Local Community Partnerships in Croydon Central East

Notes 15th June 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks to all who joined the 6th session and contributed to the emerging Community Action Plans for the Croydon Central-East locality (which includes Woodside, Shirley, Addiscombe East and Park Hill communities) with thanks to our wonderful hosts at Woodside Baptist Church [﻿​﻿​﻿​Woodside Baptist Church (woodsidechurch.org.uk)](https://woodsidechurch.org.uk/).

This session focused on developing the Community Action Plan by and for this locality - see key actions from this meeting highlighted below and the **opportunity to join Action-Planning groups working on key outcomes**. Our solution-orientated activity will provide insight for Commissioners and enable more transparent, joined up and effective commissioning in localities.

**One Croydon Updates:**

**Community Hubs** We celebrated the launch of the One Croydon ‘Community Hub’ in the Croydon South-East locality and the extensive partnership work involved by viewing a short film. The film is to demonstrate how Community Hubs look in practice, to help others to understand how it operates and how they can get involved. We will likely need a number of Community Hubs in each locality and we discussed some of the existing community spaces that should be considered:

* Woodside Baptist Church [﻿​﻿​﻿​Woodside Baptist Church (woodsidechurch.org.uk)](https://woodsidechurch.org.uk/)
* St Mildred's Church [﻿​﻿﻿​​Home - St.Mildred's Church, Addiscombe (stmildredschurch.org.uk)](https://stmildredschurch.org.uk/)
* Our Lady Catholic Church [﻿​﻿﻿​﻿Addiscombe Catholic Church](http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/)
* Shirley Methodist Church [﻿​﻿﻿﻿﻿Home (shirleymeth.org.uk)](https://shirleymeth.org.uk/)
* Shirley Parish Halls [﻿﻿​​​﻿Shirley Parish Hall available for weddings christenings and private parties - Home Page](https://www.shirleyparishhall.co.uk/)
* West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church [﻿﻿​​﻿​West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church (wwsbc.org.uk)](https://www.wwsbc.org.uk/)
* ​St Luke's Church [﻿﻿﻿​﻿﻿Welcome | St. Luke's, Woodside (stlukeswoodside.org.uk)](https://stlukeswoodside.org.uk/)
* Longheath Community Centre[**﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿**](http://www.longheathchurch.org/)[longheathcentre7@gmail.com](mailto:longheathcentre7@gmail.com) (for queries about booking space).

We hope to be invitingExpressions of Interest in the Croydon Central East locality soon, see attached documents for information.

**One Croydon Community Facilitators**Acting as a bridge between the Voluntary and Community Sector and Health and Social Care, Natalie and Nasreen can be contacted when someone needs an assessment or a referral into health and social care services and you don’t know who could help. Equally, they want to know about your work so they can support Health and Social Care staff to connect people into community support. Contact Nasreen [nasreen.syeda@arccltd.com](mailto:nasreen.syeda@arccltd.com) and Natalie [natalie.appiah@arccltd.com](mailto:natalie.appiah@arccltd.com)

**Introducing our Co-Chairs**We are delighted that Celestina Oniye-Thomas and Lynda Graham are the newly appointed Co-Chairs of the Croydon Central-East Local Community Partnership. Please learn more about your Co-Chairs from their biographies here; [﻿​​​​﻿​New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon Central East (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydoncentraleast-1159655?e=3794b430c1).

**Communication** - we are sharing what support and activities are available on [Simply Connect Croydon - local services for local people](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/about-us).

By registering as a member of CVA you can advertise your services and activities; recruit volunteers and receive weekly newsletters about the amazing work across Croydon's Voluntary and Community Sector.      

**ACTION** Complete this form to[register](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu) and CVA's team of volunteers will do the rest.

**Locality webpages** In order to have one place for all engagement activities in each locality we are developing webpages to sign post to all that’s happening in this area. We are not duplicate existing engagement tools but sharing what already exists to help coordinate local support and activities.

**ACTION:** We’ll share a first version soon and invite your input.

**The newly-elected Councillors and Mayor Perry** in line with the Mayor's Manifesto, there is a commitment to hear the voice of residents. We have been informed that the Mayor will be attending the next round of Local Community Partnership events after the summer holiday period. The Mayor will join us to hear about all the excellent work within the Croydon Central-East locality and our ambitions as a partnership.

**Community Plan** We continued to develop our Community Plan on the key priority theme of **‘Later Life'** as started at our last meeting. Using the actions identified at the last meeting to structure our discussion, we started to work on more detailed Action Plans. In addition to those assets and activities that we've already mapped, we heard about:

**Age UK Croydon** new Care Home Coordinator in post. Contact Tina, [Christina.Smith@ageukcroydon.org.uk](mailto:Christina.Smith@ageukcroydon.org.uk)

**Addiscombe Neighbourhood Care Association (ANCA)** Befriending, advocacy. Contact Norman, [info@anca.org.uk](mailto:info@anca.org.uk)

**St Mildred's Church**Monday and Tuesday lunch club, twice weekly exercise clubs, volunteer drivers

**Shirley Neighbourhood Care Association (SNCA)** Supporting 200 members in later life, including weekly trips this week to the seaside.Ongoing challenge of transport for people in later life getting around the locality, some not able to attend medical appointments. We need more volunteers, divers and funding. We need to know what's happening with the Community Fund so we can plan ahead. Contact Suzy Stoyel, [sncs@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk](mailto:sncs@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk)

**ACTION:**Sarah/CVA to follow up and invite an update on the Community Fund at the next Croydon Voluntary Sector Alliance, date to be confirmed.

