**Local Community Partnership, Croydon South-East**

**20 March 2023 Notes**

Dear Croydon South East Colleagues,

As always, it was such a pleasure to meet with you all and hear from people, groups and teams across the locality (including New Addington, Fieldway, Addington Village, Forestdale, Monks Hill & Selsdon communities). Special thanks to our wonderful host Julia Weller and team at [Simply Connect Croydon - Family Centre Fieldway](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/providers/2ca15a00-442f-11ea-9ea4-9d3094f33fc3/family-centre-fieldway).

Our partnership event was Chaired by Marion from [New Addington Pathfinders (NAP) | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/220786347955926/?mibextid=6NoCDW) and Julia from Family Centre, Fieldway. For more info. on your 3 Co-Chairs see here: [New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon South East (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydonsoutheast1159667-1159751) .

Please find a record of our meeting below.

**Invite to 'Resetting the relationship between Croydon Council & the VCS'** Cllr Andy Stranack, Cabinet Member for Communities, on the 'Reset Action Plan'. Minutes will be sent to all who registered, if you'd like to request the minutes, please email Kay.Rhodes@cvalive.org.uk.

**Updates on One Croydon Locality Operating Model Re-cap on The King's Fund 'Healthy Communities Together' programme, join up with borough wide strategies and the new Local Commissioning Model.** Age UK Croydon is now holding Localities funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector and working with CVA to devolve funds for partnership initiatives, our priority setting and action groups will provide the recommendations for how this funding is best used. As well as using the Local Community Partnership’s extensive knowledge and expertise to fund key local opportunities and sources of support, by demonstrating that this this an effective way of commissioning, there will be greater confidence in allocating further, larger amounts of funding in this way

**The Pop-In, New Addington Good Samaritans** [Simply Connect Croydon - New Addington Good Samaritans](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/providers/f5f7ab80-6b06-11ea-925c-1db89c17a73a/new-addington-good-samaritans) With the withdrawal of the Council's Community Fund this charity is under threat of closure. Pathfinders invited Diane to present as the charities one member of staff providing a Thursday lunch club with activities and health & wellbeing support for 60-70 people in later life. The Pop-In has their own mini-bus and a p/t driver for outings and annual holidays and works with Fairchild's and SEN 360 on school visits. With the loss of the Community Fund £35,000 and loss of rent relief the charity is facing closure within the next 6 months. The LCP discussed the impact closure would have on members and reflected that the cost of one person going into a care home costs approx. £80,000 per year. The community of New Addington are behind sustaining the Pop-In and have made this film to seek funding support: <https://youtu.be/0p1Xtxa54uQ> Contact [Diane nagspopin@btconnect.com](http://Diane%20nagspopin@btconnect.com/)

**Community Hubs in Croydon South East** Ambition within Healthy Communities Together and Croydon's Health and Care Plan is guided by the following principals:

* Proactive and preventative care
* Unlocking the power of communities
* Services back into the heart of the community

Pathfinders Community Hub- approaching the one-year anniversary and celebrating the Community Hub Team (of which Michael joined on day one!) Michael, "I'm an Ambassador of New Addington and bring people into the Community Hub."

Marion at Pathfinders, "I've been here 13 years, we don't gossip here, people trust us and we trust James implicitly so we can refer people to him. We can take them so far then we refer to James."

Selsdon Baptist Church Community Hub - reflections on the partnership work already in place between: Jubilee, Baptist Church, Retirement Centre.

Barriers- once a month/not frequent enough, accessibility (up a slope) didn't have investment/resource to promote, 2-3 people a week when greater demand in other parts of the locality.

Whilst the hub has paused the partnership working still continues.

Family Centre Fieldway Community Hub- launched on 21st January as an addition to all the great partnership work already taking place.

Please promote the Community Hubs in Croydon South East using the attached flyers. Contact One Croydon's Community Facilitator, James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk

**South East Partnership Initiative**: will have a **Mental Health** Outcome: Residents will have better mental health and well-being through taking local opportunities related to ‘The Five Ways to Well-being’:

1.   Connecting with other people (tackling Social Isolation)

2.   Being physically active

3.   Learning new skills

4.   Giving to others

5.   Paying attention to the present moment or ‘mindfulness’

This outcome will be achieved by partnership working, initially in the Fieldway, New Addington and Selsdon communities. The work will build upon and join-up existing opportunities, as well as filling gaps by introducing new activities and sources of support. Some ideas that have already been highlighted by Local Community Partnership members include:

* Intergenerational Work between people later in life living in the locality and neighbouring schools/colleges
* Exploring opportunities related to coffee mornings at The Family Centre, The Centre for Change, New Addington Pathfinders, New Addington Baptist Church and other local organisations
* Exploring opportunities related to the New Addington Good Samaritans Pop-In Centre
* Exploring opportunities related to Good Food Matters ‘MENSHED’, cookery and food growing activities.
* Exploring opportunities related to choirs, music, dance and art.
* Exploring opportunities related to local green spaces such as volunteering to do conservation activities and litter-picking
* Exploring opportunities relating to IT skills such as those provided by Clear Community Web at the Family Centre and Community Fibre at New Addington Pathfinders

So, the challenge is to set-up an initiative that, through partnership working and by making the best use of the funds available, incorporates some or all of these ideas to achieve the outcome above.

The partnership group to work up the South East partnership project includes:

* Centre of Change
* Family Centre Fieldway
* Pathfinders New Addington
* Selsdon Contact
* Good Food Matters
* Age UK Croydon

This partnership group will report back to the next LCP.

Please note:

South East locality webpages Find out 'What's On?' (activities/events in Croydon South East) notes from previous events and your Community Plan: [Croydon South East - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-south-east-local-com/)

[Simply Connect Croydon - connecting you to your local community services](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/activities?post_code=Croydon&page=1&limit=20&sort=) - brings together information on activities and services across Croydon that is accessible to the public, charities, Social Prescribers, health and social care professionals etc. There are currently 899 listings by 755 organisations. If you want to list your activities and/or services, free of charge, please[register](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu) and once you have submitted your form, a volunteer will upload your information to the website. Contact Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk.

Many thanks to each of you for your valuable contributions, please spread the word on our Local Community Partnership events. The next event is on **Thursday 29th June 2023.**

With warm wishes- Marion, Julia, Roy, Andrew and Sarah

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