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CNIS Implementation Forum – Call for Members (Home Educators)

DfE are seeking membership recommendations (specifically, recommendations for local groups of home educators) for a new Children Not in School Implementation Forum.

DfE has publicly committed to establishing the Implementation Forum for the Children Not in School (CNIS) measures in the Schools Bill, and is hoping that the first meeting will take place in the autumn. The Forum will largely be focused on helping to draft the new statutory guidance for local authorities relating to their new CNIS duties proposed in the Schools Bill, and to update the existing guidance on elective home education for local authorities and parents.

DfE want the Implementation Forum to be formed of a mix of representatives from local authorities, home educators, and safeguarding partners. The aim is to capture a broad range of views to ensure that the system works for everyone. As such, DfE are seeking recommendations for local, grassroots home educating groups/ individuals to join the forum.

Groups or individuals should be willing to:

- Engage constructively in discussions on how best to implement the CNIS measures in the Schools Bill, such as the LA Children Not in School registers and the new duty on LAs to support home educating families
- Review and provide comments on draft versions of guidance for LAs and parents
- Adhere to Chatham House Rules in relation to the Forum discussions/ circulation of documents
- Contribute verbally to Forum meetings (likely to be virtual and quarterly to begin with).

Unfortunately, places on the Forum will be quite limited so it likely won't be possible to reserve a place for all those who are interested. However, if you would be interested in taking part, please register your interest by COP Tuesday 23rd August: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)