**Local Community Partnership in Croydon North-East - Notes 21 September 2022**

Dear Croydon North East Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people, groups and teams across the locality (including Crystal Palace South, Upper Norwood, Thornton Heath & South Norwood communities). Additional thanks to our wonderful host Pastor Bola at [﻿﻿﻿​﻿​His Grace Evangelical Outreach – Reaching the Community; Equipping All (hisgrace-evangelicaloutreach.co.uk)](http://www.hisgrace-evangelicaloutreach.co.uk/) and also to Mayor Perry for joining us. Please find a record of our meeting below with actions highlighted.

**Community Plan for Croydon North 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 North 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:

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| **Action Group** | **Suggested Outcome(s) from Community Plan** | **Suggested Action Agreed from Community Plan** | **Who Volunteered to a Deeper Dive** | **By When** |
| **Keeping Active** | People struggling with their mental health will feel healthier and happier through participating in physical activities | * Identify and promote opportunities to keep active such as fitness groups, dance and movement, green spaces/environmental/ conservation/gardening groups etc. | Holy Innocents (Susan).  His Grace (Pastor Bola and Grace).  Police Ward Officers (James Weston MPS). Thornton Heath Community Action Team (Graham) | 30/11/22 |
| **Support Networks for People Later in Life** | People supporting residents who are later in life will have a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the different specialist workers providing support across the locality and who they can go to for assistance. | * Establish a network of Community Builders, Community Connectors, Community Facilitators, Community Partners and Social Prescribing Link Workers who are working with people in later life in this locality | Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA - Aracelly).  Age UK Croydon Personal Independence Co-ordinator (PIC) Manager (Abbi).  Cllr Karen Jewitt | 30/11/22 |
| **Street Champions** | Residents will feel safer, healthier and happier by having regularly ‘face-to-face’ contact with street-based ‘Champions’ who will knock on their doors to ask about their health and well-being | * Building on the work done by Mutual Aid groups during the Covid19 pandemic, Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations and Active Citizens will meet to organise Street Champion networks | Sarah Burns (CVA).  Croydon Mutual Aid.  Croydon Neighbourhood Watch.  Jarmila Whiteley, Community Connector -  [J.Whiteley@stchristophers.org.uk](mailto:J.Whiteley@stchristophers.org.uk)  Age UK Croydon.  His Grace Pastors.  Contact Sarah Burns – [sarah.burns@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:sarah.burns@cvalive.org.uk) – if you would also like to join this Action Group.  Tracey Bellamy, Street Champion Coordinator for Croydon Council, to also be invited to join. | 30/11/22 |
| **Creating and growing opportunities for younger people** | Younger people will feel safer, healthier and happier through creative opportunities such as street art, under 18s night/events, making and recording music, sports, pen-pals across postcodes, experiences outside Croydon | * Healthwatch (Gordon) offer to support LCP with young people surveys, analysis and recommendations and to share recent survey results of 150 local school children * Important that young people lead on activities * Other youth groups working within this locality invited to join e.g. Reaching Higher | Music Relief (Magdalene), Noo Thinking (Nicole),  His Grace (Pastor Bola)  Healthwatch (Gordon)  Reaching Higher | 30/11/22 |
| **Spaces and Places** | There will be more spaces to hold events and run groups available in the locality | * Under used council and police offices to be explored as spaces for activities | Magdalene (Music Relief) to follow up with James Weston (police). | 30/11/22 |

\*\*\*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](mailto: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, Nicole Godetz and Magdalene Adenaike, 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 (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydonnortheast)

**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 North East - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-north-east-local-com/)[﻿﻿​​](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-south-east-local-com/)

**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](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. 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](mailto: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 complete. If you manage volunteers (formally or informally) and would like to meet and learn from others who manage volunteers, our Volunteer Organiser Forum is on the 13th of October. To book your space, follow this link [﻿﻿﻿﻿Volunteer Organiser Forum Tickets, Thu 13 Oct 2022 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteer-organiser-forum-tickets-400625490627)

**Community Hubs**- Many thanks to the groups who've expressed an interest in hosting the first 'One Croydon' Community Hub for the Croydon North-East locality.  The three formal Expressions of Interest for this locality are:

* His Grace
* Holy Innocents
* SocialP/Salvation Army

In order to select the first One Croydon Community Hub we will be inviting you to vote via an online ballot. The ballot will be emailed to all Local Community Partnership members shortly and all residents, groups and organisations are invited to make one vote each (stating a name so that we can avoid duplication).

**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 30th November**, venue TBC.

With warm wishes,

Sarah (CVA) and Andrew (Croydon Council)​

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