

SOUTH LOCAL WELBEING NETWORK MEETING

DATE AGENDA: 6 February 2024

VENUE: Vibast Centre

Key Decisions made during the meeting

Agenda Item	Decision
New attendees	<p>Alexis – St Lukes Community Centre.</p> <p>Donna – British Black Anti Poverty Network</p> <p>Zack – Islington Council</p> <p>Ana - East European Resource Centre</p> <p>Anahi - Cubitt Gallery – Engage communities in cultural activities.</p> <p>Mandy – Culpeper Gardens</p>
What have you gained from the meetings?	<p>Hope to create a good network and collaboration with organisations that can benefit in making a safe place for women.</p> <p>Gained connections, relationships and some insight. Hope to gain more!</p> <p>Meeting people from other groups – forming relationships and partnerships.</p> <p>Gained good understanding of different offers in the locality.</p> <p>Spread the word of what we do and create connections with organisations and residents.</p> <p>Hope to learn about all the great stuff happening in the different localities.</p> <p>Hope to have a better understanding of the wellbeing networks to apply this to future events of my organisation.</p> <p>Understanding challenges facing residents/community groups in Islington and how to work together to support and combat issues.</p> <p>Hearing about the needs of the community. Learnt more about LBI (our site is here but not a resident).</p> <p>Hope to make new connections for our work (partners and audiences).</p>

<p>Hope to gain an opportunity to network and meet people. Opportunity to promote parks for health activities.</p> <p>I am always struck by the breadth of what is available and the passion in Islington.</p> <p>New partnerships. Knowledge of services available. Met other residents (2 others!!) today 3.</p> <p>Open dialogue on climate change and wellbeing.</p> <p>Hope to build connections with other organisations. Hope to promote our service/build referral pathways. Hope to build my knowledge of local areas.</p> <p>Hoping to gain connections to community groups and spaces that may want to collaborate on bringing creative and cultural work outside of art spaces and into the community, to create resilience and build local connections. Anahi – Cubitt Gallery.</p> <p>Hoping to establish contacts with community groups and raise awareness of the service.</p> <p>Better understanding of the needs in the community and work towards a plan. Networking and joint work.</p> <p>A network, relationships. Understanding of what is local situation/issues/services.</p> <p>Hope to network with other organisations and hopefully connect Mary's with them.</p> <p>Sense of communication between various company members. Sense of communication between council and community leaders on participant groups.</p> <p>Sid – hope to connect with local VCS and understand localised needs.</p> <p>Networking. Knowledge of community projects in Islington. Public Speaking. Meeting likeminded people.</p> <p>Open dialogue on wellness in built environment.</p> <p>Improving knowledge and services for residents.</p> <p>Hope to meet other community organisations and learn about how this network gets voice of residents on board.</p> <p>Creating networks. Meeting new partners and colleagues. Learning more about opportunities and partners.</p>
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Local Wellbeing Network priorities, updates and next steps

Listening and social action campaign. To listen to and engage the community to gauge its needs.

- Emma from Peabody – community asset approach – what is the community good at rather than just focusing on needs. Then find the gaps that need addressing.
- Sally Oldfield from Islington Council Green Spaces – good to network to understand user needs.
- John from Help On Your Doorstep – door knocking to understand resident needs to make services more effective.
- Understanding the reality of people’s issues rather than perception.
- Paddy from The Peel – need to be proactive and sense-check. Listening needs to be perpetual/continuous. And reflect on active listening.
- Donna from British Black Anti Poverty Network – template/training for active listening that everyone/every organisation can utilise. Needs to connect to template of local authority.
- Denise from Islington Healing Network – got to engage residents. They need to attend LWNs meetings or alike.

Identifying and mapping green spaces in the locality which are accessible to the public and have the potential to become green spaces the public can have access to.

- Residents have trouble holding community events in parks. Feel disempowered because of local authority control of parks.
- May – Green spaces important for wellbeing.
- Green spaces important for community cohesion.
- Islington Council building new developments threatens green spaces.
- Council not delivering for resident needs because of lack of money.
- Green spaces being used by people who have money to pay for access to these spaces but not by poorer people/those in need.
- Council not showing the same priorities as residents. Council not reflecting resident priorities.
- Sally Oldfield – will find out about locked-up squares (private squares).
- John Help On Your Doorstep – Maximise what green space is available.

Next steps

- Retrofit housing/spaces not being used. Office buildings and empty buildings.
- John Help On Your Doorstep – who is responsible for the organisation of green spaces in Islington?
 - Highlight concerns about green spaces and influence them to do something.
 - Getting information to influence/apply pressure.
 - What do we want to ask? What point do we want to make? Then get action.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take responsibility as a network to drive change. • Denise – a big collective/collective voice about concerns in the local area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do you know this is what the residents want?
March Challenge Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, organisation name, contact details • Emerging theme or something you have noticed in your work that you would like to discuss with your service users • Who would you like to engage in a discussion about this issue? • How will you engage them? E.g. sofa talk, questionnaire, coffee morning • Where and when can this be done? • What can you do today to get things started? No matter how small. • Would it be helpful to work in partnership with someone? Perhaps someone in the room? Who would you like to work with? • Please share with Cliff how things are progressing and if there is any support you need. • Cliff and team will follow up with each individual to see how they can be supported in working toward achieving their March challenge goal.
How do we work together?	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John HOYD – helping support each other and residents. • How do we get residents to the meetings? • Think about the purpose of the networks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do we want to connect/listen? ○ Or do we want to do things? • How do we involve residents in the network/group? • How do we make meetings more accessible to residents? • Resident voice is valuable and wanted from the group. • Think about innovative ways to engage and connect with residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resident voice needs to be consistent about issues and how organisations can help. • Organisations attending the meetings don't have enough capacity – so the networks being a mechanism/place where residents can share their views is desirable.
Networking break	
Guest speakers	<p>Amber – Investment programme Thriving Communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital works – playground upgrades, sports pitches – submit suggestions. • Council runs consultation with residents around community assets such as football pitches. • Council will work with you and your suggestions. • Only open to estates currently. • If you have a green space suggestion still submit an application. They may be able to forward your query to someone else who is responsible or another department.
Upcoming events	Happier Outdoors – look at website

	<p>Legal Advice leaflets – Sally Gill</p> <p>Josanne – women's event.</p>
<p>What have you gained from today/takeaways?</p>	<p>Met organisations to collaborate with, that would benefit service users.</p> <p>A warm feeling of community engagement.</p> <p>New expanded network. Useful local information and people's concerns.</p> <p>Peabody. Communication - partnerships and residents.</p> <p>Gained connections to local groups, residents and spaces interested in community work.</p> <p>Gained contacts of other organisations supporting Islington residents.</p> <p>The Peel - Sense checking.</p> <p>More awareness of community groups and activities in the borough and ideas of who to reach out to.</p> <p>Learned this network space exists and I am excited to connect with residents @ec1voices.</p>
<p>Theme of next session</p>	

Key Actions that need to be done following the meeting

Agenda Item	Action	Owner	Estimated Completion Date
<p>LWN priorities, updates and next steps</p>	<p>To get Councillor Rowena in to talk about who is responsible for green spaces and to address green space issues across Islington.</p> <p>To contact Rowena to get an executive officer from Islington council in to address issues.</p> <p>To get information for who is responsible for green space issues.</p>	<p>Cliff</p>	<p>For next meeting/in two months' time.</p>
<p>March Challenge Month</p>	<p>Come to next meeting with updates</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>March meeting</p>

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ATTENDEES		
First Name	Surname	Company
AJ	Graham	Culpeper Community Garden Association
Alexis	White	St Luke's Community Centre
Amber	De Freitas	Islington Council
Ana	Ganta	East European Resource Centre
Anahi	Saravia Herrera	Cubitt Artists
Ann	Duggan	NRS Healthcare
Barb	Jacobson	Minds Matter Islington @ The Peel
Caroline	Kamana	The Liliesleaf Trust UK
Cristina	Carrasco	Union Chapel
Dee	Marshall	Resident
Devinie	Jayaweera	Islington CAMHS
Donna	Achara	British Black Anti Poverty Network
Edna	Samuel	Maya Centre
Emma	Gladwin	Peabody
James	Wooldridge	VAI
John	Warby	Help on your doorstep
Kathryn	Woodward	Museum of London
May	Evers	Am well
Michael	Lawrence	Talk For Health
Monica	Sever	Islington Council Public Libraries
Paddy	Radcliffe	The Peel
Ruby	Sabla	Mary's Youth Club
Sally	Gill	City Law School
Sally	Grey	Blueprint Theatre & Film co.
Sally	Oldfield	Islington Council
Sara	Ali	Public Health Islington
Sidonie	Sakula-Barry	Islington council - Public health
Soliava	Cotimosmu	Entrace
Sydia	Grant	Islington Healing Network

APOLOGIES		
First Name	Surname	Company
Alan	Wylie	Islington Libraries
Amanda	Graham	Culpeper Community Garden Association

Ayon	Anwar	Bloomsbury Football Foundation
Dan	Morgan	James' Place Charity
Francis Hollandmore	Francis Hollandmore	
Gabriella	Kisoi	Better Space
Juliana	Lottmann	Embrace
Kay	Carter	Healthwatch Islington
Kelly Rose	Novak	Islington Food Partnership
Kyle	Addy	Cut Above Creations Idn
Lucy	Benson	The Parent House
Naomi	Reading	Young Actors Theatre Islington
Nick	Crivello	SoapBox
Patrick	Penny-Annang	Barnsbury Housing Association
Rona	Topaz	Berkshire Music Trust/Mindful Music
Sagar	Sumaria	Holistic Economy
Samantha	Wellington	Islington council
Soumaiya	Edoo	Voluntary Action Islington
Teresa	Connolly	Bright Futures
Zack	Ahmed	Islington Council

Nine of the attendees are Islington residents

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