

Local Community Partnership – Croydon Central East – Notes 19 October 2022

Dear Croydon Central East Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people, groups and teams across the locality (including *Woodside, Shirley, Addiscombe East, & Park Hill* communities). Special thanks to our wonderful host Steve Chalke and his team at [Home - \(oasisacademyshirleypark.org\)](http://Home-(oasisacademyshirleypark.org)) who told us about the new Ashburton Park Youth Centre 'The Zaian Centre' in memory of a pupil who died as a result of knife crime [A Legacy for Zaian » Oasis UK](#). Additional thanks to Mayor Perry for joining us.

Please find a record of our meeting below with **actions highlighted**.

Community Plan for Croydon Central East - based on what we've heard to date, please find the first draft of your full Community Plan attached. Your feedback, join-up with other partnership work and revisions are most welcome - please email Sarah or Andrew.

Croydon Central East LCP Community Plan 'Action groups':

With so much information and so many ideas being captured in the locality's Community Plan, the group was asked to form smaller 'Action Groups' to work on specific outcomes related to the key priority of Later Life:

Action Group	Suggested Outcome(s) from Community Plan	Suggested Action Agreed from Community Plan	Who Volunteered to a Deeper Dive	By When
Transport	Costs are escalating and health appointments are being missed, not all neighbourhoods have drivers and some parts of this locality are being overlooked.	Promote existing schemes that provide transport support (incl. Dial a Ride) and look at where additional transport support could help people later in life achieve the outcomes that they have identified.	Floating Counselling Support. Shirley Neighbourhood Care (SNC). Residents Associations. MHA Communities South London	Jan. 2023
Digital Inclusion	Increase independence and connection, enable confidence and self-management.	Campaign for inclusivity-access to NHS appointments, banks etc. Intergenerational activities Volunteers to support digital inclusion at Community Hubs	Social Prescribing Link Worker (Lynda). Clear Community Web (Casper). Resident Associations. Age UK Croydon. MHA Communities South London.	Jan 2023

			<i>'Churches Together in Croydon' to be invited.</i>	
Street Champions Mutual Aid/Door-knocking project	Extending existing community connection	On a street-by-street basis, VCS workers and Active Citizens offer direct, door-step support to fellow residents living in their neighbourhood, connecting people, safely and sensitively into local support (such as grief relief), establishing trust and strengthening compassionate communities. (See Heating and Eating)	Floating Counselling. Neighbourhood Watch. Age Uk Croydon Mutual Aid Croydon CVA Faith groups	Jan 2023

***The success of these Deeper Dive **Action Groups** in achieving suggested initial Community Plan outcomes is dependent on the input and offers of support by members of the Local Community Partnership. So if you have ideas, skills, knowledge, experience or expertise in any of the above areas and would like to join an Action Group, please contact the Group Leads above or Sarah and Andrew (andrew.slegg@croydon.gov.uk). We will be scheduling interim meetings of these groups and will share the details with all. Please attend any that you think you would like to contribute to deeper dive thinking and action. ***

Co-Chairs - Our Co-Chairs, Lynda Graham and Celestina Oniye-Thomas, welcomed all to the event and introduced our partnership activity to date. For more information on your Co-Chairs follow this link: [New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon Central East \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:mailchi.mp)

We celebrated success to date, including hearing from Sylvia Wu-Ch King on [Wellbeing You | all about you](#) and the launch of the Croydon's Older People's Self-Care Network and how, with support from our Co-Chairs, Well Being You has increased participation at the lunch and exercise groups.

Locality webpages - Following the idea from a Local Community Partnership (LCP) member, we are developing locality webpages which will help people and groups to share information about what's going on in this locality. Here's the first draft, feedback and content welcomed. [Croydon Central East - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action \(cvalive.org.uk\)](#)

Simply Connect Croydon - 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 just over 900 listings by 700 organisations, Simply Connect Croydon - connecting you to your local community. If you want to list your activities and/or services, free of charge, please [register](#) and once you have submitted your form, a volunteer will upload your information to the website. If they need more details, they will contact you directly. Sharing information on support and activities will need a team effort so we're encouraging everyone to be 'Connect Well Guides'. Contact Karen Chillman for more information about Simply Connect Croydon and becoming a 'Connect Well Guide' - Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk

CVA's Volunteer Centre - also promotes volunteering opportunities if you would like to advertise your volunteer roles free of charge, here is the form to [register](#) and our team of volunteers will do the rest.

Community Hubs- The Local Community Partnership Central East has previously noted a number of existing Community Hubs as potential spaces for greater interconnection with One Croydon and we discussed the necessity of sustaining and strengthening Library Hubs. Asian Resource Centre Croydon's Community Facilitator is the contact to support this within Central East, contact communityhub@arccltd.com.

Community Plans – *(Please see summary of Actions in the table above):*

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 **Wednesday 11th January**, venue TBC.

With warm wishes,

Lynda, Celestina (Co-Chairs) Sarah (CVA) and Andrew (Croydon Council)

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