗆 Pakistani 🗆 Bangladeshi 🗆  Sunni Afghan 🗆 Shia Afghan 🗆 Sunni Syrian 🗆 Shia Syrian 🗆  Chinese 🗆 Vietnamese 🗆 Pilipino 🗆  Any other Asian background, please write in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British***  African 🗆 Caribbean 🗆 Zimbabwean 🗆 Sudanese 🗆 Somalian 🗆 Eritrean 🗆  Nigerian 🗆 Congolese 🗆 Kenyan 🗆 Portuguese African 🗆 Italian African 🗆  Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please write in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***Mixed/multiple ethnic groups***  White and Black Caribbean 🗆 White and Black African 🗆  White and Asian 🗆  Any other mixed background, please write in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***White***  White – British 🗆 White - Irish 🗆  Any other White background, please write in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***Other ethnic group***  Arab 🗆 Lebanese 🗆 Kurdish 🗆  Any other ethnic group, please write in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **What is your sexual orientation?**  Heterosexual 🗆 Gay /lesbian 🗆 Bisexual 🗆 Prefer not to say 🗆  If you prefer to use your own term, please specify here …………………………………… |
| **Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition?**  Yes🗆 No 🗆 Prefer not to say 🗆 |
| **What is your religion or belief?**  No religion or belief 🗆 Buddhist 🗆 Christian 🗆 Hindu 🗆 Jewish 🗆  Muslim 🗆 Sikh 🗆 Prefer not to say 🗆  If other religion or belief, please write in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |