**Local Community Partnership Croydon North West**

**22 February 2023 Meeting Notes**

Dear Croydon North West Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people across Norbury, Pollards Hill, West Thornton Heath & Bensham Manor. Special thanks to our hosts at [St Jude with St Aidan, Thornton Heath](https://www.stjudewithstaidan.org/).[﻿​​​​﻿​](https://christchurchpurley.org/)

Our partnership event was Chaired by Paul Voden and Janet Campbell our [New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon North West (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydonnorthwest?e=3794b430c1).

Please find a record of our meeting below.

Apologies from Mayor Perry who will join us at a future LCP event.

**Invite to 'Resetting the relationship between Croydon Council & the VCS'**Cllr Andy Stranack, Cabinet Member for Communities, will report progress on the 'Reset Action Plan' [To Book](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cvsa-resetting-the-relationship-between-croydon-council-the-vcs-tickets-550974729247)

**Updates on One Croydon Locality Operating Model**Re-cap on The King's Fund 'Healthy Communities Together' programme, join up with borough wide strategies and the new Local Commissioning Model. Localities are to be awarded some funds in the first half of 2023, our priority setting and action groups will provide the recommendations for how this funding is best used.

**North West locality webpages** Find out 'What's On?' (activities/events in Croydon North West) notes from previous events and your Community Plan: [Croydon North West - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-north-west-local-com/).

[**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 928 listings by 750 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.

**Community Hub**[**Brigstock Road Community Hub (ageuk.org.uk)**](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/croydon/our-services/brigstock-road-community-hub/) Nasreen and Beena, employed by Asian Resource Centre Croydon are your Community Facilitators (bridging between health and the community) and supporting the weekly hub (drop in on Mondays 10.00- 13.00) in Croydon North West. Contact: nasreen.syeda@arccltd.com and beena.ali@arccltd.com.

**Croydon North West LCP Community Plan ‘Action groups’:**

There were some fantastic suggestions made, the text highlighted in turquoise has been added to the attached Community Plan. If you have any action-related ideas and suggestions that you would like to share please send them to me, Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk.

* **Intergenerational activities:**Need for parent and child groups in welcoming community spaces and activities that celebrate cultural identity e.g. [AYDA Centre | African Youth Development Association](https://www.aydacentre.org/) and [Community Cafe - Advice Support Knowledge Information (aski.org.uk)](https://aski.org.uk/projects/community-cafe/).

*"Roots, know where you're from to embrace the future"*

A People Library (life stories/ skills/experiences) to be taken into schools, once worked up to link with the Croydon Youth Consortium (joined up community offer for schools).

Since Covid care homes in Croydon have stopped providing entertainment. Recommendation to invite entertainment back into care homes. Dawn Richardson, One Croydon Programme Manager, to connect Care Home Worker to Strategic Group.

* **Mental Health & Well Being:**Clear communications and sign posting to Be Well Hubs and what's on offer.

There is fully funded Mental Health First Aid Training available in Croydon. It's for people in the community who can make best use of the training: [Could you be a Mental Health First Aider? | Croydon Council](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health-and-wellbeing/could-you-be-mental-health-first-aider).

* **Street party/Connection:**Suggestion to use the King's Coronation on 6th May to bring people together. Need volunteers, hygiene training and promotion. Neighbourhood Watch will support with insurance.

Creating a paper brochure of 'what's on' to be displayed at supermarkets, shops, police, GP surgeries. Safer Neighbourhood Team (police) joined and interested in information on community support.

Shannon- offered to distribute brochure

* **Community Hub**Challenges incl:

- Opening hours are limited for access (weekends/evenings needed)

- Need private spaces at the hub to be inclusive for activities such as Maureen's hair hygiene

- Satellite hubs- more interconnection needed

- Outreach join up into homes through MDTs, Community Builders and Community Champions

**AOB:**

**Neighbourhood Watch Croydon** February's edition of OUR NEWS [READ THE NEWSLETTER HERE](http://bit.ly/3Y5g4SR)

**Willow 4 Life**[**Home Page - Willow, learning for life (willowlearningforlife.org)**](https://www.willowlearningforlife.org/)want to educate nurses on working with learning disability. Sabrina, Integrated Care Network Lead, fully supportive.

**Learning Disability Alliance and St Christopher's Hospices**are hosting a training day at Our Space (Disability Croydon) on 28th March on Understanding Bereavement & Listening Skills, flyer attached.

**LD Alliance STREET PARADE** promoting Learning disability services and reaching out to the communities to be more inclusive on 1st July at the North End Croydon High Street. Anyone who would like to take part in this please to contact stella.osan@mencap.org.uk or James.moore@cvalive,org.uk.

Many thanks to each of you for your valuable contributions, please spread the word on our Local Community Partnership events and save the date for the next event on **Wednesday 31 May, 10.00- 12.30.**

With warm wishes- Paul, Janet, Andrew and Sarah

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