

# We are the APLE Collective!

ADDRESSING POVERTY WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

## Membership Offer

A national collective of individuals with lived experience of poverty. We work together with organisations that support us to take positive action to eradicate poverty

### **Purpose**

*To create a sustainable, grassroots network across the UK to raise awareness of poverty, reduce stigma and work together with others to eradicate it*

*To ensure participation on a national day of collective solidarity on 17<sup>th</sup> October, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, amplifying the voice of people who live in poverty*

Core objectives:

Objective 1: To create a supportive space for individuals who experience poverty enabling them to take action to affect positive change

Objective 2: To build capacity of individual members and support organisations

Objective 3: To provide opportunities for APLE members to work together at a national, regional or local level to amplify the voices and influence of those with lived experience of poverty.

Our Values:

- As part of the APLE Collective, we have an unwavering commitment to equality. Everyone in the network has an equal opportunity to have their voice heard
- We are led by lived experience of poverty and we will ensure a supportive space for the coming together of individuals with direct experiences of poverty in order to build relationships of trust and mutual understanding.
- We value learning together and will ensure individual members have the opportunities to learn and grow.
- To work by consensus and in collaboration on issues of importance to APLE

## Full membership of APLE

The APLE Collective undertakes to support member groups and individuals by:

- Adhering to the values and principles listed above
- Committing to respect the independence of each member organisation /
- Amplifying the voice of member organisations through the APLE twitter account
- Providing support to carry out their responsibilities and ensuring opportunities are made available to share learning.
- Offering a 'buddying' support for individual members who request to develop individual skills and expertise in order to further the objects of APLE
- To give notice before each collective meeting and provide appropriate paperwork and information before each collective meeting
- To keep in touch with member organisations and provide time to reflect on involvement in APLE

As APLE members we ask members to:

- Confirm groups/individuals are led by lived experience of poverty and commit to the values of the APLE Collective
- Ensure groups understand and sign up to the principle that they are there to enable individuals within their organisations to take part
- Ensure their groups take responsibility to keep their members informed, feed in their views and work with them to remove barriers to their involvement
- Prepare for and participate in APLE main group meetings and mutually agreed working groups
- Whenever possible and depending on individual personal development, participate in learning and networking opportunities
- Whenever possible provide input, feedback and insights from their personal experience to inform the actions and decisions of the Collective.
- Encourage participation in APLE campaigns and initiatives either by running local events, facilitating activities, amplifying the APLE message through your social media platforms. APLE accepts that member groups will have varying levels of capacity and resources, so we ask that member groups agree to support in ways which they are able to
- Be representative and engage in a minimum of 4 APLE Collective planning and coordination meetings a year.

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