



Participation strategy consultation – frequently asked questions

1. Why are you consulting on how you consult and engage?

The Commission has now undertaken three major public consultations, and have others planned for the future. We want to make sure that our stakeholders have an opportunity to tell us how we can improve our methods of consulting with them, and identify ways of engaging with individuals and groups who have not previously got involved. We feel that the best way of doing this is by asking our stakeholders directly and so we have opened this consultation.

2. When did the consultation open?

The consultation opened on Tuesday 6 May.

3. When will the consultation close?

The consultation will run for eight weeks, closing on Monday 30 June.

4. What happens after the consultation?

We will analyse the information received and use it to review our participation strategy itself. We will also produce a consultation report explaining what we have found, and what we plan to do with the information. The report will be published on our website in autumn 2014.

5. How can I share my views?

You can use the following methods to share your views:

- Complete an online survey by clicking [here](#) (external link).

- Download and return a consultation questionnaire, which is available to download as a MS Word document from the *Current Consultations* section of our website.
- Attending a focus group, vwhich will be held on:
Thursday 29 May 2014, 6pm-8pm, at the Commission's office in Lurgan
Wednesday 4 June 2014, 2pm-4pm, at the Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast
Wednesday 11 June 2014, from 11am-1pm at t Coleraine leisure centre, Railway Road, Coleraine
- Participate in a short telephone interview (to arrange, contact Ann Breslin at the Commission on consult@charitycommissionni.org.uk or by telephoning 028 3832 0220).

6. How do you intend to reach groups that haven't engaged with you previously?

We will use our networks, including helper groups and existing contacts, to disseminate information on the consultation to individuals and organisations that have not previously engaged with us. Additionally, we hope that the information and feedback we gather during the consultation will help us to reach other groups and individuals more effectively in future consultations.

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