

Independent Expert Panel on Community Development

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Graham is currently the Executive Director of Groundwork Manchester, Salford, Stockport, Tameside & Trafford. In August, he will take up a new role as Director of Youth, Employment & Skills for Groundwork London. Throughout his 18 years at Groundwork, Graham has been a champion of its contribution to community development. Groundwork works with people in the UK's most deprived neighbourhoods to help them improve the quality of their own lives, their communities and the area they live in.

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Since 1965 Anne has been involved in European and American housing and urban problems. In 1991 she became founding director of the National Communities Tenants Resource Centre at Trafford Hall in Chester which provides residential training and pump priming support for people living and working in low-income communities, and is currently Chair. She became a Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics in 1996.

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