

MPF bulletin #16

Dear colleagues,

This is a bulletin from 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.

The MPF has always been responsive to policy developments and member interests. In light of the changing context, we are reviewing our programme for the rest of the year and hope to bring you exciting updates soon. In the meantime, please raise any policy issues you'd like to discuss with us.

For now, here are the latest developments that may be of interest:

- **Fraud** – in May the Members' Policy Forum hosted a webinar on fraud, marking the launch of our new guidance. [View the guidance and the webinar recording here.](#)
- **Covid-19 and racial disparity** – last week ACF hosted a panel discussion on this urgent issue, attended by 200 foundation representatives. [Read a summary and view the webinar recording here.](#)
- **The regulatory environment** – the Charity Commission for England and Wales has added to its [guidance](#) for charities dealing with covid-19; as well as guidance on managing financial difficulties, it now includes sections on insolvency. The Fundraising Regulator has also published [guidance](#) to help charities resume public fundraising activity.
- **Funders' Collaborative Hub** – we've been developing an initiative to enable increased understanding, closer alignment, and opportunities for collaboration in the post-emergency phase of covid-19. [You can read more about it here.](#) As part of this, you are invited to the workshop below:
 - **How might we, as funders, set our priorities for recovery and renewal more collaboratively and interdependently in order to maximise our individual and collective impact?**
3 July 1-2.30pm
This is the second in a series of design workshops as part of the Hub, seeking up to 14 people to take part from different foundations. We will also ask people to take part in one-to-one interviews – the findings from which will feed in to the design workshops. This is a participatory design approach that will be used throughout the development of the Hub to ensure that we focus and sequence its priorities based on the live questions foundations are asking at this time. These design workshops will directly inform the work by us drawing out actionable insights, and help us keep momentum. To book, please contact policy@acf.org.uk

As ever, please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,

The ACF policy team