

Voluntary **Action** Islington

North Locality Wellbeing Network Meeting Actions

24th April 2023 from 12.00 noon-2.00pm

Manor Gardens Community

	Agenda Items	Actions	Person(s)
Item 1	2-minute updates by all present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
Item 2	<p>Locality Plan for each of the three Localities</p> <p>The group was split into two. Each group had to identify what they saw as the priorities for the North Locality to present back.</p> <p><u>Group 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisational and community needs Volunteer recruitment Funding How can we train organisations up in the right way so they are supported Engaging the community – How do we reach under represented communities Collaborating with community to build capacity and share learning Cost of living crisis, keeping things sustainable More capacity building <p><u>Group 2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community/resident lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key themes e.g. cost of living, data, what's new that's coming up • Organisational knowledge. • Relationship breakdown – Is that coming from cost of living or something else? • Signposting • A tool where residents can find support so people can have access • HOYD are good in terms of engaging the community • Training/development needs • Funding/sharing expertise and organisational knowledge • Council input/sharing expertise. • Volunteering <p>General discussion on what they can bring to the LWN's</p> <p>Tony: He has a list of contacts and they manage community centres. These are resources he can bring to the table.</p> <p>partnerships@islington.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should invite a councillor to the LWN meeting • Community Engagement – Reaching as much of the community as possible. Reaching into our own organisations and working together as a group. <p>Izzy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Councillor should be at the table 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She will invite one or two of their older members to the meeting <p>Katie: Age UK Islington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Manager – Getting info out about the LWN in their newsletter • Could be clients or other professionals that get invited to the meeting <p>Princess LBI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three priorities – Community engagement to gauge needs of local community, how we can support each other as organisations, Resources and assets (what can we bring) From there themes will evolve. • She can bring sharing the word and thinking about what assets the council can offer – We need people from the council who can make decisions (Senior Leadership), A councillor needs to be here. She will make sure residents know about what’s going on. <p>Anna – Marie Currie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works for large national organisation. They have Community Engagement Manager who could be more involved. Volunteering services in the borough (colleague who engages volunteers). • They wear a very specific section of society. “It takes a village to help a service user/client. Opportunities 		
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	<p>for signposting across all services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are seen as a national organisation. They are seen less as a local active part of the community. • Local residents/communities. Those who are not as active – The underserved communities. <p>Rebecca – Islington Mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In contact with mental health teams in the borough. She can send info to them • She can bring involved service users. She can get their input. • Lots if mental health information <p>Marta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbrella org for VCSF. • Dissemination info through grass roots org. • Newsgroup to disseminate information • She deals with residents directly as part of her job. She can invite volunteers interested to the meeting. Through social prescribing • We can set up focus groups, • Gathering info on upcoming events happening in the North locality • Filtering info down to the team • Getting residents views on what they want to do • Getting into events • Residents and people we work with should be at the next meeting 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a general picture of crisis management for males in the borough e.g. access needs – Can then provide signposting • Doesn't have a great desire to see residents at this point. Would much rather see community data. • It might be interesting to go to residents rather than them come to us. Encourage them to come together and see what they want to do. <p>Tsege:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting them. • Creating a plan • They can provide community organising training <p><u>North LWN priorities:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listening and Social Action Campaign to listen to and engage the community and gauge its needs. 2. Promoting the Octopus Community Networking tool as a way of gathering information on which organisations are in the borough. 3. The group are keen to explore how we can support each other as organisations e.g. resources and assets 	<p><u>North LWN priorities:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listening and Social Action Campaign to listen to and engage the community and gauge its needs. Cliff to draft outline of the Listening and Social Action Campaign. 2. Promoting the Octopus Community Networking tool as a way of gathering information on which organisations are in the borough. click here to join the Octopus Community Network and collaborators. 3. The group are keen to explore how we can support each other as organisations e.g. resources and assets 	
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<p>Item 3</p>	<p>Community Resilience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot GLA organised about response to emergencies • To be ready and prepared (e.g.as a result of Covid) • Making connections between LA and residents • Will send map of London and the risks. • Training will be available. • Supporting and upskilling VCS and connecting to the communities. 	<p>The next Building Resilience Together (BRT) training session ‘Community Resilience Assessment & Asset Mapping’ is on Thursday, May 18th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. It would be great if you can sign up for to attend.</p> <p>We have been asked to you to the session.</p> <p>Please register for the training session here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brt-training-session-1-community-resilience-assessment-and-asset-mapping-tickets-619791983507</p> <p>Materials Needed - We ask for each participant to have the following items handy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A piece of paper on hand • Pen • Optional – sticky notes if you like 	
<p>Item 4</p>	<p>June Celebration Event Islington Assembly Hall is to expensive. Alternative venues suggested include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibest community Centre (Old Street). • Upper Holloway Baptist Church • St Georges Church – Crayford Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff to secure venue ASAP 	
<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Venues/Hosts for future LWN meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Library at Manor Gardens • An online option every other month 		

Item 6	Next Meeting	Monday 22 nd May from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Andover Community Centre Andover Estate Corker Walk N7 7RY	
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Attendees:

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