# belong

## THE COHESION AND INTEGRATION NETWORK

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# ABOUT BELONG

- **Over 100 partners from across local government and civil society**

- **Events, training, peer support, research and consultancy**

- **Targeted support in communities facing challenges**

- **Supporting leadership and disseminating best practice**

- **Amplifying our collective voice and building the evidence base to influence government policy**

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# SOCIAL COHESION FRAMEWORK

## Components of Cohesion

**Democratic Resilience**

**Participation**

**Neighbourliness and Belonging**

**Trust, Safety & Security**

**Respect & Tolerance**

## Influences

**Social Infrastructure**

**Socio-demographic Characteristics**

**Shock Events & Unifying Moments**

| Income & Basic Needs | Employment | Health | Education & Skills | Infrastructure & Built Environment |

## Structural and Economic Foundations

# Lessons from where it works

1. Long term, cross-org commitment

2. Authentic, forward looking narrative of place

3. Clear set of measures, owned across the organisation

4. Humility about limits of council role

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