

Supporting Statement

What experience could you bring both from current and previous community based food activity to the Community Food and Health (Scotland) steering group? (200 words max.)

If there is any additional information you feel you would like to include, please mention here or enclose with this form.

Thank you for your interest in our steering group.

NB The deadline for receiving applications is no later than 5pm Monday 23 April 2007.

This could be you!



An invitation to join the Steering Group of Community Food and Health (Scotland)

At Community Food and Health (Scotland) or CFHS, we are looking for people active in local communities to join our Steering Group. We recognise the need for greater contribution from those directly involved in delivering and supporting community based activity. Currently we have a very productive Steering Group and have representation from a range of people with experience and knowledge of nutrition, health promotion, retailing, research and policy development. National agencies such as the Scottish Executive Health Department, NHS Health Scotland, the Food Standards Agency and CoSLA are also represented, along with the UK-wide campaigning organisation Sustain, and community food initiatives.

We would like to recruit three additional community representatives to join our steering group. We would like to invite applications from volunteers, lay workers and professional fieldworkers from groups of all sizes within Scotland. Initially we would ask community representatives to commit to joining the steering group for a period of two years. At the end of this time you can consider if you want to remain on the steering group or step down. If you are thinking about applying here are some points for you to consider. We are looking for people who can:

- attend four meetings a year in Glasgow;
- assist us in reflecting on the impact and influence of our current activity as well as provide us with guidance on the future development and delivery of the work programme;
- help us maximise on our engagement role with those who deliver and support community based food activity and their role in how we develop in the future;
- feed into the development of policies which address health inequalities through food i.e. develop work around key issues and challenges;

- share information in regard to what is happening in their areas of activity.

If steering group members are particularly experienced, knowledgeable or interested in a particular area of work, their opinion may be sought on aspects of our work activities. Likewise steering group members may be asked to participate in small working groups as needed i.e. small grants scheme.

In order for these places to be accessible and not impact too heavily on community activity, we will compensate each community group per steering group meeting to reflect the time spent away from responsibilities plus travel expenses.

We also recognise the importance of our role in supporting community representatives and therefore we will provide assistance that will contribute towards building and developing capacity to fulfil the responsibilities of a steering group member. Together we will identify training and development opportunities and we will also provide support to help community representatives build on their current networks. Access to our library and resources will be available. Some awareness of national strategies and policy would be beneficial however we will provide support to translate local experience into policy context.

If you think you can contribute to our development and work, we would like to hear from you. Sometimes people can be unsure about putting themselves forward for this type of role, so if you think this is you or you would like to know more, please get in touch and we can chat about it. If you know of anybody who might also be interested, please pass on the information included.

If you would like to apply, please fill in the application form included and return to us no later than 5pm on **Monday 23 April 2007**.

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Application Form

Name:

Organisation:

Contact Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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- Volunteer
 - Lay Worker
 - Professional fieldworker
 - Other (please specify)

Groups you work with

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All ages | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary | <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical or Sensory Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Minority Ethnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Growing | <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catering | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |