

Guiding Principles

Strong Cities operates according to the following guiding principles and all members are expected to support and to commit to them in words and actions:



To support, respect and protect the rights of all people, regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender, sexual orientation or any other social, cultural or ethnic group.



To proactively address in their city any manifestation of discrimination or hate towards any individual or group.



To partner with, support, and give voice to local communities and civil society, including youth, women and religious leaders, on an inclusive, collaborative, non-discriminatory and rights-respecting basis.



To monitor and evaluate city-led activities and initiatives aimed at preventing and responding to hate, extremism and polarisation that can lead to violence and, more broadly, approaches and initiatives aimed at building social cohesion and resilience.



To share relevant non-sensitive information across the Network to support peer learning and the Strong Cities' mission.



To work actively and collaboratively with Strong Cities' ISC and Management Unit to promote the above principles, share experiences and approaches, and support each other – and the Network's mission – in building strong, cohesive and resilient cities.