

LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Draft Terms of Reference

Key to the ambition of the One Croydon Partnership is to support and strengthen active communities by increasing self-care, reducing social isolation and promoting independence. In alignment with One Croydon's Integrated Community Networks (ICN+), Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA) and Croydon Council are hosting 6 Local Community Partnerships (LCPs) meetings every quarter to bring active communities into the heart of Croydon's localities operating model.

AIMS

Our aims are to:

1. Make the LCPs representative of Croydon's civil society – from the larger charities to grassroots groups and BME organisations, faith communities, active citizens and local residents
2. Nurture information-sharing, collaborative working and a strengths-based approach in the localities
3. Put LCPs at the centre of developing local community plans that set priorities to inform One Croydon's localities commissioning process

OBJECTIVES

Make the LCPs representative of Croydon's civil society – from the larger charities to BME organisations, grassroots groups, faith communities, active citizens and local residents

- Work with all Voluntary and Community sector (VCS) infrastructure groups - CVA, Croydon Neighbourhood Care Association (CNCA), BME Forum and Asian Resource Centre Croydon (ARCC) - to invite the widest possible involvement from Croydon's VCS
- Ensure BME and grassroots community group involvement in the LCPs and at every level of the ICN+
- Work with Healthwatch Croydon to reflect the views of patients, service-users and the public on their experiences of health & social care services
- Work with all stakeholders to plan agendas and invite representation from the Community, Council and Health at each event. CVA and Croydon Council will facilitate Croydon's LCPs and these will be represented at Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings by the Community Facilitators employed by CVA and ARCC.

Nurture a strength-based approach in the localities and enable information-sharing and collaborative working

- Promote a strength-based approach to health and wellbeing, starting conversations and activity with what's working, what people can do and what they care enough about to

act on, celebrating the importance of active citizens and strong communities and enabling greater independence for longer

- Promote collaboration and networking between VCS, health and social care in Croydon by sharing information with all stakeholders, including locality web-pages to support interconnectivity
- Develop appropriate delivery-partnerships and strengthen interconnectivity among VCS organisations
- Enable VCS organisations and groups to establish relationships and interconnectivity with Integrated Community Network (ICN+) leaders and champions
- Work closely with One Croydon to nurture the strengths of Croydon's citizens and communities, identify opportunities to further strengthen service delivery and plug gaps with community led solutions

Put LCPs at the centre of developing local community plans that set priorities to inform One Croydon's localities commissioning process

- Invite all of Croydon's civil society, including grassroots groups and active citizens, to play a full part in developing and realising the six Local Community Plans
- Work with local commissioners to develop accessible, well informed and transparent commissioning through LCP Grant Panels, strengthening local partnership working whilst growing capacity within the VCS and trust between all stakeholders
- Bring in external funding into the borough through VCS delivery partnerships prioritising support for Croydon's most vulnerable and isolated communities