**Local Community Partnership Croydon North West – 16 November 2022 Notes**

Dear Croydon North West Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people, groups and teams across the locality (including Norbury, Pollards Hill, West Thornton Heath and Bensham Manor communities). Special thanks to our wonderful host Sanjay Gulati and his team at [Home | Age UK Croydon](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/croydon/).

**Co-Chairs** - I'm delighted to announce our newly appointed Co-Chairs for Croydon North West are Janet Campbell and Paul Voden, [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 The Mayor of Croydon Jason Perry who will attend our next event and also from Andrew Slegg who is currently on carer's leave. 

**Community Hub in Croydon North West** - Following our selection of Age Uk Croydon's Brigstock Road to be the first One Croydon Community Hub in this locality, the hub opened in September and here's a short video of the partners and their activity at the hub: <https://clipchamp.com/watch/aETjoDyWUoE>. The community hub is looking for volunteers, please see attached flyer and contact Beena and Nasreen at [communityhub@arrccltd.com](mailto:communityhub@arrccltd.com) if you can help.

**Community Builder for Croydon North West**- At our last event our partnership selected [ClearCommunityWeb](https://clearcommunityweb.co.uk/" \t "_blank) to host the Community Builder for Croydon North West. One Croydon have asked that we pause on this recruitment whilst they take stock of other roles across the borough. Our partnership is keen to get going and benefit from this role in Croydon North West and our activity will depend upon having this support- Sarah (CVA) and Casper (ClearCommunityWeb) to follow up.

**Community Plan for Croydon North West** - 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 Burns.

**Croydon North West 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 related to the key priority of Later Life:

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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** |
| **Intergenerational activities** | Improved health, well-being and happiness through:  - Being better connected and less isolated  - Having access to a wider range of opportunities  -Having a greater sense of meaning and purpose in life | Incl. 'Human Museums'- coordinate talks and Q&A at schools | Lisa, BME Forum  Abbi, Age UK Croydon  Cllr Kabir, Queen's Community Hall  Community Builder NW | TBC 2023 |
| **Community Fair/showcase** | Being better connected and less isolated    Having a greater sense of meaning and purpose in life    Having access to a wider range of opportunities through better funding | Themed events e.g. Cost of Living\*  Local groups to network and invite volunteers into community life and activity.  Street location ideal to invite greater connection from all  Mental Health First Aiders linked to community events | LCP members  Community Builder NW  Rachel- Public Health  Mental Health First Aiders | TBC 2023 |
| **Community Champions- incl. Death Literacy** Mutual Aid/Door-knocking project | Extending existing community connection | On a street-by-street basis, VCS workers and Active Citizens offer direct, door-step support to fellow residents living in their neighbourhood, connecting people, safely and sensitively into local support (such as grief relief), establishing trust and strengthening compassionate communities. (See Heating and Eating) | St Christopher's  Mutual Aid Croydon  CVA  Floating Counselling Support  Age UK Croydon  Neighbourhood Watch | Feb. 2023 |

\*Please find attached the Cost-of-Living Toolkit and a Cost-of-Living event guide put together by Reed in Partnership

\*\*\*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. 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 Burns. 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. **\*\*\***

**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 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** - 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 [*register*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu)*and our team of volunteers will do the rest.*

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 22nd February 2023** venue TBC,  [Book here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-community-partnerships-croydon-north-west-tickets-477368039657%C2%A0).

With warm wishes-Sarah

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