**Moving for Change Network** Information Pack

**About us**

We exist to improve the quality of life for nomadic Gypsies and Travellers and the communities in which they live across the UK.

**Background**

Moving for Change is a new consortium, which has been developed through a range of Gypsy and Traveller civil society groups and individuals coming together to design a shared vision for the future. The consortium has been set up as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. This invitation is being issued by the Moving for Change Board of Directors.

**Our core purpose**

Our core purpose is to improve the quality of life for nomadic Gypsies and Travellers and the communities in which they live across the UK. Our primary focus is to secure the wellbeing and rights of Gypsies and Travellers living on roadside camps. Our vision is that Gypsy and Traveller people across the UK will be able to continue their traditional way of life.

**Funding secured**

Moving for Change has secured a 5 year £2m grant through the National Lottery Community Fund UK Portfolio programme. This will enable the consortium to develop a wide range of activities that contribute to its core purpose, with a focus on improving quality of life, and then commission suitable organisations and individuals from amongst its Network membership to deliver these activities.

Activity carried out on behalf of Moving for Change will include training, policy guidance, communications support, research and pilot initiatives involving examination of the key issues facing the communities.

**What the Moving for Change Network is about**

For this purpose, Moving for Change is establishing a Network, which will be the focal point for, amongst other things, the sharing of invitations to bid for the available commissioning opportunities. Only providers who are members of the Moving for Change Network will have the opportunity to bid for such opportunities.

To become a member of the Moving for Change Network, you will need to commit to supporting Moving for Change’s core purpose (as set out above) and to preserving the good name and reputation of Moving for Change.

You will also need to show:

1. good practical understanding of the needs and strengths of the Gypsy and Traveller communities you either already work with, or are going to work with; and
2. specialist interests/areas of activity in terms of work with Gypsy and Traveller communities, which could prove useful to Moving for Change.

The Moving for Change Board has not defined what either of these criteria might look like in practice, as we want to be open and responsive to Network members’ own ideas on this.

Separate criteria will be communicated when specific opportunities to carry out work on behalf of Moving for Change are published. Generally, to win commissions for work on behalf of Moving for Change, providers will have to show that they can deliver safe, effective and good quality work, proportionate to the scale of the activity requested.

Categories of membership

There will be 5 categories of Moving for Change Network membership:

1. Individuals/freelancers
2. Micro groups (annual turnover/income of less than £25k)
3. Small organisations (annual turnover/income of £25k to £150k)
4. Medium to large-sized organisations (annual turnover/income of more than £150k)
5. Key Partner Agencies such as Universities and Local Authorities

Membership is open to both established providers and those who are just starting up.

Benefits and expectations associated with network membership

The benefits of Moving for Change Network membership include:

* Receipt of invitations to bid for Moving for Change commissioning opportunities
* Engagement in project/service co-design (i.e. having a real say on what is needed in terms of projects and services, how they should operate etc) and subsequent project/service evaluation processes (i.e. having a say on whether the project or service has worked or not)
* Potential to be involved in key Moving for Change advisory panels, including the
* Commissioning/Tender Evaluation Panel, which will advise the Moving for Change Board of Directors on which bids to select, and the Impact Assessment Panel, which will assess the impact of the projects that are delivered (both these advisory panels will have to abide by conflict of interest rules, e.g. if you are taking part in the Tender Evaluation Panel, you cannot assess your own bid)
* Access to up-to-date research findings coming out of the work of Moving for Change
* Access to direct training and capacity building support through the Moving for Change Training Hub (this Hub will provide training/support to organisations and individuals in how best to support the Gypsy and Traveller communities)

Expectations of members[[1]](#footnote-1) include:

* Commitment to supporting Moving for Change’s core purpose
* Commitment to preserving the good name and reputation of Moving for Change
* Willingness to share research and other key data, subject to any restrictions relating to confidentiality, data protection and competition law
* Willingness to take part in project/service co-design exercises and to respond to consultation surveys
* Willingness to take part in key Moving for Change panels, including the Commissioning/Tender Evaluation Panel and the Impact Assessment Panel
* Willingness to engage in learning and professional development

How to apply for membership

If you would like to apply for membership of the Moving for Change Network, please fill out and submit an application form. We aim to respond to applicants within, at the latest, 2 months of receipt of the application. It should be noted that members will be expected to renew their membership on an annual basis. There will be a simple, straightforward process put in place to enable this, which will consist of completion of a brief feedback survey and confirmation of continued interest in being a member.

*All completed application forms should be sent to* *network@movingforchange.org.uk**. If you would like any support with filling out an application form, please email on the address above or phone 07873 904 738. Thank you!*

1. There will be additional expectations of Key Partner Agencies (membership category 5). For example, such Agencies will be expected to pay in full for any training they benefit from through the Moving for Change Training Hub. They may also be expected to provide match funding as part of any commissions they secure. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)