

Cairngorms 2030 communities fund design phase

Evaluation information sheet

You are being invited to help evaluate the design phase of the Cairngorms 2030 Communities Fund. Chris Mackie is leading this evaluation as part of Cairngorms 2030. Before you decide if you want to take part, it is important you understand why the evaluation is happening and what it will involve. Please read the following information carefully.

What are the purposes of the evaluation?

- Identify successes and challenges of the design phase.
- Tell the stories of the design phase so that learning from the process can inform further work in the Cairngorms National Park and beyond.
- Provide a range of ways for panel members to share their experiences.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part because you contributed to the design of the fund as a panel member.

Do I need to take part?

No, taking part is voluntary. If you wish to withdraw, you can do so at any time without providing a reason. If you withdraw before publication of any findings, we will give you the opportunity to have any data already collected destroyed. If you start something, but don't finish it, we'll trust you to tell us how much time you put towards it. Payment for participation will be made at the end of the process.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be working with someone who has not been involved in the delivery of the design workshops. There are three ways you can share your experiences:

1. Anonymous interviews

- No longer than one hour, online or in-person.
- Answer open questions about the design phase.
- Interviews will be recorded and transcribed so that themes can be identified.
- Quotes may be used, but anonymised unless you say otherwise.
- One hour remuneration + expenses

2. Narrative writing

- Watch a short intro video online and complete a couple of planning activities.
- Produce a short piece of writing (1-2 pages) which tells your story of the design phase.
- Could tell the story of the whole process, or a story which provides insights into one part of the experience.
- Editing and writing support available.
- Can be anonymous or not.
- Four hours remuneration.
- If it takes longer, you want to do more or also write something else, you won't receive extra remuneration, but we think this amount of time should be enough to meet our needs.

3. Narrative interviews

- Interviewer works with you to identify a story from your experience.
- Interview about one hour, online or in-person, audio recorded.
- Interviewer writes up a draft story from your interview.
- You read and comment on draft and agree a final version.
- Two and a half hours remuneration + expenses
- If it takes longer or you want to do more, you won't receive extra remuneration, but we think this amount of time should be enough to meet our needs.

You could choose any one of the options or do an anonymous interview **and** one of the narrative options. Interviews can be conducted at a time convenient to you, including in the evening.

What will happen to the information collected?

Quotes, themes and insights from all three methods will be used to inform a summary report on the design phase of the Cairngorms 2030 Communities Fund. This may be shared in full or in part, with funders, partners, on our website or published in academic articles. The collected stories from the narrative methods may be published in full as a supporting document.



What are the potential risks?

You don't have to take part in any of the evaluation activities. There are no obvious risks associated with taking part. It should always be clear whether your contributions are offered anonymously or not, and only the evaluation team will see non-anonymised data.

What are the potential benefits?

You will be paid for your participation based on an estimate of how long each task could take. By taking part, you will ensure that your experience of the process is heard, which will help us to work out how successful the design phase has been and inform similar initiatives in the future or in different places.

What now?

Click [here](#) to choose how you would like to contribute and show that you have read and understood the information above.

Contact information

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