



Explaining the role of facilitators in Place Partnerships

The Active Partnerships National Organisation has developed a ***Frequently Asked Questions document*** which includes a section on 'place' and an explanation of what 'place-based working' is, so if this area of work is new to you, please read that document first to gain a better understanding.

This document provides further information specifically about what your role would be if you were chosen as one of the recommended facilitators to work with Place Partnerships.

Why are facilitators needed?

- Independent facilitators are required to coach multiple partners and support them in working together in a particular place to effectively tackle physical inactivity.

What will the work of a facilitator typically involve?

- You will spend time in a local area to understand the opportunities and challenges and to get to know the local partners within that specific place.
- You will build and develop relationships in a place to support people across multiple organisations to work together effectively to tackle physical inactivity.
- You will efficiently facilitate meetings with multiple partners from different organisations, providing objective check and challenge and using your experience to input ideas and help clarify actions.
- You will provide suitable coaching and support to partners, helping them to overcome any challenges that emerge.

What skills and experience will a facilitator need?

- You will understand and have experience of whole system, place-based approaches to try and tackle complex problems.
- You will be experienced in tackling complex problems and can bring people together to find shared solutions.
- You will understand the scale and type of partners working in places to tackle complex problems and you will have the skills to effectively communicate with them and motivate them to work together.
- You will work collaboratively, and highlight the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion and you will empower others, advocating for collaboration over competition.



What are our expectations for facilitators?

- You will commit to being part of a group of facilitators that will support each other and share learning from the work you are involved in.
- You will be committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and environmental sustainability.
- On Thursday 27 February we will bring together our first cohort of facilitators for a development and connection day. We expect facilitators that are available to start supporting places from March 2025 to attend this event. Reasonable travel expenses will be paid (e.g. mileage and standard rail fares).

By March 2025, we plan to have recruited a small group of facilitators to work in approximately 10 places, however, we know the timeline to achieve this is challenging.

We will recruit additional facilitators throughout the year.