

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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| Directorate: Communities and Environment | Service area: Migration Yorkshire |
| Lead person: Dave Brown | Contact number: 52437 |

1. Title: To accept funding to continue the Connecting Opportunities project to support migrants in Leeds City Region

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

To accept funding to continue the Connecting Opportunities project to support migrants in Leeds City Region. Grant funding would be received and re-distributed by the Council to delivery partners to deliver a support services for migrants throughout the Leeds City Region.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or

the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

| Questions | Yes | No |
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| Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics? | | X |
| Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal? | | X |
| Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? | | X |
| Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices? | | X |
| Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations | X | |

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

• **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?**
(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

Migration Yorkshire will be managing the project and have considered these issues prior to the application and planning stages and throughout the last two years of delivery. This includes a project equalities action plan, that is reviewed quarterly, and ensuring all partners have equality policies, considering access requirements for vulnerable service users and planning for integration.

Consultation has taken place with services and with vulnerable new migrants regarding design and access to the project.

Migration Yorkshire as part of its project management role monitors standards of delivery and progress towards integration across the region. There are detailed management information systems, individuals service user plans and regular formal reporting.

• **Key findings**
(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

The project by design is explicitly aimed at having a positive impact on these issues by aiming at the integration of vulnerable and marginalised new migrants. These are constantly considered, monitored and evaluated.

Migration Yorkshire are working with specialist third sector organisations to design and deliver the programme in local areas.

• **Actions**
(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

The 'Connecting Opportunities' project delivers a comprehensive, specialist, package of support responding to individual and local needs, in order to address the complex barriers faced by marginalised and vulnerable new migrants in integrating into their local areas, and seeking and obtaining employment. The participants in the project have a wide range of experiences, issues and vulnerabilities, and skills and the project will therefore provide a wide range of interventions tailored to the individual's circumstances. Migration Yorkshire manages the project communications strategy, proactively promote positive stories and media engagement.

5. If you are **not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you **will need to carry out an impact assessment.****

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| Date to scope and plan your impact assessment: | |
| Date to complete your impact assessment | |
| Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title) | |

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

| Name | Job title | Date |
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| Date screening completed | | |

7. Publishing

Though **all** key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council **only** publishes those related to **Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions** or a **Significant Operational Decision**.

A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:

- Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council.
- The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions.
- A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk for record.

Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:

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| For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services | Date sent: |
| For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate | Date sent: |
| All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk | Date sent: |