**Croydon North East, Local Community Partnership**

**30 March 2023 Meeting Notes**

Dear Croydon North East Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people across Crystal Palace South, Upper Norwood, Thornton Heath & South Norwood. Special thanks to our hosts at [﻿​​​﻿About Us | Victory Club South Norwood (thevictoryclub.co.uk)](https://www.thevictoryclub.co.uk/about-us/).

Our partnership event was Chaired by Nicole Godetz and Magdalene Adenaike. For more information on our Co-Chairs see here: [New co-chairs for the Local Community Partnership (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydonnortheast)

Please find a record of our meeting below

**Re-cap on The King's Fund 'Healthy Communities Together'**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.

**His Grace Community Hub in Croydon North East**At our last event
[﻿​﻿​​His Grace Evangelical Outreach – Reaching the Community; Equipping All (hisgrace-evangelicaloutreach.co.uk)](http://www.hisgrace-evangelicaloutreach.co.uk/) was selected to be the first One Croydon Community Hub in the North East. Pastor Bola launched the weekly Community Hub on 21st January, see attached flyer. By the end of March, 96 people had attended the Hub on Tuesdays between 13.00- 16.00 with 99.5% people very satisfied and 0.5% satisfied following their visit. Kenin McKenna, Department of Work and Pensions, is connecting his team with the hub but is managing reduced resources within his team. South London and Maudsley (SLaM) have commissioned BME Forum and Asian Resource Centre Croydon (ARCC) to deliver an MHip programme. As part of this provision, faith leaders will be invited to attend training on mental health and asked to host events with outreach services. BME Forum & ARCC to follow up with His Grace. Contact Pastor Bola on info@hisgrace-evangelicaloutreach.co.uk

**Updates from action groups:**

**Community Spot Light event:** LCP Central West are planning an event on Friday **23rd June**to showcase community strengths at Centrale Shopping Centre. The event co-insides with the London Mayor’s Community Weekend. We hope to have 2 x performance spaces and invite groups to perform. If you would like to have a stall at this spotlight event, we will be sending out application forms shortly with more information.

**Croydon Community Lottery:**CVA is launching a Community Lottery online on **28th April.**The lottery is a chance for constituted groups and charities to raise funds from their supporters. If you'd like to be listed, you'll be asked to complete a simple form, and 60% of lottery ticket revenue will go to your cause. For more information and to register for the launch, see our latest bulletin:
[Be part of the new Croydon Community Lottery (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/croydoncommunitylotterylaunch?e=3794b430c1)

**Community Champions:**isa partnership initiative designed to work with established groups not to replace anything that’s there already. Equally it’s desirable that the work isn't part of traditional establishment organisations. The borough wide action group is coordinating:

* Working in pairs
* DBS Checks
* Other safety/risk elements, (including ID badges)
* What can champions offer residents?
* The ‘Script’
* Recruiting volunteers
* Links with the Police’s Community Safety Team – Safer Neighbourhood Team
* Training for volunteers

**Next Steps** starting with 3 areas, and connecting to existing community hubs, South Croydon, Kenley and Woodside. Celestina from Floating Counselling Support will run a workshop and then short briefing sessions. To get involved contact Ben.Taylor@cvalive.org.uk.

**North East first priority:**

**YOUNG PEOPLE- Survey and engagement feedback**thanks to all partners for your help in creating this online survey:[**Voting (menti.com)**](https://www.menti.com/aln17tqyru3r/0) Feedback attached.

**Ideas for engagement:**St Joseph's and South Norwood Harris Schools- Safer Schools Officer to connect and suggest lunch time surveying. Offering snacks/Prime would be an incentive.

Reaching Higher, PY4E, Mentivity, Crystal Palace holiday clubs.

Scouts and Youth Council may be a good way of working with young people, we ask them to teach us. Media strap. #HAVEYOURVOICE.

**ACTION GROUP:**Jarmila Whiteley (St Christopher's), Pastor Bola (His Grace), Magdalene (Music Relief) and Nicole (NooThinking)

**Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Centre**[Young Croydon | Croydon Council](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/young-croydon) Nicole (Co-Chair) to set up a meeting on best use of this asset for young people.

**'What's On'**notes from previous events and your Community Plan:
[Simply Connect Croydon - Croydon North East Local Community Partnership](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/providers/9ec620c0-abce-11ec-899a-4b46e9c56806/croydon-north-east-local-community-partnership).

[**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 884 listings by 756 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 **Wednesday 14 June 2023** please Book
[here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-community-partnerships-croydon-north-east-tickets-601471265747).

With warm wishes- Nicole, Magdalene, Andrew and Sarah

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