

# Expression of Interest for North East London Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (NEL VCFSE) Collaborative

## Call for paid representatives from voluntary, community and faith groups

**February 2025**

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### About the NEL VCFSE Collaborative

The North East London (NEL) Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Collaborative works closely with [NHS North East London](#) to provide strategic input and representation for the VCFSE across NEL and ensures a two way flow of communication from VCFSE to the ICB.

The NEL VCFSE collaborative currently meets monthly with participation of VCFSE across the 7 London places (City and Hackney, Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest) to act with the ICB and to contribute in a meaningful way to health outcomes.

The NEL VCFSE Collaborative is committed to our five values:

1. Equity and Inclusivity - Championing compassionate, collaborative, and inclusive multi-professional leadership.
2. Collaborative – Meaningful integration with the ICB as a coordinated VCFSE voice.
3. Innovative – VCSE sector contributing expertise in an equitable manner in commissioning, service design and improvement processes.
4. Transparent – building trust across sectors and ensuring the VCFSE is a valued partner.
5. Person and community focused – strengths-based approach by championing our people and communities.

We are now widening our membership and recruiting for paid representatives on the leadership group for the VCFSE Collaborative.

## Expected Time Commitment and Remuneration

The expected time commitment required for each role is 10 hours per month and remuneration will be made available at £5,000 per annum. The duration for each position is until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.

## Background

Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) were set up on 1st July 2022 in order to improve the health and wellbeing of people across a sub-regional area and comprise an Integrated Care Partnership and an Integrated Care Board. They exist to support integration and partnership with health & social care organisations to improve population health, build greater equity and reduce health inequalities.

NHS England guidance for the implementation of ICS requires the establishment of a 'VCSE alliance', and targets to enable this have been set:

*"By [July] 2022 integrated care partnerships (ICPs) and the ICB are expected to have developed a formal agreement for engaging and embedding the VCSE sector in system-level governance and decision making arrangements, ideally by working through a VCSE alliance to reflect the diversity of the sector."*

## Expression of Interest (EOI) opportunity

The VCFSE Collaborative is seeking inclusive and compassionate leaders who not only reflect the community they serve and their staff and volunteers but also have the leadership style and breadth of perspective to make good collective decisions on our leadership group.

We will consider diversity in the selection process so that the leadership group better represents the communities of North East London. There are 12 representative roles available:

7x Place based

1x Faith

1x Long Term Conditions

1x Babies, Children and Young People

1x Mental Health

1x Workforce and volunteers

Place-based representatives

Application is via written Expression of Interest form which outlines experience and motivation (see role description), along with a supporting statement from corresponding place based VCFSE forum/network and a supporting statement from the Place Based Partnership.

### Thematic representatives

Application is via written Expression of Interest form which outlines experience and motivation (see role descriptions), along with two supporting statements from a VCFSE forum and another relevant stakeholder (faith based organisation, ICB or relevant collaborative etc.).

## **Submission Details**

A complete Eol includes:

- 1) Completing this Eol form: <https://forms.office.com/e/3GdwtSKW9u>
- 2) Send the relevant supporting statements outlining your name, organisation and the role you are applying for to [nelvcse@thcvs.org.uk](mailto:nelvcse@thcvs.org.uk)

**The deadline to submit is by midday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

## **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to participate to an interview and will be notified by week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Final decisions will be communicated by mid April 2025.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions regarding the roles or the application process then please contact us at [nelvcse@thcvs.org.uk](mailto:nelvcse@thcvs.org.uk)