**Local Community Partnership Croydon Central-West locality**

**Wednesday, 8 June 2022**

**Meeting Notes**

Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks to all who joined the 7th session and contributed to the emerging Community Action Plans for the Croydon Central-West locality (which includes the Broad Green, Fairfield, Addiscombe West, Selhurst, Waddon and South Croydon communities) held at Croydon Voluntary Action’s (CVA's) Resource Centre [Venue hire - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/venue-hire/).

This session focused on initiating a 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.

CVA's Resource Centre is a Greater London Authority (GLA) good practice model [London Community Response Hubs | London City Hall](https://www.london.gov.uk/city-hall-blog/london-community-response-hubs) so makes a good place to start in this locality. We will likely need a number of Community Hubs in each locality and are **inviting Expressions of Interest** in the Croydon Central West locality by **17.00 on Monday 4th July 2022** - see attached documents.

**Introducing the role of Co-Chairs**Our Local Community Partnership needs to be locally owned and represented so we will soon be inviting Expressions of Interest from members of the partnership to stand as Co-Chairs in Croydon Central West. We have had some interest and will commence the selection process shortly. Please see attached Role Description and Selection process.

**Hosting a Community Builder**We are currently inviting Expressions of Interest from Voluntary and Community Organisations within Croydon South-West and Croydon North-West to host a Community Builder. More information will be circulated on the appointment of the host soon.

**Community Facilitator**Acting as a bridge between the Voluntary and Community Sector and Health and Social Care, contact James Moore, James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk, when someone needs an assessment or a referral into health and social care services and you don’t know who could help. Equally, James wants to know about your work so he can support Health and Social Care staff to connect people into community support.

**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 with 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 our 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.

We celebrated all the fantastic partnership work that exists in this locality and discussed ways to sustain and grow our activities for the benefit of Croydon Central-West.

***My Ends***, We heard from Anthony King, Chair of the *My Ends* partnership on the challenges in this locality and the fantastic efforts within the community to turn that around. My Ends meets each Friday at CVA's Resource Centre and Anthony invited all to join the discussion and for the Local Community Partnership to join up and connect with the groups, people and key stakeholders meeting weekly on key community issues.

**ACTION:** Sarah and Anthony to arrange a join up meeting with My Ends and the Local Community Partnership Central West

**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:

**Refugee Week**at the Activities Hub in Centrale, see attached flyer

**Croham Road Baptist Church - Renew 52 ‘**It's ok to not be ok' is a group for all ages once a week and has a similar group in Purley, see attached flier.  We also run a lunch club for the over 50s, Life Begins at 52, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Contact Jackie Penistone, jackie.penistone@crohamroadbaptist.co.uk

**St Mathew's in Park Hill** Lunch for older people each Wednesday - chat, activities, talk, seated keep fit. We'd like people to refer to us [St Matthews](https://stmatthew.org.uk/)

**Croham Hurst Good Neighbours** based in the Baptist Church run befriending, DIY, IT support, outings, medication collections. Always need volunteers and referrals. [CHGN — Croham Hurst Good Neighbours](https://www.chgn.co.uk/)

**South Croydon Good Neighbours Scheme**[Good Neighbours Network](https://goodneighbours.org.uk/)

**Croydon Neighbourhood Care Association (CNCA)**membership for groups supporting over 65 years. Run a befriending service for people with complex needs, share information widely including funding opportunities and take new referrals. Contact Kelly Dale, kelly@cnca.org.uk.

**Croydon Neighbourhood Watch**We are a charity aiming to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen. It is about people looking out for each other. Website - [www.cbnwa.com](http://www.cbnwa.com/) Includes downloadable copy of our scams leaflet, copy of Croydon Eye Newsletter, recent email bulletin.

We need more street co-ordinators who are volunteers who work with their neighbours, facilitating sharing of information and forwarding and delivering newsletters and bulletins.

Crime Prevention Day on Saturday 8th October 2022. Contact - email nhw@cbnwa.com telephone 07454573453. Calls and emails are fielded by Natalie Gordon our very part time Office Manager.

**Whitgift Care**Informal talks for over 60s at St Andrew's Church, benefits, support to live independently at Whitgift House, Respite Care at Willamina House in East Croydon, palliative care. Contact Jenny Mayor, JennyMayor@whitgiftcare.co.uk

**Age UK Croydon** Helping older people to be independent, afford to live and (if wanted) to be less lonely. Information and Advice, Housing Support, benefit support, food and heating, befriending, personal safety project and activities in Brigstock Road (Thornton Heath).

**Memory Tree Café** at St Mathew’s Church. Contact Tina Christina.Smith@ageukcroydon.org.uk Joanna Joanna.Raggett@ageukcroydon.org.uk and Ann anne.vigor@ageukcroydon.org.uk

**Therapy Craft group**knitting, upcycling, instruction. Tuesdays 11-13.00 with Age UK Croydon. Contact Marie Brown father1son1@gmail.com

**7UP Tai Chi**Offering taster sessions on the benefits of Tai Chi to organisations. Currently working with Bensham Mannor, Walled garden with Friends of Park Hill and with refugees at CVA’s Activities Hub in Centrale. Contact Matt Yule, 7uptaichi@gmail.com.

**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/>

**Q2. Additional outcomes for older people include:**

* Suitable Housing
* Being able to afford to Heat and Eat
* To be treated as individuals with flexibility to changing situations (e.g. recovery)

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

**Communications group** leaflets/posters/sharing info - Matt Yule and James Moore, Community Facilitator, CVA. Contact - James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk.

**Market place - event planning group**including wellbeing activities, Matt Yule, Jenny Mayor and CVA. Contact - James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk

**Door-knocking group**to include: Neighbourhood Watch, St Christopher’s, Age UK Croydon and CVA. Contact - Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk

**ACTION - Please get in touch if you'd like to join any of these 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-West locality.

So, please save the date for our next quarterly partnership meeting on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**which will be held in person at CVA’s Resource Centre. The programme of events is attached. Please do spread the word and invite others to join the Local Community Partnership in Croydon Central West.

Warm wishes - Sarah and Andrew

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