



How to join the Social Inclusion Action Group

Expressions of Interest to join the SIAG close on Friday 19 September 2025.

What is the Social Inclusion Action Group?

The City of Whittlesea, with support from the State Government, is starting a new group called the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG).

This group will focus on social inclusion and connection. It will explore ways to make it easier for people to take part in community life and feel they truly belong.

The SIAG will be guided by evidence and feedback from the community to understand what is most needed. It will then decide how to best support community-led projects that improve accessibility and bring people together.

The group will include 12-14 people from various backgrounds to ensure different voices are heard. We are committed to creating a safe and respectful space.

Should I apply?

We are looking for people who bring different skills and perspectives, and who want to learn from each other. The City of Whittlesea SIAG will include a combination of people who:

- Are 18 years or older
- Live and work across all areas of the municipality
- Are well-connected with different community groups
- Belong to communities including people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, First Peoples, and multicultural and refugee communities
- Have experienced hardship or adversity including mental health challenges, homelessness, unemployment, family violence, being a single parent or family carer, or other circumstances that impact feelings of inclusion

Councillors and City of Whittlesea staff are not eligible to apply.



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What will I do?

- Share your experiences, community knowledge and local networks
- Help identify local needs, existing initiatives and gaps in our community relating to social connection and inclusion
- Work with fellow SIAG members to decide how funding will be used
- Make connections with the broader community to share information and collaborate on new ideas
- Receive training to build knowledge and skills, as well as payment in recognition of your participation

What am I committing to?

- Being part of the SIAG for 18 months
- Participating in fortnightly meetings from late October to early December 2025, and from mid-January to April in 2026, then monthly meetings from May 2026
- Attending training sessions (within meeting hours) to learn and build skills
- Attending community events to promote the work of the SIAG when possible
- Having a willingness to learn and work well with fellow members

When will we meet?

SIAG meetings will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, depending on the availability of the group members. Each meeting will last for 90 minutes or 2 hours.

Venue options will be provided, and members will collectively choose where they meet. All venues will be accessible. Support will be available for those who need it.

What will I get?

Group members will receive payment for attending meetings and training sessions in recognition of their skills and contribution. Costs for expenses such as travel, interpreters/translators and childcare can also be covered if this supports a member's participation.

How can I apply?



Scan the
QR code

To express your interest in becoming a SIAG member, you can complete the online form at engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/siag

You can also choose to:

- Submit a completed paper copy of the form to Council
- Upload a short video that answers the key questions
- Call for a 10-minute chat with the SIAG Coordinator or Project Officer

If you would prefer one of these options, or need an interpreter or adjustments to apply, please contact SIAG@whittlesea.vic.gov.au or call **9407 5907** to discuss options.



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