

Governance Task Force (GTF)

Consultation, Communications and Transparency: Sub-group 4

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Remit:

1. To review the means by which the Board ensures that it is in touch with and responsive to the views of the membership.
2. To review the transparency and accessibility of the AIUK governance structure, documentation and membership consultation processes to ensure that there is effective information sharing and communication with the UK membership especially prior to significant strategic decisions being made by the Board or Annual General Meeting.
3. To review the role and membership of Board Sub-Committees and other governance related groups in respect of consultation, communications and transparency.
4. To make recommendations on how AIUK responds to and engages with members on the ICM agenda. To review how AIUK communicates implications for AIUK to the membership.

Summary

Since the GTF meeting on 17 the sub-group has focussed on the following:

1. Continuing to have interviews carried out to explore the views of AI UK members involved in representative structures and local groups about the performance of the organisation with regard to communications and consultation and arranging for a random selection of individual members for interview to be identified.
2. Reviewing the report into the Board sub-committees and, acting as a critical friend, to produce some recommendations for the sub-committee chairs to consider as they finalise their report to the Board.
3. Working with the Chair of the Board to identify Chairs and staff members of other AI sections willing to contribute to information gathering about practices in respect of consultation, communications and transparency in other parts of the organisation.
4. Seeking information from other NGOs about their practices in respect of consultation, communications and transparency.

Recommendations

At this stage there are no further recommendations to the Governance Task Force.