

## SDEF Access Panel Research

### Questionnaire for Panel members

This questionnaire forms part of a wider piece of work on Access Panels, carried out by Volunteer Development Scotland on behalf of SDEF. Discussion groups of Panel members will take place - further information is available at the end of this document for those wishing to take part.

This questionnaire is available electronically and in audio format.

Please contact us at the address below if you would like us to make this available for you.

The information returned in these questionnaires is confidential and will not be used for any purposes other than those stated.

**Q1 Which Access Panel are you a member of?**

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**Q2 For how long have you been a member of the Panel?**

- Less than 1 year* .....
- 1 - 3 years* .....
- 3 - 5 years* .....
- 5 - 10 years* .....
- 10 years +* .....

**Q3 How did you become involved in the Panel? (Please tick all that apply)**

- Someone asked me to help* .....
- Went direct to the Panel* .....
- Via a Volunteer Centre* .....
- Saw a poster or leaflet* .....
- Read an article in a newspaper or magazine* .....
- Via the internet* .....
- Other (please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_
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**Q4 In the last four weeks, how many hours have you spent on Panel work? (please include ALL time spent on Panel work, not just time at Panel meetings i.e. time spent preparing for Panel meetings or time spent consulting with external bodies)**

- None* .....
- 1 - 5 hours* .....
- 6 - 10 hours* .....
- 11 - 15 hours* .....
- 16 - 20 hours* .....
- 21 - 35 hours* .....

36+ hours .....

**Q5 What tasks do you undertake within the Panel?**

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**Q6 What skills do you feel you bring to the Panel?**

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**Q7 What skills do you feel you need to develop to carry out your tasks on the Panel?**

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**Q8 What seminars / training has your Panel provided to help you carry out your tasks?**

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**Q9 What seminars / training do you feel you need to attend to carry out your tasks?**

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**Q10 Does your Panel support you in carrying out your tasks?**

Yes .....

No .....

**Q11 Do you feel that you have control in deciding which tasks you carry out?**

Yes .....

No .....

**Q12** Please indicate how you feel about the following statement on the scale listed below.  
**"The tasks I carry out for the Access Panel make a real difference to accessibility in my area"**

*Strongly agree* .....

*Agree*.....

*Neither agree nor disagree*.....

*Disagree* .....

*Strongly disagree* .....

**Q13** I feel that the tasks I carry out for the Panel are recognised by:  
**(Please tick all that apply)**

*The Chair of the Panel* .....

*Other Panel members*.....

*The Local Authority*.....

*Individuals in the community*.....

*Disability organisations* .....

**Q14** Have you been ever been thanked for your contribution to the Panel  
**(this could be by fellow Panel members, the chairperson or someone external to the Panel)?**

*Yes* .....

*No* .....

**Q15** Do you enjoy being a Panel member?

*Yes* .....

*No* .....

The next set of questions is asked simply to identify trends and to enable easier data analysis. You should not feel obliged to fill them in if you would be uncomfortable providing this information, however we would be grateful if you would as it provides us with a demographic picture of Access Panels in Scotland.

**Q16** Are you

*Male*.....

*Female*.....

**Q17** What age group are you?

*16 - 24*.....

*25 - 34*.....

*35 - 44*.....

*45 - 54*.....

*55 - 64*.....

*65+*.....

**Q18 Ethnic group?**

- White Scottish*.....
- White British*.....
- White Irish*.....
- Other white background*.....
- Mixed background*.....
- Indian*.....
- Pakistani*.....
- Bangladeshi*.....
- Chinese*.....
- Caribbean*.....
- African*.....
- Other black background*.....
- Gypsy traveller*.....
- Other background*.....

**Q19 Please specify any impairment you consider yourself to have**

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**Q20 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?**

- Yes*.....
- No*.....

Thank you for your input to this piece of research.

Please return this questionnaire in the envelope provided to your Panel chairperson  
by DATE

If you would like to be part of a discussion group to explore experiences of Access Panel members, please contact Christine Reilly on 01786 479 593 or by email on:  
christine.reilly@vds.org.uk.

The discussion group will take place in Stirling in late June for a maximum of 2  
hours.

Reasonable travel expenses will be paid.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact us:  
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