

## **ACF Members' Policy Forum**

ACF is pleased to launch a new initiative that will increase opportunities for all our members to engage directly with ACF's policy work, raise issues of interest and concern, and regularly engage with policy-makers in government.

### **The main benefits to ACF members of the Members' Policy Forum are that it will:**

- Keep you up to date on policy issues directly relevant to the operating environment for foundations
- Offer a direct way for you to bring policy issues to our attention and contribute to our policy work;
- Provide an efficient and transparent process for ACF to consult you on policy positions and broaden the range of ACF members who are involved;
- Present more opportunities for you to engage directly with officials and policy-makers in government; and
- Enable a clear and efficient route for government officials and policy-makers to engage with foundations that have expertise and interest in a particular issue, ensuring that the sector's views are more often taken into account.

### **What will happen once you sign up as a Members' Policy Forum member?**

- MPF members will receive a regular bulletin (at least quarterly) summarising current and forthcoming policy issues;
- When time-sensitive opportunities arise (such as regulatory consultations), MPF members will be alerted and invited to contribute their views;
- Where a more in-depth discussion is necessary, ACF will seek to convene a roundtable discussion for interested members. These may involve input from officials with responsibility for the policy change (e.g. the charity regulators);
- If there is member interest in ongoing engagement on a specialist topic, sub-groups may be established to meet on a regular basis for as long as is required;
- Where government officials approach ACF in order to consult the foundation sector, we will facilitate as required and alert MPF members to these opportunities.

In addition, if you have an interest in securing direct engagement with government officials and policy-makers on a specific issue, we can seek to make this connection on your behalf.

To join the Members' Policy Forum and mailing list, or to ask any questions, please email us with your name, member organisation and job role at [policy@acf.org.uk](mailto:policy@acf.org.uk).

NB: This new initiative is part of your existing member benefits and there is no additional fee. Members who do not join the Forum will still be able to raise issues and feed into our policy work via the usual channels, including notices in *Funders' News* and *TFN*, by emailing [policy@acf.org.uk](mailto:policy@acf.org.uk), or by speaking with a member of the policy team.

**We look forward to working with you, and please share with colleagues who may be interested.**