**Better Start Bradford Community Board Member**

**Application Form**

Thank you for taking the time to apply to be a Community Board Member for Better Start Bradford.

All information provided is treated as strictly confidential in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

If you need any help to complete the application form or need any further information please contact Guy on 01274 723146 or via [hello@betterstartbradford.org.uk](mailto:hello@betterstartbradford.org.uk)

**About You**

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| Full name: | Address:  Postcode: |
| Email: |
| Phone: |
| Preferred method of contact:  Post  Email  Phone | |

**References**

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| Please provide details of someone who can provide a reference for you. This can be a colleague or someone you have volunteered for (not a family member). Please also make sure you have gained their permission first. | |
| **Reference** | **Reference** |
| Full Name: | Full Name: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Email: | Email: |
| Contact number: | Contact number: |
| Relationship to you: | Relationship to you: |

**Monitoring**

Better Start Bradford values diversity and promotes equality. We encourage and welcome expressions of interest from people from all backgrounds. Monitoring procedures are one way of helping us to ensure that there is no unfair discrimination in the way that we recruit people. To do this we need to know about the diversity profile of people applying. This information is given in confidence for monitoring purposes only. However, if you would prefer not to answer any of the questions please tick ‘prefer not to say’ next to the relevant question.

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| **Would you describe yourself as:** | | |  |  |  |
| Asian British |  | Black British |  | Mixed heritage |  |
| Bangladeshi |  | Caribbean |  | Eastern European |  |
| Indian |  | African |  | British |  |
| Pakistani |  | Chinese |  | Irish |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health problem?** | | | | | |
| Yes  No  Prefer not to say | | | | | |
| **What is the effect or impact of your disability or health condition?** | | | | | |
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| **What is your age? Please tick relevant age band** | | | | | |
| 18 – 29  30 – 49  50 – 64  65 – 75  75+  Prefer not to say | | | | | |
| **What is your gender?** | | | | | |
| Male  Female  Prefer not to say | | | | | |

**Your Experience**This is your opportunity to tell us a bit more about yourself. We encourage you to include relevant examples from all aspects of your life, for example voluntary or unpaid work, school or college work, family or home responsibilities. You can use real life examples from formal or informal settings.

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| **Please tell us about your experience of using services for parents, babies and children, such as midwifery, social care, nursery or family hubs:** | | | |
| **Which of the following have you been involved with at a decision-making level?** (tick all that apply) | | | |
| Resident’s association |  | Church/Mosque/Place of worship |  |
| Community group |  | Playgroup |  |
| Voluntary organisation |  | Charity |  |
| School |  | Nursery |  |
| Other (please specify): | | | |
| **Please tell us a bit more about your experience with the above and the benefits of being involved?** | | | |

**Your Skills and Attributes**

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| Skills and attributes required by Community Board Members are to:   * Understand the Better Start Bradford programme * Be a champion and communicate the programme vision and mission * Understand both the programme and project plans and monitor progress * Understand and act on factors that affect the successful delivery of the programme and its projects * Broker relationships with stakeholders within and outside the programme * Be aware of the broader perspective and how it affects the programme | | | | | |
| **Please tell us what skills or interests you would bring to the Board?** (tick all that apply) | | | | | |
| Early childhood development | |  | Community engagement | |  |
| Strategic planning | |  | Understanding reports | |  |
| Managing money | |  | Decision making | |  |
| Conflict resolution | |  | Programme or project management | |  |
| Other (please specify): | | | | | |
| **Please tell us about your strongest skills and personal attributes that would support with the role of a Community Board Member. Please share recent examples.** | | | | | |
| **Languages** | **Spoken** | | | **Written** | |
| English |  | | |  | |
| Urdu |  | | |  | |
| Punjabi |  | | |  | |
| Czech |  | | |  | |
| Other community languages: | | | | | |

**Community Interest**

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| I live in the area |  | I work or volunteer in the area |  |
| What do you feel are the strengths in your community? | | | |
| What aspects would you like to see developed? | | | |
| How do you engage with other parents, families and community members in your neighbourhood? | | | |
| How will you let people in your community know what is happening in the Better Start Bradford programme? | | | |

**Commitment and Support**

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| **Your commitment** | **Yes** | **No** |  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Can you commit to an average of two hours a week? |  |  | Can you commit to monthly board meetings? |  |  |
| Can you commit to monthly prep meetings? | ☐ | ☐ | Are you willing to access further training? |  |  |
| **Would you want support with any of the following? (please tick)** | | | | | |
| Language (signing, translation etc.) |  |  | Childcare / adult care |  |  |
| Mobility / access |  |  | Other |  |  |
| **If you have ticked yes regarding support, please tell us more:** | | | | | |
| Training opportunities: **please select three areas you would like to prioritise** | | | | | |
| **Training** | | | | **Yes** | **No** |
| Vision, mission and values of Better Start Bradford | | | |  |  |
| Working with the programme team | | | |  |  |
| Roles, responsibilities and accountability of board members | | | |  |  |
| Governance | | | |  |  |
| Preparing for a board meeting and being a good meeting participant | | | |  |  |
| Presentation skills | | | |  |  |
| Giving and receiving feedback | | | |  |  |
| Negotiating skills | | | |  |  |
| Priority management | | | |  |  |
| Change management and dealing with change | | | |  |  |
| Conflict resolution | | | |  |  |
| Problem solving | | | |  |  |
| Financial management: reading financial reports and budgets | | | |  |  |
| Risk and issue management | | | |  |  |
| Social media | | | |  |  |
| Other (please specify): | | | | | |

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| If you were unsuccessful on this occasion, are you willing to be considered for the community champion role? |  |  |

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What to do next**

Please email your completed application form to [hello@betterstartbradford.org.uk](mailto:hello@betterstartbradford.org.uk)

Or send by post to Better Start Bradford, Mayfield Centre, Broadway Avenue, Bradford, BD5 9NP

Please ensure it arrives with us no later than **26 November 2023**