



Community Planning Aberdeen Community Cohesion Statement

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Community Planning Aberdeen is committed to making Aberdeen a place where everyone feels safe, connected and able to take part in community life. As a Marmot City, we know that bringing people together and building strong, supportive communities is key to reducing inequalities and improving wellbeing across Aberdeen. We also know people want to feel safe, feel they belong, and see better integration and inclusion, particularly for our international residents who now call Aberdeen home.

Across the city, communities, organisations, volunteers and local leaders already do a huge amount to support inclusion and wellbeing, showing the strength of Aberdeen as a welcoming and diverse city. However, not everyone experiences this equally. Some communities face higher levels of poverty, isolation, crime and poorer outcomes.

We are clear that tackling inequality and promoting inclusion are fundamental to creating cohesive communities and must be embedded across all areas of delivery. Racism, prejudice, discrimination and hate have no place in Aberdeen.

Through our Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans we will continue to work with partners, the third sector, communities, and civic and faith leaders to support priority areas, strengthen community-led activity, and improve access to services, spaces and opportunities for all. Together we will ensure Aberdeen is a city where everyone can thrive regardless of background or circumstance.