

Dear colleagues,

This is the seventh 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.

- **Transposition of the Fifth Money Laundering Directive** – ACF has responded to HM Treasury's consultation the transposition of the EU's Fifth Money Laundering Directive, which may have implications for charitable trusts. In our response, submitted jointly with NCVO and CFG, we call on the Treasury to engage with charity representatives throughout the process of implementing the Directive, and ask that the circumstances of charitable trusts are fully taken into consideration. Read our response here: <http://bit.ly/ACF-5MLD>
- **Tackling External Grant Fraud** – We are revising our 2008 guidance on [how foundations can tackle external grant fraud](#). We are currently looking for technical/specialist expertise to ensure it is relevant and accurate; if you know anyone who might be able to help us with this, please do get in touch. Similarly, we'd like to hear from any members who have implemented effective fraud prevention measures, or who have a case study they'd like to include in the guidance. Email emma@acf.org.uk to discuss any of these points.
- **Review of the SORP's governance** – ACF has welcomed the publication of an independent review of how the charity SORP is developed. The review concluded there should be greater representation of funders, as well as recommending that small charities are given more consideration and that wider stakeholder engagement is necessary. ACF was pleased that many of the points we made in our response were taken on board, and that foundations will be recognised as a key audience of charity accounts. Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/ACF-SORPgov>
- **Member event – Shifting Power: Participation, Political Equality and Democracy (Weds 17 July in London)**
Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust (JRRT) is organising a conference to provide a strategic reflection space for senior trust and foundation staff. It will explore voice and agency for the disconnected and disenfranchised people and communities the sector works with, and share case studies of work building participation and engagement in democracy. JRF and JRCT will run two sessions, and a funder panel chaired by ACF's chief executive Carol Mack will address challenges for the sector. You can register here: <http://bit.ly/JRRTShiftingPower>
- **How and why might foundations engage with select committees?** – Many thanks to those who attended the MPF event yesterday on engaging with select committees. We hope you found it useful, and we'll be sending an email to attendees shortly. For those who were unable to attend, we will be sharing a note of the meeting and the speakers' presentations on our website.

As always, we'd be happy to discuss any of the issues above.

Best wishes,
The ACF Policy Team