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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation the Dormant Accounts Fund

The Carnegie UK Trust welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the Dormant Accounts Fund in Northern Ireland. The Trust works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. Our [Strategic Plan \(2016-2020\)](#) takes a holistic approach to wellbeing and outlines our work as focusing on '[Enabling Wellbeing](#)'; '[Flourishing Towns](#)'; '[Fulfilling Work](#)'; and '[Digital Futures](#)'.

EVIDENCE BASE

The Carnegie UK Trust has been actively involved in promoting wellbeing in policy since the establishment of the first [Carnegie Roundtable on Measuring What Matters in Scotland](#) in 2010. Since 2011 we have published [case studies](#) of how governments and civil society organisations measure wellbeing in France, the USA, and Canada; made recommendations on [next steps for the Scottish National Performance Framework](#); funded a [policy assessment tool](#) which uses wellbeing indicators to critique policy proposals; set out steps for developing a [wellbeing framework in Northern Ireland](#); produced [guidance on wellbeing frameworks for cities and regions](#); convened an [international roundtable discussion on the successes and challenges of developing high-level strategies based on wellbeing and translating this to policy action](#); and developed a UK-wide programme on the [Enabling State](#) which explores public service approaches which give citizens and communities more opportunity to shape the services that they receive and to contribute to their own wellbeing. Our project [Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland](#) is providing financial and in-kind support to Community Planning Partnerships in the local authority areas of Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council; Derry and Strabane District Council; and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to implement a local wellbeing outcomes approach through their Community Plan.

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CO-PRODUCTION AND SHARED LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY PLANNING

The Trust recognises the importance of the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector to the wellbeing of citizens in Northern Ireland. The Trust believes that the long-term nature of Northern Ireland's Community Plans presents an opportunity to take a strategic approach to developing the VCSE sector in Northern Ireland. The Community Plans set the strategic direction of local authorities and their partners until 2030-2035, beyond the current scope of the draft Programme for Government. As such, the Trust encourages the VCSE sector, in applying for Dormant Accounts funding, to engage with Community Planning colleagues in the respective local authority areas, to ensure that a co-ordinated and consistent approach to developing the VCSE sector across Northern Ireland in the long-term.

The Trust's Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland project is designed to support project participants to overcome challenges in delivering their Community Plan which they have identified as a priority. The project participants are receiving support on extending co-production in the delivery of their Community Plans, and facilitating shared leadership within the Partnerships and outwith their formal structures across sectors and levels of organisation. The Trust has identified the ways of working required between the members of Community Planning Partnerships and those outwith their structures in order to improve wellbeing outcomes as prevention; co-production; long-term; integration; and collaboration. The Trust therefore recommends that projects developed by the VCSE sector in application to the Dormant Accounts Fund embed these ways of working as a way to develop the capacity, skill set and sustainability of the sector.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

We hope that you find these comments helpful. We would be delighted to speak with you further on our experiences in Northern Ireland and internationally. If you would like to discuss our response or would like to find out more about our work please contact me via email at lauren@carnegieuk.org or by telephone on 01383 721445.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Pennycook". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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