Biography

BME Community of Practice Group Members

Name	Maria Ward - D2N2 Stakeholder Manager – Nottinghamshire
Organisation	D2N2 LEP / East Midlands Chamber and seconded to Nottinghamshire County Council
Role: Please add a few lines explaining your role	I work at a strategic level across three organisations. • D2N2 aims to assist a more prosperous, better connected, and increasingly resilient and competitive economy in Derby, Derbyshire(D2) and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (N2) • The East Midlands Chamber has over 4000 businesses members ranging from SME's to large corporates. • Nottinghamshire County Council represents over 800,000 people. Works with 7 district or borough councils and Nottingham City Council. For D2N2 local enterprise partnership my role is to ensure that we are engaging local communities in the commissioning and design of European Funded Programmes including promoting commissioned employment and skills programmes. For the Chamber of Commerce my role is to connect businesses to local communities. This includes promoting business growth activity. For Nottinghamshire County Council I sit as part of the economic development team helping to connect service and reduce silo working. I work across all districts in the county and work with the children and family services, adult social care and public health and the place department – which includes working with voluntary and community organisations. I am currently working in the following areas: • health and work agenda • employment and skills agenda • Community safety My work involves promoting the Building Better Opportunities programmes – funded by ESF and Big Lottery Fund. These programmes are designed to help people to tackle the barriers to work. You can find out more about the programmes here: Towards Work Opportunity and Change Money Sorted •

Links to other relevant groups, eg. Representative on Children and Young People Partnership Board etc..	**Employment and Skills Steering Groups in all districts** These local groups bring together partners who work around the employment and skills agenda. The partnerships are varied and include schools, colleges, economic development officers, providers and councillors. **Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) advisory group** The STP advisory group exists to advise the STP board. My role is bring a voice to the table for the community and voluntary organisations that I work with and to ensure that the board considers the VCS as a key partner in delivering health and social care transformation. The STP has a number of working groups and I'm involved in the: Health and Housing working group Prevention and self-care working group Integrated Health and Social care steering group www.stpnotts.org.uk **Opportunity Nottingham Partnership Board, System Change Board, Partnership Executive Group and Practice Development Unit Steering Group** Opportunity Nottingham is a lottery funded programme which aims to work with those with multiple and complex needs. The practice development unit exists to share good practice and is open to anyone working with people with multiple and complex needs. You can join here www.pdunottingham.org You can find out more about Opportunity Nottingham on their website www.opportunitynottingham.co.uk **Member of the BME Community of Practice Group.** This group works to improve the health and wellbeing of Nottingham's BME populations, by driving the delivery of the recommendations from the BME Health Needs Assessment – see link below to access the report: https://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/themes/health-and-wellbeing/health-needs-assessments/ **Schools Forum** The Schools Forum is both a consultative and decision-making body whose purpose is to advise the local authority in line with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012. The Council has to consult the Forum on specific proposals, such as arrangements for the education of children with special educational needs and arrangements for Early Years provision. The Forum can make decisions on some Council proposals, e.g. allocating funds from mainstream school budgets to the Council to provide certain services centrally. http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=259&Year=0

	Children's Partnership Board The Children's Partnership Board is a partnership of local organisations working together to deliver a joint approach to improving outcomes for children, young people and families. Partners include the City Council, NHS bodies, Crime and Drugs Partnership, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures, Job Centre Plus, Probation Service, Nottingham Safeguarding Children Board, schools and young people. The Board is responsible for the development and implementation of the Children and Young People's Plan. http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=151&Year=0 **East Midlands Voluntary Youth – Steering group member** EMVY is a membership organisation representing children and young people and specifically focussed on the provision of youth services. EMVY is a regional organisation bringing together organisations and networks. http://oneeastmidlands.org.uk/emvy **Social Inclusion and Equalities Advisory Group (SIEAG)** This advisory group exists to advise the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership on equalities and social inclusion. The group develops and monitors the social inclusion framework which is used to ensure fair commissioning of skills activities in the D2N2 area. The advisory group is run by One East Midlands http://oneeastmidlands.org.uk/ **Crisis Concordat Board and task and finish group** The concordat board involves representatives throughout Nottinghamshire. It oversees the action plan to develop and deliver better services for people with mental health issues. The task and finish group meet regularly to carry out more detailed work on the action plan. The group considers conveyancing, policing and mental health, and other related issues. The police and crime commissioner chairs the board. You can find out more about the concordat here https://www.crisiscareconcordat.org.uk/areas/nottinghamshire/
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