

One Stoke-on-Trent community engagement

Listening to communities. Shaping a shared future.

What is this community engagement?

This engagement is part of a major listening exercise commissioned by the One Stoke-on-Trent Board. Through hearing the perspectives of thousands of people in the city it aims to understand how people experience life in Stoke-on-Trent today and what more can be done to make the city a place where everyone feels welcome, heard, and able to thrive. The work will inform the development of a new Community Cohesion Strategy for the city.

Who is involved?

One Stoke-on-Trent brings together leaders from across the city including public services, businesses, voluntary organisations, education, and faith communities to promote a shared vision for a stronger, fairer, and more inclusive Stoke-on-Trent. This engagement has been commissioned by the Board and is being delivered independently by [Protection Approaches](#), a UK charity that specialises in inclusion, cohesion, and community resilience.

Why are we doing this?

We want to build a deeper understanding of what matters to people in the city including what brings communities together, what challenges they face, and what they want the city's future to look like. This is not only about identifying risks or problems, but also about recognising strengths, opportunities, and ideas for positive change.

Through this engagement, we want to learn:

- What people value most about their communities and city
- Where people feel proud, connected, or included and where they do not
- What challenges or barriers people are facing
- What kind of future people want for themselves and the city
- What is already working well and what more is needed to build a connected, resilient city

How can you take part?

The community engagement will take place from June to September 2025. We are inviting individuals, groups, and organisations to share their experiences and perspectives through workshops, conversations, interviews, and short questionnaire. We are working across neighbourhoods and sectors to ensure a wide range of voices are heard.

What happens to what you tell us?

Anything you tell us (Protection Approaches) or any of our partners supporting this engagement will be treated as anonymous. Unless explicitly agreed, we will not identify any individual in our reporting. Instead, we will draw out common themes from what we hear to help us understand people's experiences, concerns, and hopes for the city. We may include quotes or examples to bring these insights to life, but they will not be linked to anyone personally unless that has been clearly agreed.

A report outlining the findings of these conversations will be written for the One Stoke-on-Trent Board. These findings will directly inform the development of a new Community Cohesion Strategy for the city.

Want to find out more or get involved?

Everybody who lives, works, studies or volunteers in Stoke-on-Trent is invited to share their perspectives. To find out more contact:

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