**Help shape our research to improve lives in south London – an exciting opportunity for Black, Asian and minority ethnic and disability community organisations to join ARC South London’s Executive and Board**

**We will pay £150 per Executive meeting and £180 per Board meeting to recognise your valuable time in this process.**

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) [Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) South London](http://www.arc-sl.nihr.ac.uk/) is a research organisation that brings together researchers, health and social care practitioners, and local people to improve health and social care in south London. [Read more](https://arc-sl.nihr.ac.uk/research-and-implementation).

The ARC South London is governed by an Executive, which is chaired by ARC director Professor Sir Graham Thornicroft and **meets monthly**. The Executive is accountable to the ARC South London Board, which includes representatives from our [collaborating organisations](https://www.arc-sl.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/our-collaboration-partners), Health Education England, local public health leads, and will include patient and service user representatives. **The Board meets four times a year.**

**Increasing diversity in the ARC’s governance structures**

This is an opportunity to increase the diversity of our membership and ensure diverse local individuals and communities can partner with us in our research projects as well as propose new ideas for research.

We currently expect all meetings to take place online, via Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

**We are interested in hearing from community organisations who:**

* Have good experience of working with Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups or those with disabilities to address discrimination or health inequalities
* Can bring a broader community organisational perspective to discussions on issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion
* Can attend both ARC Executive and Board meetings to help shape and contribute to research impacting these communities

**Please note**: to ensure continuity and accountability, we would like organisations to nominate an individual to attend the meetings on a regular basis. We wish to pilot these positions for a year in the first instance to see how they might work best.

If you are interested in **applying, please complete the form below and return it by Monday 15 November 2021 to:** hannah.dasch@kcl.ac.uk

Or email josephine.ocloo@kcl.ac.uk (the ARC’s equity, diversity and inclusion lead, if you wish to discuss this further).

**Application form – community organisations**

**Date**

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**Name of organisation (and link to website if available)**

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**Name of individual who will represent the organisation**

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**Address (can you indicate if your organisation is based in or covers south London)**

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**Email**

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**Telephone number**

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For each of the **four** questions below, please respond with details of both the organisation and the individual who will be nominated as a representative.

**1. Why are you interested in participating in the ARC Executive and Board? How do you think your organisation could contribute to NIHR ARC South London’s research?**

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**2. Does your organisation have experience of working with Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups or those with disabilities to address wider issues of discrimination and health inequalities?**

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**3. Can you tell us about any current or previous experience of how your organisation has been involved in shaping research in health and social care delivery and tackling health inequalities?**

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**4. Are there any other experiences you would like to share that you think are relevant to this application?**

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**Please return the completed form by 15 November 2021 to:** hannah.dasch@kcl.ac.uk

Thank you for your interest in our work.