

Dear colleague,

This is the tenth bulletin of the [Members' Policy Forum](#). The MPF is an initiative that aims to 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. Feel free to share this email with any colleagues or trustees that may be interested, and encourage them to sign up too.

- **Serious incident reporting for foundations: what, why and how (5 December, central London)** – The next MPF session will look at regulatory requirements when it comes to reporting serious incidents that occur in funded organisations, as well as the links between this topic, safeguarding and whistleblowing, and dealing with other incidents that fall outside the scope of regulation. [Find out more and book your place here](#). *We are currently seeking a venue for this event; please do get in touch if you could help.*
- **Brexit preparations** – there have been some useful resources published recently:
 - NCVO published [guidance](#) on a no-deal Brexit and the voluntary sector, and hosted a [webinar](#) on this issue. NCVO also published a [blog](#) on the current status of EU funding.
 - The Office for Civil Society's latest [newsletter](#) has information specifically for charities.
 - This [bulletin](#) from the Department for Exiting the European Union has the latest developments on the UK's border with Ireland.
- **Diversity, equity and inclusion** – ACF has published a new report on how foundations can promote diversity, equity and inclusion practices. [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: The Pillars of Stronger Foundation Practice](#) is the first report emerging from the Stronger Foundations initiative. Read blogs, reactions and summaries [here](#).
- **ACF and select committees** – Based on ACF evidence, the Liaison Select Committee has recommended that select committees engage more with foundations (p65-66). [Read the report here](#). ACF has also produced a briefing on how foundations might engage with select committees, which is available [here](#).
- **Charity Fraud Awareness Week** – the annual event returns from 21-25 October with a wide range of events, resources, and opportunities to speak to charity fraud experts. [Find out more](#).
- **Electoral Commission guidance** – the Electoral Commission has updated its guidance for non-party campaigners. It has clarified when charities need to register and what counts as regulated activity, and sets out its stance on campaigning around unexpected elections. Read the guidance [here](#).
- **Foundation Giving Trends 2019** – ACF has published annual research on foundation giving, income, and assets. Download it [here](#).

As always, please do get in touch if you'd like to discuss anything raised in this bulletin, or if you have any ideas for the MPF.