

East Lothian Partnership

East Lothian Plan 2026-2036 January 2025 Partners' Update

East Lothian Partnership are engaged in the coproduction process for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2026-2036. You might know this as the [East Lothian Plan 2017-2027](#). This plan concentrates on what we as partners can achieve by working together on specific issues, to reduce inequalities, and improve outcomes for East Lothian's people.

Timeline



Over the next few months, we will be engaging with communities on what they want to see from their LOIP. In the meantime, we want to keep you updated on what we have been doing.

What we've done so far

- Presented our plans to all Area Partnerships, East Lothian Partnership strategic groups including Children's Strategic Partnership, Connected Economy Group, Community Safety, Community Justice Group, East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel, and to the Volunteer Centre East Lothian Annual Conference.
- Undertook a review of the actions in the Plan (2020-2024) to identify areas of ongoing activity, which was presented to the East Lothian Partnership Governance Group in October 2024.
- Undertook two self-assessment surveys through the Improvement Service. One is focused on the effectiveness of the Governance Group (which is part of a national review of Community Planning Partnerships), and one which is focused on the general effectiveness of the East Lothian Partnership. We held two introduction sessions for Area Partnership Chairs to be able to participate in this process.
- Held four Integrated Impact Assessments to set out how we will engage with communities. Three sessions looked at: 1) the economy including workforce and volunteer opportunities, 2) poverty and inequality, and 3) climate change, housing and population growth. The fourth session was a Children's Rights Impact Assessment looking at how we engage with children and young people.

What we're planning now

- At the Integrated Impact Assessments, partners highlighted the limited capacity of their organisations to support engagement. They felt that if they had some materials to guide what the engagement should look like, including key questions and conversation guides, this would support them to take part. We have committed to create this pack with plenty of time for partners to plan activities.
- On Monday 17th February we will run a training session around co-producing the plan, supporting partners with the questions they will be asking, and providing wider updates on what is happening with the Plan.
- Future IIA sessions will happen in June to further develop our engagement planning and ensure we are speaking to the right groups who will be affected by the plan.

How you can get involved

- Join the session on 17th February 2-4pm Pennypit Centre (email Lucy lhigginson@eastlothian.gov.uk).
- Would you like us to attend your network or group? Please get in touch