# MEAM Approach Network Membership 2022-2024

***This Expression of Interest process is for current members of the MEAM Approach and Fulfilling Lives networks (including those with and without Changing Futures investment) which wish to remain in the MEAM Approach network 2022-24. The deadline for completed Expressions of Interest is 5pm on 16th March 2022. Please speak to your Partnerships Manager if you would like to discuss your submission.***

**Background**

In 2017, the National Lottery Community Fund awarded MEAM a five-year grant to support an expanded MEAM Approach network. Today, there are 32 local areas active in this network, alongside 11 Fulfilling Lives areas.

The National Lottery Community Fund has recently awarded MEAM a further grant to extend our support to the MEAM Approach network over the next two years and to help shape a nationwide legacy for work on tackling multiple disadvantage.

In developing the membership for the MEAM Approach network 2022-24, we are offering all current MEAM Approach and Fulfilling Lives areas (with and without Changing Futures investment) the opportunity to apply for free MEAM Approach network membership. We will also be launching a second Expression of Interest process later in the year to recruit 10 new areas into the MEAM Approach network.

**Membership offer**

In response to differing needs across the MEAM Approach network, MEAM is introducing a refreshed model of support for this next phase, which will allow us to continue to host and support a broad network of areas working together on tackling multiple disadvantage, whilst also providing more focussed systems change support to a smaller number of areas.

Membership of the MEAM Approach network will include:

* Continued access to a wide range of learning and networking opportunities, including regular strategic lead and frontline practitioner forums, learning hubs and conferences.
* Access to a core training programme for key staff, including introductory sessions on coproduction, systems leadership and trauma-informed and strengths-based approaches.
* A named lead within the MEAM team for light-touch critical friend support.
* Ongoing opportunities for networking, joint-working and peer support with colleagues across the current network and the ten new areas.
* Access to more focussed and intensive support to tackle specific systems issues (available to a small number of local areas under the grant, and otherwise can be funded locally).
* Opportunities to enable comparison and learning across different networks with varied approaches and funding models, including the Changing Futures programme.
* Opportunities to share learning and inform national policy.

**Membership ask**

We wish to maintain a vibrant, engaged and committed network of areas working together to tackle multiple disadvantage. To enable this, we ask that all MEAM Approach network members:

* Are willing to generously share their successes, challenges and learning with others across the network, creating the powerful peer-networking support which has characterised the MEAM Approach network to date.
* Commit to regular attendance at strategic lead forums, frontline practitioner forums and learning hubs.
* Maintain regular contact with their ‘named contact’ in the MEAM team.
* Contribute to opportunities to build tools and resources that can support others, as well as share learning that can support national policy change.

**Expression of Interest**

We are asking all existing MEAM Approach and Fulfilling Lives areas to complete the short form below to let us know if you would like to be part of the network; who will be leading your work and contact with MEAM; and provide an overview of your local ambitions for multiple disadvantage work over the coming year.

1. **Does your partnership want to be part of the MEAM Approach network for 2022-2024?**

If yes, please complete the questions below.

If no, please tell us briefly why:

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1. **Who will be leading your work and maintaining contact with MEAM?**

Ideally we would like three to four named contacts from different sectors across your local system. All individuals named as leads must be aware and in agreement that they will dedicate time towards engaging with and contributing to the MEAM Approach network activities named above.

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1. **What kind of partnership do you have in place locally to drive your work on multiple disadvantage? Please describe the partnership and offer an assessment of its current strengths and weaknesses.**

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1. **What are your ambitions for your work on multiple disadvantage locally over the next 12 months? (E.g. You may wish to tell us about partnership development, coproduction, delivery models and/or system change priorities)**

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1. **How will being a part of the MEAM Approach network add value to your work?**

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1. **How will you contribute to the MEAM Approach network and what are the key things you think you can offer other areas?**

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1. **Are you currently receiving focussed systems intervention support from MEAM?**

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| Yes | No |

**7a) If yes to question 7), would you like this focussed intervention support to continue over 2022/23? (This will be agreed through further discussion between your local leads and MEAM)**

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| Yes | No |

**7b) If no to question 7), would your area like to express an interest in receiving more focussed support on a specific systemic challenge in your area?**

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| Yes | No |

**7c) If yes to question 7b), please give a brief overview of the systemic challenge you would like to tackle.**

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**Thank you for completing your Expression of Interest. Please return the completed form to** **info@meam.org.uk** **by 5pm on 16th March 2022, copying in your Partnerships Manger.**