

Pathway to Partnership - Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the face to face sessions be held?

- The location of the face to face sessions is The Wesley Hotel, Euston, London <https://www.thewesley.co.uk/> 10am – 6pm
- We made the decision to start at 10am so that people who are travelling from further afar have time to arrive. We have been offered a special rate for accommodation with the hotel of 10% discount
- We strongly encourage attendance in person as this allows for greater peer-to-peer interaction, learning and networking. However, a virtual option will be available should it not be possible to attend in person. These will be live streamed to anyone joining us virtually and will be a more interactive experience to yesterday's completely virtual day.

What dates will the sessions be held?

- The face-to-face dates are as below. The days have been selected based on the majority responses of the participants.
 - Wednesday – 21st June 2023
 - Wednesday – 13th September 2023
 - Wednesday – 15th November 2023
 - Wednesday – 17th January 2024
 - Wednesday – 20th March 2024
 - Wednesday – 15th May 2024
- Between full day training dates there will be 2-hour virtual events held during lunchtime 12:30-2pm.
- - Wednesday – 17th May 2023
 - Wednesday – 19th July 2023
 - Wednesday – 11th October 2023
 - Wednesday – 13th December 2023
 - Wednesday – 28th February 2024
 - Wednesday – 24th April 2024
 - Wednesday – 12th June 2024

Will we be in one cohort and if so what is the size of the cohort?

- The full day sessions will be one cohort of a maximum of 50 participants. This will enable sharing of experiences and networking between partners.
- The 90 minute virtual events will be smaller groups of 8-12 partners, who work in the same region, to enable the development of local relationships and support network during and beyond the end of the programme.

Will the cohorts be from the same areas of the country or mixed?

- The programme is a national programme with full training days including participants from across England. The 90 minute virtual events are focused on developing more local connections between partners.

If I have a specific interest in one topic. Can I get to have more in-depth learning in that particular area e.g. finance

- The programme is structured around 3 pillars – Leadership, Strategy and Operations. If you have a particular interest in a specific subject, please share this in your 'Participant Goals' questionnaire. This will allow us to tailor elements of the course and add in additional material where necessary

How will the full day training events work?

The events will include a teaching element where expert speakers on the topics for that day will provide interactive lectures. There will then be break-out sessions where groups will work on exercises using the approaches shared in the lectures. We strongly encourage attendance in person as this allows for greater peer-to-peer interaction, learning and networking. However, a virtual option will be available should it not be possible to attend in person.

- At the end of each training day, participants will be given a mini-project to complete at their practice, using the skills and information learned in the session.
- Progress on these mini-projects will be discussed during the virtual check-ins and the outputs from these will form the portfolio of work for each participant at the end of the programme.

How will the virtual check-ins work?

- The virtual check-ins will be a facilitated discussion on progress on the mini-projects between 8-12 locality selected participants.
- These sessions will develop a network of local partners, supporting each other through the programme and learning from each other whilst sharing experiences of applying the tools, techniques and learning from the programme.