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How to join the National Co-production Advisory Group

Application pack

Do you have personal lived experience as someone with long term health conditions or disability or are you a carer of somebody who does?

Are you passionate about personalised care and social justice? Do you believe in the power of co-production to transform health and social care services?

We could be looking for someone just like you to join the National Co-production Advisory Group (NCAG) and support Think Local Act Personal (TLAP) to make a real impact on the future of care and support in England.

About TLAP

Everyone should have the care and support they need to be able to live their life their way. TLAP is a partnership of people and organisations, working to progress personalisation in health and social care so that more people can live well and do more of what matters to them.

We work in lots of different ways to make change happen, with the experiences of people who draw on care and support always at the heart of what we do.

About NCAG

Our role is ensuring co-production - and what matters most to people - is at the heart of TLAP's work to personalise care and support. NCAG is a dynamic group of people with first-hand experience of social care and health services. We partner with TLAP to keep the focus of change and reform on personalising care and support.

Role overview

As an NCAG member, you'll be a vital advocate for personalised care, social justice, and co-production principles.

Your role includes:

- Work with TLAP team, board, and partners to agree annual workplans and review progress of projects.
- Representing NCAG at meetings, conferences, and events to champion personalised care and social justice.
- Working with the TLAP team and partners to help influence high-level policy discussions on social care, health, and related areas.
- Collaborating through TLAP and partner organisations like Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), Local Government Association (LGA), Skills for Care, Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) to shape and implement effective strategies for change.
- Sharing your experiences through talks, blogs, vlogs, and podcasts to spark meaningful discussions and encourage people to think, act and react differently.
- Helping to design and/or facilitate coproduction workshops and events to drive change.

This is a working from home role, mainly online, with funded travel and accommodation for in person events and activities too.

Is this for you?

We're looking for individuals who are:

- Passionate about personalised care and support.
- Constructively challenging with a solution-focused mindset.
- Committed to inclusion, accessibility, and social justice.
- People who can think about their own personal experience and work with others to explore wider issues collaboratively.

Preferred experience

Ideal candidates will have:

- Involvement in policy work related to social care, health, or related areas.
- An understanding of co-production principles and its successful implementation.
- Experience with co-production.
- Kindness and the ability to encourage collaboration and partnership.
- Respect and appreciation of a broad range of life experiences and knowledge that may be different to their own.
- An understanding of current issues in the social care and health sector.
- Experience in delivering workshops, events, and sessions is helpful but not essential.

Diversity

We encourage applications from under-represented groups, including global majority candidates, older people, disabled individuals, deaf and neurodivergent people, LGBTQ+, and people from Black, Asian, and minoritized ethnic communities.

No formal qualifications are necessary - we value many forms of knowledge, especially lived experienced.

Remuneration

Working as an NCAG member with TLAP is a paid role. Current rates are:

- £20 per hour
- £150 for a full day (defined as working over 4 hours).
- PA costs, where required to support your inclusion within NCAG, are also covered.
- Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed, in accordance with SCIE's payment policy.

How to apply

Join us in reshaping the future of personalised care through co-production and be the collaborative change-maker you aspire to be.

To apply, click the link and complete the application form <https://tinyurl.com/yd7pwj35>

We also accept applications in the form of video submissions and sound files, please send them by email to info@tlap.org.uk. Be sure to include your name, phone number, email address in the recording or cover email.

The application deadline is Wednesday 22nd November 2023, 5.00 pm (UK time). We will be in touch with you to discuss your application shortly after the deadline.

Want to find out more about our work?

Here are some links to things you might find of interest or helpful as you consider applying to join NCAG and get involved in TLAP's work.

Making it Real <https://tinyurl.com/3yvx64h8>

Making it Real (Easy Read) <https://tinyurl.com/59vwpwz3>

Blog on Making it Real and Care Quality Commission (CQC) <https://tinyurl.com/3uabxhan>

Direct Payments in Leicester <https://tinyurl.com/535f27e7>

About NCAG <https://tinyurl.com/ypc5965u>



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