**Paid Engagement Opportunity with Migration Policy Scotland**

**Apply to join the MPS Migrant Lived Experience Panel Development Group**

**Duration: June 2022-January 2023**

We are looking for migrants in Scotland who would like to help Migration Policy Scotland (MPS) build its Migrant Lived Experience Panel. The Panel is intended to help shape MPS’ work promoting a constructive approach to migration (excluding asylum and refugee migration). We believe that responses to migration should be shaped by both expert stakeholders and the people and communities experiencing migration.

The MPS Migrants Lived Experience Panel Development group will be tasked with developing the remit of the MPS Migrant Lived Experience Panel including its final format, focus and approach with a view to developing a sustainable mechanism that can contribute to MPS’ planning, delivery and evaluation from the perspective of Migrant’s Lived Experience.

We are aiming to put together a group that includes a diversity of migrant experiences. Including people who have migrated for different reasons, from different countries and who live in different parts of Scotland.

**Requirements:**

* Candidates must be based in Scotland and have personal experience migrating to the UK.
* Knowledge of and/or experience of migration policy or practice or of issues directly affected by migration is desirable. Ideal candidates would be working on migration issues themselves.
* Interest in or experience of working in public policy is desirable.

Candidates will be expected to attend 3 half-day Joint Learning and Exchange sessions with MPS Staff facilitated by Talat Yacoob FRSA. The Migrant Lived Experience Panel Development group will also co-design a survey of attitudes and experiences of migration in Scotland. The Development Group will be considered for membership of the final MPS Migrant Lived Experience Panel in January 2023.

Members of the Migrants Lived Experience Panel Development group will:

* Learn about migration policy work and its potential in Scotland
* Get an inside look at how Migration Policy Scotland works to influence policy
* Learn about migration data including attitudinal data
* Co-design the MPS survey of attitudes and experiences of migration in Scotland.

**Remuneration:** each member of the Migrants Lived Experience Panel Development Group will receive a total of £1,000 to support their active participation in the groups work, including some preparatory reading as required.

Please apply by sending a completed Application Form and a covering letter (1 side) to: **migrationpolicyscotland@gmail.com by 16th May 2022**.

**MPS Migrant Lived Experience Panel Development Group: Application Form**

Please complete this form and return it with a covering letter to be considered for membership of the MPS Migrant Lived Experience Panel Development Group. The first Joint Learning and Exchange Meeting will be Friday 17th June 2022, 1-3:30 pm (in-person/hybrid event). Successful applicants will hear by 23 May 2022 latest.

**1.** **Name**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **2.** **Where do you live**?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** **Year first arrived in the UK**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **4.** **Year first arrived in Scotland**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. **What prompted your initial arrival to the UK? (mark ‘x’ or specify)**

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| **Seeking Asylum** |  | **Studying** |  | **Work** |  | **Accompanying Family** |  |
| **Other (please specify):** | | | | | | | |

**6. Current immigration status**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Country of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Country of nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9. How do you describe your ethnicity:**

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| **Asian or Asian British:** | | | | |
| Indian | Pakistani | Bangladeshi | Chinese | Any other Asian group |
| **Black, Black British, Caribbean or African:** | | | | |
| Caribbean | African | Any Other Black group |  |  |
| **Mixed or Multiple Ethnic group:** | | | | |
| White and Black African | White and Black Caribbean | White and Asian | Any Other Mixed group |  |
| **White** |  |  |  |  |
| English/Scottish Northern Irish/British | Irish | Gypsy/Irish Traveller | Roma | Any other White group |
| **Other Ethnic group** |  |  |  |  |
| Arab | Any other ethnic group please specify: | | | |

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| **10. Would you require a translator to participate in this group** | Yes |  | No |  |
| **11. Did you attend the MPS Discovery Session on 29 April** | Yes |  | No |  |

**12. Why do you want to be part of the MPS Migrants Lived Experience Panel Development Group?** (350 words max)

**13. What qualities, skills and experience would you bring to the MPS Migrants Lived Experience Panel Development Group?** (350 words max)