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Dear Colleagues and Partners

LCN 18 – Engagement with Working Groups.

We trust you and yours are all fit and well and looking forward to a productive New Year. We are now in a position to invite individuals to join one of our Working Groups and be a crucial part of ensuring that the Network delivers positive change for our local communities and is not just a ‘talking shop’ as some have suggested it could be.

Currently the proposed LCN Working Groups are:

- **Roads and Transport:** Lengthsman scheme; road maintenance; flooding; buses, speeding;
- **Youth Provision and Social Issues:** Services for young people; social and rural isolation; services for older people; connectivity and communication.
- **Environment and Conservation:** Biodiversity; trees, footpaths and recreational access (including play areas).
- **Planning:** Policy; health; local plans.

We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated individuals willing to join a Working Group and able to provide their skills and perspectives to our collective efforts.

There are many good reasons for joining a Working Group; they include:

- The opportunity directly to contribute to initiatives that will bring about positive change in our community.
- Working alongside like-minded individuals with the prospect of enhancing and passing on your skills, whether they are leadership, teamwork, project management, or communication.

- The chance to network with other people in the LCN organisation which can lead to new relationships and collaborations.
- The satisfaction provided by a sense of purpose and fulfilment that extends beyond personal and professional life.

How Can You Get Involved?

If you are interested in becoming a part of one or more of our Working Groups, please fill out the attached Working Group expression of interest form via the link below by **Sunday 14th January 2024**. This form will help us understand your interests, skills, and availability, allowing us to match you with a working group that aligns with your passions and commitments.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ee43Brs5wa>

Please also share this opportunity with any people you know who have an interest in our LCN area, and canvass individuals for their interest. We welcome a broad range of volunteers that are representative of all within our community.

Once you've completed the form, we will be in touch to discuss the next steps and provide more details about the specific Working Groups and how they can develop their objectives. More information can be found in the attached 'LCN 18 Working Group Guidance'.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a positive impact. Together, we can create a community that delivers positive change and thrives on collaboration, compassion, and progress.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact our **Interim LCN Link Officer, Beth Poole**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the team and working together to build a brighter and better future for our community.

Yours sincerely



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