

Merthyr Tydfil Financial Inclusion Forum Terms of Reference

Aim:

To reduce financial exclusion levels in Merthyr Tydfil.

Purpose:

- To be recognised as the leading source of knowledge and good practice in the region.
- To set an example and demonstrates that tackling financial exclusion benefits from the active participation of everyone.
- To endorse the aims and objectives of the forum amongst own sector and networks.
- To deliver financial inclusion projects in partnership with others.
- Linking with key policy and strategic partnerships to help inform, influence and eradicate financial exclusion in Merthyr Tydfil.
- To achieve these aims within a coherent strategy and action plan.

Membership:

The forum should meet as often as required, currently monthly. Additional meetings, or sub-groups, may be convened to address specific issues or topics. The forum is open to all individuals and organisations in the community who are involved in providing or funding financial inclusion services, or who are interested in developing this area of work.

Forum Co-ordination:

The forum is facilitated by Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil (VAMT). They will ensure that notices are distributed; contact database is maintained and notes of meetings are kept including any action points.

The chair, currently Ryan Jones (Wales Co-operative Centre), will ensure that the forum and other relevant partners are kept updated on developments and that good practice shared. The chair will also liaise with and arrange guest speakers. The position will be reviewed every 6 months and rotated accordingly, if deemed appropriate.