**Local Community Partnership Croydon Central West**

**Meeting Notes - 19 October 2023**

Dear Croydon Central West Colleagues,

Thanks to all partners and residents for their passion and commitment at the Community Partnership in Croydon Central West. Many thanks to our welcoming host Afi at the Community Cafe on London Road [Home - Advice Support Knowledge Information (aski.org.uk)](https://aski.org.uk/)

Our new in post Co-Chair, Carole Trower [MEET THE NEW CO-CHAIRS - LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, CROYDON CENTRAL WEST (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydoncentralwest-1159957?e=8f0c6abc5c) led community reflections on  violence against women and girls and knife crime in Croydon in the recent aftermath of the murder of 15 year old Elianne Andam.

Our partnership meeting provided a space to come together on what can collectively be done to support our young people and the wider community. We discussed joining up our activities so that we can support one another to reach further.

**Connecting:**

Central West locality webpages Find out 'What's On?' (activities/events in Croydon Central West) notes from previous events and your Community Plan:

[Croydon Central West - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-central-west-local-c/)

[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. There are currently 929 activities by 807 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](mailto:Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk).

We heard from some new members including:

[Duffus Community Foundation (duffusfoundation.org)](https://duffusfoundation.org/) Making A Positive Difference To Young People’s Wellbeing Through Group And 1-2-1 Activities.

[VM Academy (vm-academy.co.uk)](https://www.vm-academy.co.uk/) martial arts based in Surrey Street. We heard from an MMA World Champion Nathan and his colleague Patrick who was first on scene at the recent East Croydon stabbing. Supporting people to self- regulate emotions through discipline, life-skills and resilience.

TLDM Ltd based at [Turf Projects – Croydon's homegrown art space (turf-projects.com)](https://turf-projects.com/) video production activities.

[Penrose Croydon - Social Interest Group - Social Interest Group](https://socialinterestgroup.org.uk/our-services/penrose-croydon/)

Penrose Croydon is a 27-bed residential property specialising in forensic mental health, complex needs and dual diagnosis. We offer a form of housing and resettlement that comes with additional help for individuals’ specific needs.

**New Locality Commissioning Fund (LCF):**

In June 2023, Age UK Croydon (AUKC) and Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA) launched the LCF supported by Croydon Council and Croydon NHS through The Kings Fund 'Healthy Communities Together' programme. Applications were made by 46 lead local organisations for a total amount of £1.7 million. With available funding of only £300,000, many applications were not successful. The funding panel was made up of Local Community Partnerships Co-Chairs and representatives from AUKC and CVA, who considered each shortlisted bid against the criteria, includes:

1. Responding directly to one or more of the priorities identified in their Local Community Partnership’s Local Community Plan

2. Being co-produced, with the project beneficiaries being involved in a continuous process of design, delivery and performance measurement

3. Showing how they will maximise people’s independence and enable them to access support from the community and have better physical & mental health, wellbeing and overall quality of life

**Croydon Central West- Successful initiative:**

'Our Space Community Hub' lead VCO is Disability Croydon. Central and trusted Community Hub sustained and open for increased community activities by and for diverse communities alongside financial, health and well-being support. Partners include: Dignitate (Dementia with a community focus), Royal Mencap  and the Learning Disability Alliance, St Christopher’s Hospice, Bedifferent 365 Foundation (Mother and toddler Club), Soul Purpose 360 (coaching and mentoring black women to active participation in the community), Beats and Eats (Music production and events supporting youth creativity), Clear Community Web, Push N Play (Supporting Neurodiversity), Filipino Family Support, Mouth and Foot (art classes open to all), Turn Around Centre (rehabilitation /probation work with youths).

*James Kelleher, Disability Croydon, was ill so he will present at our next event.*

**SAVE THE DATE- Showcase event!**

Following the recommendation of the funding panel, successful initiatives from across Croydon will be showcased at an event inBraithwaite Halls on **27 November, 10.00- 12.00.** The event will raise the profile of your partnership work and seek to gain further involvement in your initiatives. Commissioners, Councillors, LCP members etc will be attending. Please join us and hear about Croydon's new Localities Commissioning Model and its progressive, new community-led way of working.: To book your place go to CVA Eventbrite [One Croydon Local Community Partnerships Showcase Event](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-croydons-local-community-partnerships-showcase-event-tickets-732843944967?aff=oddtdtcreator)

**Actions:**

* CALAT not got a high uptake of courses in the north of the borough. Norman, Community Builder, to link CALAT into the Age UK Croydon Community Hub on Brigstock Road
* Norman to introduce Sexual Health service to Community Hub
* Croydon Hearing to present at Empowering Tamil Community event
* Croydon Neighbourhood Watch invite to share info. in the newsletters they post to residents. Local Community Partnership and Our Space Community Hub to be promoted in this way
* Communications/social media - Neil at TLDM Ltd and Gifty at Knowledge Practice to start on a comms plan

**Community updates:**

* Trees4Croydon- Community Builders have been supporting an initiative led by Climate Action Croydon. Contact [Chloe.Smith@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:Chloe.Smith@cvalive.org.uk).
* What's your blood type? Looking to identify people with rare blood types to donate blood. Contact [Rheanne.Nelson@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Rheanne.Nelson@nhsbt.nhs.uk)
* Black History Month events at Our Space (have now been held)
* [People for Portland Road](http://www.peopleforportlandroad.org.uk/)
* [Grantway (induct.net)](https://grantway.induct.net/) portal for grants, scholarships and fellowships- recommended by Croydon AlmsHouse.

To keep up to date with activity in Croydon's Voluntary and Community Sector, [**Subscribe**](http://cvalive.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2997e36d9b6764383e6a870fc&id=19ebc20bab) for free, to receive CVA news letters.

Thank you for bringing your experience and passion to input into our Local Community Plans. Save the date **Thursday** **30th November**for our next meeting at Ground Floor Hall, Praise House, 37 Tamworth Road West CR0 1XT. Book [Here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-community-partnerships-croydon-central-west-tickets-603762107717)

Warmest Wishes- Carole, Alison and James

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