

Role description for
Power to Change Community Business Panel member

Power to Change

Power to Change is the independent charitable trust that supports community businesses in England, endowed by the National Lottery Community Fund. Our vision is better places through community business. We want to back people to build successful community businesses for the benefit of their local places.

The Community Business Panel

The Community Business (CB) Panel acts as a sounding board for Power to Change, both to challenge our thinking and to influence our strategic direction, programme design and delivery. CB Panel members also play a key role in growing the community business movement in England, by dispersing micro-grants through their own Seed Fund. The CB Panel has a maximum of 15 members, and at least three stand down each year to make room for new talent.

The CB Panel meets up to four times a year, in London and other locations across England. In addition to these meetings panel members may be called upon from time to time for more detailed and in-depth input on Power to Change's work. Panel members are also expected to act as ambassadors for community business, and to support the building of a movement by delivering the Seed Fund – micro-grants programme to help kick start groups at the very earliest stage of the development of their community business. In total, Panel members may be required to commit anywhere between 6 and 15 days per year.

Details:

We are currently recruiting new Panel members from a diversity of backgrounds, geography across England, sectoral expertise and experience.

Membership of the Panel will start from *1st June 2019* and last for a minimum of two years. Panel members will be remunerated for their time at a set daily rate of £300 per day.

Panel members must hold a leadership position within a community business, which meets [Power to Change's community business definition](#), but does not have to be a grantee of Power to Change. Panel members must have a strong understanding of community business and the social economy.

Power to Change seeks to be a genuinely fair and **inclusive** organisation by advancing equality and **diversity** through all its policies and practices. We are keen to reflect this in the make-up of the CB Panel and to this end we would particularly welcome applications from leaders from BAME and LGBT backgrounds, as well as to attract some younger candidates (less than 40 years of age), and we embrace people of all abilities. However, all applications will be considered on their own merits in the light of the expertise and regional representation we need.

This year we are looking to appoint candidates who have the following expertise:

- Monitoring and evaluation, in particular of social impact
- Community pubs
- Community energy
- Community led housing

- We are particularly keen to have applicants from **London, Plymouth,** and the **West Midlands,** but welcome all applicants with the required expertise.

You will be working closely with other like-minded passionate professionals in our organisation to build the profile of a movement that will change the face of the country. You can see profiles of current CB panel members on our website – www.powertochange.org.uk/about-us/our-people/#community-business-panel

How to apply:

If you think you may be a suitable candidate, send an email to admin.cbpanel@powertochange.org.uk including your name, role, organisation(s), contact details, and no more than 100 words explaining why your organisation is a community business, and what you would bring to the CB Panel.

Deadline for applications: 12 midnight on Sunday, 17th March 2019

We will assess these initial applications and send out invitations for second stage application by Wednesday 20th March 2019.

Final interviews will be held during the week commencing May 6th – 10th in London. It is preferable that you are available to attend the interview in person - reasonable travel and accommodation expenses will be covered – but other arrangements can be made if necessary.

The first CB Panel meeting successful candidates will be held on 4 and 5 July 2019.

For further information about the role of CB Panel members, see the attached Terms of Reference 2018/2019.