

FAQ

ADVISORY GROUP

LOTS OF USEFUL INFO ABOUT THE ADVISORY GROUP

DATES

When are the sessions?

- Tuesday 11th March - Online group intros
- Tuesday 18th March - 1st supper club meeting
- Tuesday 15th April - 2nd supper club meeting
- Friday 31st May - #1 road trip to ...
- Tuesday 17th June - 3rd supper club meeting
- Tuesday 15th July - 4th supper club meeting
- Saturday August - #2 road trip to...
- Tuesday 16th September - 5th supper club meeting

LATE ARRIVALS

Can I arrive late/leave early?

Unfortunately not.
We don't want dinner to get cold! It is important we all start the meal together and end the discussion together.

We will have an agreed agenda in order to get the most out of the time.

We may be meeting people for the first time, definitely as a new group - it's hard to hold discussion with intention and care for all, if folks arrive in the middle of a session, or leave before the end.

TIMINGS

What are the timings for the session?

The timings below are for our dinner gatherings:

- The Lab will open at 6.15 pm
- The session starts at 6.30 pm sharp
- When folks are seated, dinner will be served
- We will eat first, then start with an opening exercise and pick a topic
- There will be about 1 hour of discussion before a round-up and next steps at the end
- The session ends at 8.30 pm
- Lab shuts at 8.45 pm

The timings during the session may change depending on what happens in the moment, so please free up your time to be present and active for the whole time. It's important you arrive on time, if you have to be on your phone for a specific reason, please do let us know.

ACCESS

I have specific access needs- can I be supported?

We will try our best.
Please email operations.africolab.uk@gmail.com with 'Advisory group access' in the subject line

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GLOBAL MAJORITY

Global Majority is a collective term that refers to people who are Black, Asian, Brown, indigenous to the Global South, dual-heritage with heritage from the Global South and/or racialised. We use this as it is a phrase that is more empowering than ethnic minority/BAME.

COST

How much does it cost?

Nothing but your time and contribution. Dinner is on us! If you need assistance with transport or caring responsibilities, please get in touch.

ABOUT THE GROUP

Who is this group for?

We aim to recruit a pool of up to 20 local people who will be on the year-long dinner invite list. You must be:

- Ages - 16+ (16 -18 years with parental permission)
- Local residents and organisations in St Leonards, Hastings, and Bexhill

The advisory group will be led by a spectrum of *Global Majority voices, including multiple marginalised identities with space for allies to support. We want to make sure the voices that don't usually get heard have a place up front and centre in the discussion.

People who already know the 'Lab' are champions, partners, collaborators, family, and Teamiees.

People that we don't know yet - we really want to invite folks that we'd like to meet, including:

- Those seeking asylum, local lower-income communities, LGBTQIA+ folks, young people, older folks in isolation, and disabled folks - visible and hidden
- local community organisations that also support Global Majority and marginalised communities
- key community stakeholders - individuals on the ground and making stuff happen

ADVISORY GROUP ROAD TRIPS

What are the Advisory Group Road Trips?

There will be 2 -3 trips to other South East seaside communities during the year, with 10 places available on each trip:

- We will open this up to the whole cohort on a first-come, first-serve basis, not just those who have attended the dinner sessions
- We want to talk to and share with other organisations and community leaders with similar priorities and challenges as Global Majority and marginalised people and use approaches that align with Afri-Co-Lab principles to learn together

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AFRI-CO-LAB TEAM

Who will be there?

The session will be hosted by Deanne Naula, Operations Manager

Who are our funders?

Necessity, Arts Council England and National Lottery

LOCATION

How do I get there?

- Most sessions will be held at Afri-Co-Lab - 3 Marine Court, TN38 0DX
- https://w3w.co/baking.softly.scarcelly_

Train

- The Nearest station is St Leonards Warrior Square (Southern/Southeastern).
- It is about a 10-15 minute walk downhill to the seafront and turn right along the seafront.

Bus

- The Stagecoach Wave 99 bus runs between Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hastings every 20 minutes and stops right outside the Afri-Co-Lab.
- The number 98 goes through Sidley, Pebsham and Bexhill Town Centre and also stops right outside the Afri-Co-Lab.

When we go on the community trips, don't worry about getting there; we will sort out the transport. to adapt to unexpected situations or questions, showcasing flexibility and expertise in your subject matter.

GETTING READY

What do I need to bring?

Nothing but your attention, thoughts, ideas and insights. You can bring a notebook if you wish, though we'll provide material to write, doodle or draw on.

How can I prepare for the dinner and discussion?

We'll agree and send an agenda for each dinner so you can think about the topic for discussion and bring your thoughts and/or questions while staying open to other people's input.

AFTER DINNER

What can I expect to happen after the day?

We'll send a summary of the discussion and actions that come out of it. What happens next

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CONTACTS

I have more questions,
who can I reach out to?

Drop Deanne an email at
operations.africolab.uk@gmail.com.

CANCELLATIONS

What if I can't make it?

Cancelling Dinner

Please drop us a line as soon as you can, no less than five days before dinner night. Email operations.africolab.uk@gmail.com with your name and reason

- Giving us 5 days' notice will help us to reallocate your place to someone else.
- It will also allow us to make changes to our catering planning.
- If you cancel your spot less than 48 hours before the session, it will be harder for one of your fellow group members to take part in your place.
- If you have repeated cancellations, we can have a conversation about barriers to your involvement.

Cancelling Advisory Group road trips

If you cancel a road trip less than five days before or are a no-show, you will be asked to pay a deposit to attend any future free-ticketed Afri-Co-Lab events with limited spaces.

What if we have to cancel?

In the unlikely event that a road trip is cancelled by Afri-Co-Lab or the venue, we will contact you as soon as possible. We will make every effort to reschedule the event.

