



Co-operative Councils

Innovation Network

CCIN innovation funding – 2021 Policy Prototypes Children and Young People’s Services

Expression of Interest – Policy Prototype CCIN Funding 2021

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1. What is your idea?

Provide details of what your proposed project is, the story of how you identified the need or opportunity for the proposal and how the money will be spent.

We propose to deliver a workshop exploring the training and development needs of elected members who are part of CCIN but who are not in a principal authority controlling group. The proposal will help shape the future direction of CCIN engagement and support provided to elected members to ensure the network succeeds in positively engaging with and benefiting from the proactive support of elected members.

We hope the workshop will lead to a greater understanding of the challenges faced by elected members who are not in a controlling principal authority group and a deeper acceptance of the support needed to engage them further in the CCIN.

2. Who will you work with?

You are not required to work with other CCIN members when applying to deliver a Policy Prototype, though you are more than welcome to!

We are working with the Co-op College as the delivery partner for this project but the project has been developed by a much wider group, including; North Warwickshire Labour Group, Staffordshire Labour Group, Peterborough Labour Group and Burntwood Town Council.

3. What are the outcomes you hope to achieve?

What are the outcomes you hope to achieve through this project and how will you know if your outcomes are achieved? What is your measure of success?

We hope to achieve three key outcomes as a result of this project:

- The challenges faced by elected members not in a controlling principal authority group
- The support and knowledge needed for those elected members to take a more active role in CCIN and co-operative policy development
- Supporting opposition members in their own cooperative development on their route to taking control - setting them up to be a proactive cooperative full member of CCIN.

4. How does your project support the aims and objectives of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network?

The Co-operative Councils Innovation Network aims to frame the debate on the future of sustainable solutions to public sector challenges. Our work will ultimately improve outcomes for communities by enabling members to develop radical innovation in policy and practice, sharing best practice and learning, and enabling innovators to chart new territory together. Please provide details of how your project will support this aim.

This project will enable CCIN to reach out to its associate members to understand their skills, their ambitions and their needs in terms of future support. This project could help provide significant learning for the network to develop its future engagement, recruitment and growth programme.

5. How does your project demonstrate the Values and Principles of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network?

Our Network is based on the Co-operative values developed by the International Co-operative Alliance: “self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity, honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others”. Further details about the CCIN’s Values and Principles are available [here](#). Please provide details of how your project will demonstrate the CCIN’s Values and Principles.

This project will help improve associate members' understanding of CCIN and co-operative values and principles. In particular it will enable us to understand the training and development needs of members, providing them with additional support to enable them to develop their future policies on the basis of the co-operative principles above.

6. How will you share your learning with the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network?

We will seek to share our learning with others through the sharing of our research findings through a written report and presentation. The prototype is designed to gain a greater understanding of training need and seek to find suitable methods for delivering learning and knowledge sharing across the network. We will use this research to also help us decide on appropriate methods of sharing the findings.