

## **BAN Guidelines for working with CVSs**

The following guidance has been developed to support BAN members formalise links with local CVSs (Council for Voluntary Services) in furtherance of London Councils objectives. It applies to all organisations and in particular to those leading in Strategic Monitoring Zones (SMZs).

Whilst it is acknowledged that many BAN members will already have well established and productive working relationships with the local CVS, there is a fear that amidst a climate of growing competition for funding, and growing tension between capacity building providers at the national, regional and borough level, the work of Migrant and Refugee Community Organisations (MRCOs) could be overlooked or viewed in less favourable terms.

Since CVS directors will be involved in the review of the effectiveness of London Councils members it's important to ensure that representatives are well informed and aware of BAN project(s).

### Principles of engagement

1. The process of engagement should be two way, positive and proactive
2. BAN members should seek to become full members of CVSs where appropriate, including paying the appropriate membership fee
3. BAN members should seek either individually or collectively to promote the project(s) either through written contributions to newsletters, or presentations to meetings
4. BAN members should seek to ensure that advice projects are included in the local change up plan
5. BAN members should seek to ensure that appropriate members of staff within the CVS are aware of their work programme
6. BAN members should collaborate across all funded projects to reduce duplication of effort and promote all BAN related

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