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Twelve Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) across Edinburgh will deliver Community Planning for local communities - designed to make local services better, and better integrated, and to give local people more of a say in how these services are planned and delivered.

Who's on a Neighbourhood Partnership?

NPs are 'advisory committees' of the City of Edinburgh Council. NP Boards will include all local councillors, representatives of local community councils, a representative of the local voluntary sector, and nominees from NHS Lothian and Lothian&Borders Police. The Board may invite others - if they have a particular contribution to make. Each NP Board is expected to work via sub-groups, likely on themes like Children & Young People, Health, Employment and the Economy, or Transport.

What will Neighbourhood Partnerships do?

Each NP will engage with local people to highlight local issues, they will monitor service delivery, they will make decisions concerning some funding streams (Community Grants Fund and Community Regeneration Fund to begin with) and will influence mainstream budget decisions (like City of Edinburgh Council or NHS Lothian spend.)

How can my group get involved?

The Voluntary Sector Representative on NP Boards will be chosen by a 'neighbourhood network' of local organisations delivering services or running activities. The process will be accessible, fair, transparent, and inclusive. Neighbourhood Networks will ensure that a strong, united voluntary sector view is fed into the NP Board and its sub-groups. Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) will help support local organisations and networks. See page 4 for details on how you can get involved.

You can reach EVOC on (0131) 555 9100 or visit: www.evoc.org.uk



Tell me again, how does it work for my group?

Are you a Voluntary Organisation?

NO → Consider other routes into your NP

YES



Are you Constituted?

NO → Contact EVOC for further help

YES



Are you already represented on the NP Board?

YES → You are welcome to attend Neighbourhood Network meetings, but not to vote

NO → **Congratulations! You've just joined your local Neighbourhood Network. Please contact EVOC with your details.**



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Some useful websites

www.evoc.org.uk - EVOC supports Edinburgh's voluntary sector

www.edinburgh.gov.uk - The City of Edinburgh Council has lead responsibility for Neighbourhood Partnerships

www.EdinburghCompact.org - The Edinburgh Compact Partnership is where a range of public agencies meet the city's voluntary sector

www.Eke-Out.org.uk - The Eke-Out Project is a staff resource for the Edinburgh Network for Children, Young People and Families