



# PEOPLE AND PLACE REVIEW

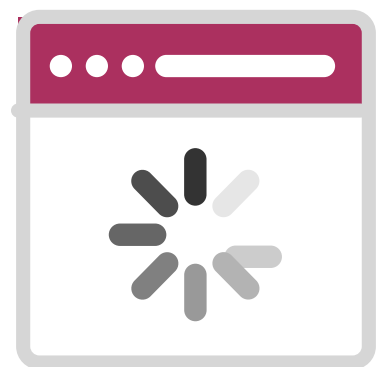
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In April 23, we wrote to you to update you on recent progress relating to the People and Place Review.

We are sending you this short Newsletter to update you on some activities and link you into some other activities that you may find of interest.

## INTEREST GROUPS ENGAGEMENT

We advised you in April of our intention to commence these conversations based on the fact that interventions shouldn't be developed without being based on the lived experience of those within the communities and the issues faced by those for whom the Strategy will aim to deliver.

- Therefore to ensure that all voices are heard, we have begun engaging with interest groups, Section 75 groups and hard to reach groups at a regional and local level.
- If you are a Community and Voluntary Group or a group that represents Section 75 groups, for example women, older people, disabled people etc and you would like to aid us in identifying participants, email us at **peopleplacereview@communities-ni.gov.uk**. Or if you would like to be part of this conversation and add your voice and input, also let us know.
- We anticipate the discussions to be completed towards the end of June 23.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The People and Place Review DfC Internet Webpage is now live:

**People and Place Review | Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk)**

This will be regularly updated with information as we progress including outputs from the various meetings, Newsletters and Questionnaires.

It is really important to us that all information is available and to enable all voices to be heard. If you have any thoughts or ideas on Communication or indeed on anything relating to the Review, get in touch at: **PeoplePlaceReview@communities-ni.gov.uk**

## REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR SUPPORT

We previously attached some information on a review that is in progress by another business area within DfC. This is particularly important as there will be cross over with our Stakeholders, and we are keen to continue to take this opportunity to keep you updated.

We had advised you that DfC's Voluntary and Community Division (VCD) is currently undertaking a review of its arrangements for supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector. This work is aimed at refreshing the policy frameworks for our voluntary and community sector support.

VCD is committed to engaging with a wide range of organisations in the sector, including those supported through our existing funding programmes as well as those that are not.

More information on the Voluntary and Community Sector Support Programme can be found on the DfC **website**.



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## Communities

Sustainability

Enable Value

Outcomes

People Commitment

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### Engagement Events

We would like to take the opportunity to outline current plans and explore priorities within the sector for the future commissioning of quality advice services and allow for a more strategic and integrated approach to the funding and delivery of advice services, in which the debt levy will also be a key element.

As such, a series of in-person workshops are taking place at various locations, with each workshop focusing on a different theme/ subject area relevant to Advice and Debt services. The next two workshops will focus on collaboration and partnerships (focusing on early intervention measures, referral pathways and wraparound support to meet the needs of citizens), and best practices (exploring delivery models from elsewhere and identifying and discussing good practice in relation to impact and performance).

More information on the engagement events and how to register can be found on the DfC [website](#).

If you require any further information, please contact us on [cssp@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:cssp@communities-ni.gov.uk)

### PLACE10X

You may be interested in taking part in the PLACE10X call for evidence process.

The Department for the Economy (DfE) is responsible for the economy across Northern Ireland and the **10X Vision** is the Department's plan to create a pathway to transform the entire economy innovatively, inclusively, and sustainably at a regional level.

#### A Sub-Regional Economic Approach

With 10X driving ambition at the macro regional level and councils leading economic development at a local level in partnership with partners such as Invest NI, DfE is considering the sub-regional approach and how these three levels can link together to strengthen the economy.

#### What is Place10X

DfE's responsibility is the economic remit, and as place refers to a much broader concept encompassing the work of other NI Executive departments such as community, justice, education, and health, there is a need to distinguish what the Department can and cannot do.

Place10X is used here to remove any confusion with the wider concept. This is the start of a conversation that will lead to a strategic approach to determine what intervention and support is required within the economic remit.

#### Call for Evidence

We are seeking your views on what a sub-regional economic approach should look like. This Call for Evidence is to create a body of information which will inform policy makers and a future Minister in DfE of what central intervention and support is needed or wanted. We are also looking for your thoughts on the best way to measure success. These will be used to co-produce a collective approach. Link attached: [Place10X - a sub-regional economic approach - call for evidence](#).

Written response can also be email to the Place10X Team by **9 July 2023**.

The team would like to speak with organisations and stakeholders to discuss Place10X and if you'd like to take part in those conversations, please ask your Place leads to contact the team at [Place10X@economy-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Place10X@economy-ni.gov.uk).



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