

Join the Citizens' Panel to comment on a range of issues before decisions are made.



Tell us what it is like for you living in Bristol, what's good and what could be improved. Say how you feel about council services and see your views guide decisions. The Citizens' Panel is well respected by councillors and senior officers as it gives a representative view of how Bristol residents feel about a wide range of issues. Established in 1998 it is one of the longest running Citizens' Panels in the country and the largest group we regularly consult with. We'd like you to be part of it!

"I am delighted and proud to be a member of the panel. It helps me feel valued and involved in decision making" Katherine - Southville

How it works

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The council and our partners e.g. NHS Bristol, the Police and the local Bristol partnership ask questions to inform decisions and service improvements.

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We send you 3 questionnaires a year.

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Panel responses are written in a report to let decision makers know public opinion.

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You receive a newsletter with the results of the questionnaire and how they are being used to influence things.

"I enjoy being on the panel as I feel I can voice my opinions on matters concerning myself, and Bristol. I feel I am listened to"

Martyn – Whitchurch

Frequently asked questions

How long would I be a member for?

We like to keep the panel fresh, so we ask you to be part of the panel for three years. Then we give someone else the opportunity to take part.

Can I complete the questionnaire online?

Yes, in fact we encourage it as a more environmentally friendly and cost effective way of communicating with you.

What if I change my mind about being on the panel?

If you join the panel, but after a while decide you no longer want to take part, just let us know. Someone else will then be given the opportunity to join in your place.

What happens if I move out of Bristol?

The panel is only for residents of Bristol so if you move away, let us know so we can offer your place to someone else.

Benefits

- ❖ Your views heard by local decision makers
- ❖ Find out new ideas and plans for the city
- ❖ Join in focus groups and events
- ❖ Take part online at a time that suits you
- ❖ Represent your community
- ❖ Build on your C.V. or record of achievement
- ❖ Enter prize draws for tickets and vouchers provided by local businesses.

