

Dear colleagues,

This is the sixth 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. We are guided by the issues that are important to our members and we welcome suggestions for topics to cover in future events. Please do get in touch to discuss any ideas.

- **Event: How and why might foundations engage with select committees?**

12 June, 10am-12pm, ACF

Speakers: Paul Evans, Clerk of Committees, House of Commons; Naomi Saint, Knowledge Exchange Manager, UK Parliament; Dr Abbi Hobbs, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

For foundations looking to influence policy on any issue, engaging with select committees can be an effective lever. These cross-party parliamentary bodies play a role in scrutinising policy, recommending courses of action, and holding government to account, and can offer an effective route to raising awareness of issues and calling for change. At this session, we will explore the ways that foundations might engage with select committees and the reasons for doing so. The speakers will give an overview of how select committees work, before discussing the opportunities for foundations to engage, ranging from the 'typical' processes to more innovative approaches. There will also be case studies from foundations that have successfully engaged with select committees. They will discuss their experiences and some of the considerations for foundations wanting to pursue this route. [Book your place here.](#)

- **Webinar: Safeguarding – assessing applicants**

4 June, 9.30-11am

The cross-funder group on safeguarding is hosting its next webinar on the theme of assessing applicants. There will be presentations from two funders about their different approaches, as well as opportunity for group discussion and questions. [See attached details and booking instructions.](#)

Please get in touch to raise any issues with us or to discuss any of the above.

Best wishes,

The ACF policy team