



Warm Welcome Space Champions Programme

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Frequently Asked Questions

Here are a selection of Frequently Asked Questions about the Warm Welcome Champions Programme. If you have any further questions that aren't covered in this document, then please email info@warmwelcome.uk and we will do our best to answer them for you.

Question: We are not currently registered as a Warm Welcome Space within your network; can we apply to be a Champion?

You need to be registered as a Warm Welcome Space to make an application. Registration is free and easy to do online, please use this link to register your space <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/> if needed.

Question: How will we be assessed in the Warm Welcome Champions Programme recruitment process?

We are looking to recruit a wide range of Warm Welcome Spaces across the UK, and of different sizes and types of offer. Applicants will be judged on their engagement with the Warm Welcome Campaign, recognition of how being a Champion will benefit their Space and what they plan to give back to the wider network.

Key areas include

- *Demonstrating the impact of your Space and how you support your local community (size doesn't matter - focus on the difference you make).*
- *Showcasing your connections and support for people in specific communities i.e. young people and people from diverse communities.*
- *Spaces who can invest time and commit to engage with our monthly meetings, want to learn from other spaces and equally share their expertise.*
- *Review our 8 Building Blocks and express how these could help your space to develop and thrive.*

Question: We are a very small community space, mainly run by volunteers and may not have time to engage with all Champion activities - will this count against us?

We recognise the value of smaller Warm Welcome Spaces in providing significant support within your local communities and how being a Champion can help you to



increase capacity and resources. Please check the Champions Programme Agreement to better understand the level of commitment that is expected to join the programme and check if you are able to meet this. We encourage you to apply and our application asks what you think are the benefits for your space in being in our Champion Programme.

Question: We are a Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise (VCSE) Infrastructure Organisation and support many community groups (Warm Welcome Spaces) and would like to be part of your Champions programme. Can we apply?

Our Champion Programme is only for registered individual Warm Welcome Spaces, rather than for infrastructure organisations. However, if you know of any organisation that delivers a Warm Welcome Space, please encourage them to apply.

We are very keen to continue to connect with VCSE infrastructure organisations for partnership working, so if you are not already connected, please get in touch - info@warmwelcome.uk

Question: We are a small Faith group providing a weekly lunch club for a group of women from the Bangladeshi Community and we currently only provide a weekly session - are we too small to apply?

We are very keen to include Warm Welcome Spaces who provide support to diverse communities and would value your experiences and knowledge to be shared with other spaces and encourage you to apply.

Question: We are a large and growing community space and receive funding from our Local Authority. We are already very confident in many of the 'Building Blocks' within your programme - does this mean we may not be successful in our application?

Please do apply as we would like to include spaces who have a wide range of skills and expertise to share with others in the Champions programme and wider network. Please highlight the areas you feel most confident in within your application and which areas you want to focus your continued learning in.

Question: Our Space was part of the previous Champions Programme. Can we apply for this Champions Programme?

Yes, you are welcome to apply again. Please explain in your application the areas you want to focus on for continuous learning and any new skills and experiences you can share within the Programme. All applications will be assessed for their own



merits, so please note that previous participation will not guarantee you a place again.

Question: Where will the in-person meetings take place and how will we be supported to attend?

We usually have one in person meeting in London/South and another in the North/Midlands area. All Champions will be supported to have one person attend and we will cover all travel expenses, and if needed, hotel expenses.

Question: We have been struggling to get funding and have been unsuccessful in our recent grant applications; How will Champion Spaces be supported to get extra funding?

All Warm Welcome Spaces who are successful in their applications to join our Champions Programme will be offered a £2,000 grant, which will be paid in three instalments at the start, middle and end of programme. Also, our Champions Programme will be offering support and guidance in developing funding opportunities within our shared learning sessions.