

# West Midlands Combined Authority Homelessness Taskforce

## Expression of Interest

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## C2C Expression of Interest

The WMCA Homelessness Taskforce is seeking to collaborate with organisations, networks, and partnerships across the region to think about what actions they can take to help prevent homelessness at the earliest opportunity.

We are interested in hearing from organisations, networks, or partnerships that:

- Want to enhance the work they and their partners are already doing to prevent and tackle homelessness;
- Are interested in working with others to design out homelessness but are not sure where to start; or
- Are keen to contribute to the delivery of shared and joined up ways of supporting citizens so that there are fewer gaps and more bridges between service systems.

## Your Commitment to Collaborate

We are offering up to 20 hours of **free support** to help organisations, networks or partnerships use our [Commitment to Collaborate \(C2C\) Toolkit](#) to reflect, share ideas and design enhanced ways of working, to ensure that our service systems work for people and help keep them included rather than excluded – a key fundamental to preventing homelessness.

You **do not** have to work in a specialist housing or homelessness organisation to take advantage of this opportunity. Any organisation or business can make a contribution to preventing homelessness.

## Our offer of support

We can provide up to 20 hours of support between now and late Spring 2023 to assist your organisation, network or partnership to develop a voluntary Commitment to Collaborate to Prevent and Relieve Homelessness.

Specifically, we will provide:

### Practical hands-on support

- Presentation and familiarisation with the toolkit
- Facilitation of workshops
- Capturing conclusions

### Communications and networking

- Support development of a simple project plan
- Making connections with other areas completing the C2C process
- Identifying and sharing positive practice

### Critical friend support

- Help to frame conclusions and actions
- Advice and guidance

## Our partner's experience

In 2022 whg worked through the C2C toolkit and yielded valuable results. Remarking on their experience, whg said:

*“Our ambition is not to evict anyone into homelessness. Working through the C2C framework and the positive pathways model with our partners has helped us to make substantial progress towards that objective. We’ve been able to put in place responsive multi-agency structures involving a wide range of partners. These provide early warning of homelessness and enable clear preventative actions while bringing in support from across the system to help our tenants.”*

## Submitting your Expression of Interest

If you are interested in this opportunity we recommend that you take a closer look at the [Commitment to Collaborate \(C2C\) Toolkit](#)

Following this if you are keen to pursue this opportunity further, please complete the short 'Expression of Interest' form supplied with this document.

Your completed form must be submitted by email to [Homelessness@wmca.org.uk](mailto:Homelessness@wmca.org.uk) by 5pm on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**.

We will review your Expression of Interest and get back to you within two weeks.

If you would like an informal chat about this opportunity contact Andy Meakin who is providing the practical support with the C2C toolkit by emailing [andy.meakin71@outlook.com](mailto:andy.meakin71@outlook.com).



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