



Partnership Working - The Collaborative Spectrum

1. Shallow-End Partnership Working:
2. Preparation for joint service delivery:
3. Sharing resources (inputs):
4. Joint service delivery (outputs):
5. Organisational merger

Shallow-end to deep-end

Partnership working doesn't have to be about a full organisational merger or take-over. The list above shows that partnership can range from the 'shallow-end' of networking, information sharing and referrals, through to co-location of front-line staff, sharing of management, administration, premises, and into the 'deep-end' partnership work of consortia and mergers.

Evidencing partnership work in your application

If you are not already working in partnership, it is probably too late for the Youth/Play/Equalities funding but for those organisations that are working in partnership to deliver services/activities, you need to be able to give details of how this will work in your application (Partnership question in Section 2 of the Youth application, Section 3 for Play, and 5.6 of the Equalities application).

The City Council are looking for organisations that have established networks and relationships with other agencies. Whilst partnerships/groups don't need to be bound by formal agreements, they do have to evidence their collaborative working in their application.

You are asked to detail your knowledge, relationship, roles and responsibilities, as well as explaining how provision will be coordinated and how you will avoid duplication. Don't just list the organisations and agencies you are aware of or are working with; explain how you work together. Even if it is only shallow-end partnership, e.g. networking and information sharing, say how often you will meet, what information you will share and how it will be shared. For more involved partnership working, you also need to be thinking about how decision making and communication processes will work, who will manage the budget, how referrals will be made, etc.