About Our Focus Groups

As part of the Migration Policy and Practice Project, we released a Sector Assessment in November 2021. In this assessment, four key areas of barriers to integration were identified, drawing on experience of organisations which serve migrants in Birmingham and the Black Country. These were **Rights, Health, Opportunity, and Community**. In order to further understand the barriers to integration faced by migrants in the region, we hope to be able to hold focus groups, exploring the views of migrants themselves. Our hope is that this will provide a more detailed insight into barriers, as well as feeding into developing strategic suggestions for increasing integration.

FAQs

**What is a focus group?** A focus group is a structured discussion of a topic, guided by a facilitator but open to be shaped by participants.

**Who can take part?** The focus groups are open to anyone with lived experience of migration. This means that even if you arrived in the country some time ago, you would still be eligible to take part as you may still be experiencing/have experienced barriers to integration. Likewise, it does not matter how you entered the UK, your current status, or what your country of origin is, we would still be interested in hearing from you.

**What’s in it for me?** The focus group will take place alongside an activity, such as arts and crafts, fun sports, or games.

**What will it cost?** The focus group is free to take part in. We will also be able to subsidise travel costs so that you don’t have to worry about getting to the venue.

**When will the focus groups take place?** We are hoping for the focus groups to take place in Spring 2022, as the COVID situation will be clearer, and the weather will be milder.

**Where will the focus groups take place?** The focus groups will take place at a number of venues, mainly community centres that are easily accessible via public transport.

**How do I take part?** You can express interest using the form on our website, which you can find using this link[**here**](https://migrationpolicy.org.uk/focusgroups/).

**Can I withdraw?** Yes, you can withdraw at any time up to two weeks after the focus group takes place. This would mean we would get rid of any of your information should you choose this.