



Wales Safer Communities Network response to: Nation of Sanctuary stakeholder survey Closed 30 April 2024

Response submitted via the online survey.

Questions:

1. Do you agree that the refreshed Nation of Sanctuary Plan should focus on Principles and contain fewer Actions?

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer:

Taking an approach based on principles will allow for flexibility and enable partners to adapt their approach due to any changes in circumstances. It will also give organisations the opportunity to work together in a more productive way than if the approach was focussed on actions.

2. Do you agree with the 10 Nation of Sanctuary Principles? *

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer:

The principles allow organisations to work together within a focussed framework that will enable them to adapt to any chances in the future.

3. Do you think there are any Principles missing?

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer:

4. How could we meaningfully and usefully engage the public in our Nation of Sanctuary work?

Engaging with the public is a critical element of this approach. A social media and communication campaign would be essential but also engagement with local councillors to help promote messaging around this approach would help. Any



engagement activity should reflect the "Team Wales" approach to ensure consistency and reinforce the roles of organisations within this approach.

5. Which are the 3 highest priority actions you believe the refreshed Plan needs to include? Please rank your priority actions, providing evidence for your views: *

1. A person-centred human rights approach - supporting the needs of sanctuary seekers is important
2. Collaborate as 'Team Wales' - this linked to the integrated approach principle will be a key element in developing an efficient support system
3. Look for long-term solutions - this is also an important factor to ensure the sustainability of this work

6. Please provide details about lower priority actions which you believe should be included in the refreshed plan. Please detail the other actions you wish to see, providing evidence for your views:

7. How can we ensure the refreshed Nation of Sanctuary Plan does not fail in achieving its actions and principles?

The role and responsibility of organisations needs to be clear and there needs to be a clear understanding of where this works sits within governance structures to ensure alignment with existing activity on community cohesion. Introducing this plan as a separate or isolated initiative will reduce its impact and the opportunity to connect to related issues.

8. Can you identify any additional effects of this document (positive or adverse) on Sanctuary seekers, the Welsh Language, Equality or Children's Rights? Please explain your view and any suggestions for how the document could be revised so that positive effects could be increased and negative effects mitigated.

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12. Sector

13. Would you be happy to be contacted further about your responses? *

- Yes
- No

14. Would you like to be added to a mailing list for updates on the Nation of Sanctuary refresh? *

- Yes
- No