

Dear Members' Policy Forum,

We are very pleased to share this first bulletin with you and alert you to several opportunities for engagement.

More than 100 foundation representatives have already signed up and expressions of interest are continuing to come in. Please do forward this message on to colleagues and trustees and encourage them to [sign up here](#).

Upcoming events

- **In conversation with Lori Villarosa: Grant-making with a racial justice lens**

Monday 21 January, 2-4pm, ACF

Levels of diversity in public, private and charitable organisations are under increasing scrutiny, and redressing stark race-based disparities in outcomes is a [political priority](#). Research by ACF last year highlighted that [foundation trustee boards are 99% white](#), while a recent survey by the [Grant Givers' Movement](#) reported that 70% of respondents felt trustee diversity levels among trusts and foundations affected which organisations got funded.

This event will explore the experience and progress of the [Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity \(PRE\)](#), the first organisation in the United States whose mission explicitly focused on increasing grant-making aimed at combatting structural racism. We will hear from PRE's Executive Director, Lori Villarosa, in conversation with ACF Trustee, Fozia Irfan. This will be followed by a facilitated Q&A, and time for networking.

Places are limited and open to all ACF members who have signed up to the Members' Policy Forum. To register your place, [please click here](#) (you will need to sign into the website).

- **Child sexual exploitation and abuse: The policy landscape in 2019**

Wednesday 6 February, 10am-12pm, ACF

ACF is hosting a discussion chaired by Felicity Mallam, Director of the Samworth Foundation, asking how foundations can respond effectively to the policy and practice landscape on CSE and CSA in 2019. Speakers include Dave McGroarty (Tackling Exploitation and Abuse Unit, Home Office) and Sophie Laws (Deputy Director Research and Evaluation, The Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse)

More details and booking to follow.

- **UK foundations and EU engagement post-Brexit**

Tuesday 26 March, 2-4pm, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation UK (Central London)

This event will explore how UK foundations might continue to engage with European counterparts and with the EU as the nature of the UK-EU relationship changes. More details to follow.

Operating environment

- **SORP governance consultation**

The governance of the charity Statement of Recommended Practice is being reviewed, and is currently open to consultation. ACF is developing its response and is seeking input from members. [Find out more here](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch. Later in the month, we will be sending out a survey to ascertain interests and priorities for this group, but do let us know in the meantime if you'd like to raise anything with us.

Best wishes,

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