



1. Poverty and Community Planning Survey by Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland-BEMIS

Taking forward the Government's Poverty and Equality Strategies: Tackling poverty inequality and deprivation within Diverse Ethnic Minority Communities in Scotland

AIR YOUR VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THROUGH COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR TACKLING POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION.

BEMIS, as part of our commitment to ensure that the diverse EM communities and voluntary sector have a voice in policy development as well as playing an active role in civic settings, is keen to seek your input and views (within community, faith and / or organisational perspectives) on how you, your community, or your organisation are being supported or being able to play a part in tackling poverty and the affects of deprivation and inequalities among your community. In addition, we are keen to explore what support you are getting from your local Community Planning Partnership and how this is filtered within the community setting.

There is considerable funding going into Community Planning Partnerships through the Fairer Scotland Fund from the Scottish Government.

BEMIS is keen to see this fund and the work of Community Planning Partnerships supporting minority ethnic communities at the local level.

Can you help us by completing this short questionnaire (it takes less than ten minutes to fill, and it is fully anonymous unless you choose to follow up and include your details)?

Thanks you for taking the time to help with this important subject; BEMIS will develop a report following the deadline and ensures that presented views are submitted to officials in the Scottish Government and the Community Planning Partnership in your area. We will keep you informed on progress on this and other activities of BEMIS.

2. About You

1. Are you responding to this questionnaire as an individual or on behalf of your community or organisation?

- As an individual
- On behalf of my community
- On behalf of my organisation

2. Which local authority area do you live in or your community organisation is based?

- Aberdeen City
- Aberdeenshire
- Angus
- Argyll & Bute
- Clackmannanshire
- Dumfries & Galloway
- Dundee City
- East Ayrshire
- East Dunbartonshire
- East Lothian
- East Renfrewshire
- Edinburgh City
- Eilean Siar (Western Isles)
- Falkirk
- Fife
- Glasgow City
- Highland
- Inverclyde
- Midlothian
- Moray
- North Ayrshire & Arran
- North Lanarkshire
- Orkney Islands

- Perth & Kinross
- Renfrewshire
- Scottish Borders
- Shetland Islands
- South Ayrshire
- South Lanarkshire
- Stirling
- West Dunbartonshire
- West Lothian

3. Which diverse ethnic minority community are you working with or represent?

4. Which faith communities are you working with or represent?

- Christian
- Muslim
- Jewish
- Hindu
- Bahai
- Sikh

Other (please specify)

5. Which of the following are priorities for you or your community or your organisation?

Please tick all that apply.

- Tackling poverty or the causes of poverty
- Tackling discrimination related to race, religion or belief
- Tackling discrimination related to gender
- Tackling discrimination related to age
- Tackling discrimination related to disability
- Tackling discrimination related to sexual orientation

3. Tackling Poverty and Discrimination

1. In your experience what are three main causes of poverty within diverse ethnic minority communities?

Cause One

Cause Two

Cause Three

2. Are you aware of the Government's policy framework in relation to Tackling Poverty?

Yes

No

3. Are you aware of EU Legislations on tackling poverty?

Yes

No

4. The Scottish Government's policy framework for tackling poverty - "Achieving our Potential" - defines poverty mainly in terms of income inequality. Please tick the box or boxes that fit with what you think poverty means.

Being discriminated against in some way

Being excluded in some way

Lack of access to education and opportunities

Lack of access to employment

Lack of access to services

Lack of adequate housing

Lack of money

Lack of social status

Other (please specify)

5. Which of the following initiatives do you think are most effective in tackling poverty and income inequality among diverse ethnic minority communities? (Tick all you feel fit)

Training support for people in work

Training for people to get into employment

Child care

Maximising benefits

Maximising wages

Support for parents

- Support for children in playgroups and nurseries
- Support for children in and outside school
- Reducing health inequalities
- Tackling discrimination
- Improving quality of housing
- Improving poor areas
- tackling fuel poverty
- Tackling debt

Other (please specify)

6. In your experience, which specific types of discrimination are most likely to lead to poverty for members of diverse ethnic minority communities? (Tick all you feel fit)

- Age discrimination
- Disability discrimination
- Discrimination on grounds of faith
- Gender discrimination
- Race discrimination
- Sexual orientation discrimination

Other (please specify)

7. Do you feel that the present economic crisis could result in increased Xenophobia and Racism in Scotland?

- Yes
- No

Any Comment

4. Involvement in Community Planning

1. Do you know how to contact the Community Planning Partnership in your area?

Yes

No

2. What contact has you or your organisation had with your Community Planning Partnership? Please tick all that apply.

Represented on one of the committees

Invited to meetings

Invited to comment on their policies or plans

Receive information from them

Have no contact

Other (please specify)

3. What are the main barriers for members of diverse ethnic minority communities in getting involved with community planning? Please tick all that apply.

Don't know enough about community planning

Don't see it as relevant to our needs

Don't understand enough about the issues they are dealing with

Our organisation does not have enough volunteers, or staff to get involved

Don't know how to get involved

Other (please specify)

4. Would you or your organisation like to be involved in advising on the way public agencies deal with the causes of poverty?

Yes

No

Not sure

Would like more information on how we could be involved

Other (please specify)

5. Would you or your organisation like to be involved in advising on the way public agencies deal with discrimination based on race?

Yes

- No
- Not sure
- Would like more information on how we could be involved
- Other (please specify)

6. Would you or your organisation like to be involved in advising on the way public agencies deal with other forms of discrimination?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Would like more information on how we could be be involved
- Other (please specify)

7. Would you like to take part in a follow up to this survey in which we will ask you further questions on your experiences of trying to influence policy on poverty or discrimination?

- Yes
- No

8. If you would like to receive a summary outcome report of this mapping survey or would like to discuss this further with us, please provide your details below(all details provided will be treated in full confidence)

Name

Organisation (if any)

Address

Postcode

Telephone Number (if any)

Email address (if any)