**Tai Chi/ Fire Soul** offer to support groups to benefit from Tai Chi tuition. Contact Matt, [matt.j.yule@gmail.com](mailto:matt.j.yule@gmail.com)

**Whitgift Park**Hill Rise in this locality. Contact Jenny Mayor, [jennymayor@whitgiftcare.co.uk](mailto:jennymayor@whitgiftcare.co.uk)

**Wellbeing You** support for people in later life, their families and carers to take more responsibility for their health and wellbeing through: events, activities and GP Partnership Tool, [www.wellbeingyou.org](http://www.wellbeingyou.org/) Contact Sylvia Wachuku-King, [swk@wellbeingyou.org](mailto:swk@wellbeingyou.org)

**Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)** valued partner connecting within localities[﻿﻿﻿﻿​​​Department for Work and Pensions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions) Contact Kevin O'Halloran, kevin.o'halloran@dwp.gov.uk

**St Christopher’s** creating conversations on death literacy, [www.stchristophers.org](http://www.stchristophers.org/) Contact Jarmila Whiteley, Community Connector, [J.Whiteley@stchristophers.org.uk](mailto:J.Whiteley@stchristophers.org.uk)

**Disability Croydon** Eliminates barriers and empower people living with disabilities to fully participate in society. [Home | Disability Croydon](https://www.disabilitycroydon.org.uk/). Contact Sedley Wilson, [dcsupport@disabilitycroydon.org.uk](mailto:dcsupport@disabilitycroydon.org.uk)

**Croydon People First** local people with learning disabilities supporting each other [﻿﻿﻿﻿​﻿​Welcome to Croydon People First | Croydon People First](https://www.croydonpeoplefirst.org.uk/). Contact Sedley Wilson, [info@croydonpeoplefirst.org.uk](mailto:info@croydonpeoplefirst.org.uk)

**Mental Health First Aider Training**Great to hear that some of our Community Leaders are Mental Health First Aiders. More places still available so spread the word to all active citizens, to register on this fully funded training: 

[Could you be a Mental Health First Aider? | Croydon Council](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health-and-dementia/mental-health-and-wellbeing/could-you-be-mental-health-first-aider)

**Suicide awareness conversations:** <https://news.croydon.gov.uk/open-and-honest-conversations-about-suicide-can-save-a-life/>

**Training to support people who have experienced trauma**: <https://lbc-app-w-newscroydon-p.azurewebsites.net/new-training-to-support-people-who-have-experienced-trauma/>

**South West London NHS is changing to an Integrated Care System (ICS)** This is the Kings Fund explainer [How does the NHS in England work and how is it changing? | The King's Fund (kingsfund.org.uk)](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/audio-video/how-does-nhs-in-england-work). Contact Jo Austin, NHS South West London CCG (Croydon),  [jo.austin@swlondon.nhs.uk](mailto:jo.austin@swlondon.nhs.uk)

**The Kings Fund** great to be joined by Jeremy Cox, Leadership and Organisational Development, and Dawn Richardson, One Croydon PMO, at our event

**Q2. Outcomes for older people include:**

* To be more connected to others (not left out e.g. digital exclusion)
* To have better mental and physical wellbeing through joining activities (positive inclusion in life)
* To be warm enough at home
* To have enough to heat and eat well (incl. essentials such as credit for the internet)
* To have dignity preserved

**Q3. These outcomes could be achieved by further work in action groups:**

1. **Transport**costs are escalating and health appointments are being missed, not all neighbourhoods have drivers and some parts of this locality are being overlooked. Contact Celestina, [info@floatingcounselling.co.uk](mailto:info@floatingcounselling.co.uk)

1. **Digital Inclusion**increase independence and connection, enable confidence and self-management. Resident Associations, Age UK Croydon and Churches Together in Croydon to be invited to collaborate, all welcome. Contact Lynda Graham, [lynda.graham2@nhs.net](mailto:lynda.graham2@nhs.net)

1. **Door-knocking group** Floating Counselling, Neighbourhood Watch, St Christopher’s, Age UK Croydon and CVA to collaborate. Contact [Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk)

**ACTION - Please get in touch if you'd like to join any of these three Action-Planning groups.**

Many thanks to each of you for contributing to these emerging Community Action Plans and especially to all who are leading or taking on actions. An excellent start has been made and we are keen to build on this, using local knowledge and expertise to develop detailed Community Plans for the Central-East locality.

So, please save the date for our next quarterly partnership meeting on **Wednesday 19th October 2022**which will be held in person at Oasis Academy, Shirley Park. The programme of events is attached. Please do spread the word and invite others to join the Local Community Partnership in Croydon Central-East. Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-community-partnerships-croydon-central-east-tickets-374315266037>

Warm wishes - Celestina, Lynda, Sarah and Andrew

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