

The Department for Communities is asking for your participation in a departmental [survey](#) and invite you to join some upcoming engagement events. Further details can be found below. We would be grateful if you could also share this email with organisations or stakeholders in your network and encourage them to take part and share their views.

Community and Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Support – Future Plans

The Department is carrying out a programme of work aimed at refreshing the policy frameworks for our voluntary and community sector support. This will include agreeing with our partners on the outcomes that we should prioritise in future years. A review of sectoral needs will inform how we can better support the sector to deliver outcomes set out in any future Programme for Government.

We are committed to engaging with a wide range of organisations in the sector, including those supported through our existing funding programmes as well as those that are not. We will also involve other departments, local government and independent funders. We will also be working with Reference Groups comprising a range of sectoral interests, through which we will draw on lived experience, expertise and knowledge, and together explore a range of insights and ideas in the design of new approaches.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Please take part in this short [survey](#). It should take you no more than ten minutes to complete and will give us valuable information on current capacity and support needs within the sector.

Our [survey](#) is just one part of our engagement and will stay open until Easter.

You can also sign up for the following events.

The Department would like to take the opportunity to outline current plans and explore priorities within the sector for boosting capacity and improving the landscape

of infrastructure support. Events are open to all and will include a roundtable discussion of key questions of interest.

When	Where	How to Register
Thursday 30.03.23 9.30 - 12.30	Clifton House Belfast	Register here
Tuesday 04.04.23 12.30 - 15.30	Playhouse Derry	Register here
Wed 05.04.23 10 - 12	Virtual (Zoom)	Register here

Additional policy workshops will be held in between April and June: further details to follow in the coming weeks.

You can find out more information on our [website](#).

If you require any further information, please contact us on cssp@communities-ni.gov.uk