

Community Organising update in Old Oak, White City & Wormholt and Fulham by Community Organiser, Sharon Tomlin

The work of community organising has contributed to local residents, organisations and businesses to work together to create social change locally.

The update (see below) shows residents and organisations highlighting local needs through determining major issues and emerging themes that have led to residents identifying needs to tackle. For many residents working through systems and processes have led to change through development that have come through understanding local needs. This has contributed towards the drive to grapple with systems and structures to create long lasting change.

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Thank you
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Community Organising in Old Oak, White City & Wormholt



Listenings: Sept 21 – Nov 21	Issues / Themes	Impact
Conducted 66 individual listenings across Old Oak, White City & Wormholt and Fulham	Main Issues: – Social housing issues – repairs and overcrowding – Afghan refugees: activities for physical wellbeing –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents felt listened too • Residents felt more confident to better able to frame their concerns to supporting organisations • GLL willing to discuss funding support for Afghan refugees
Conducted 2 group listenings totalling 31 people across Old Oak, White City & Wormholt	Residents Association (RA) formation and development in Old Oak: – Work with residents to set up Residents Association in Old Oak. Supported drafting constitution and connecting the group to Peabody Trust. In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents felt confident to commit to forming the RA • Collective drafting of the constitution provided a sense of ownership • Residents have raised and committed to addressing local issues
Demographic (population mainly): – Somali – White British – African Caribbean – White Italian	Steering Group formation and development in Old Oak Community Centre to set up and develop in Old Oak Residents negotiated with the Community Centre to have access on Sundays (Sharon & Nigel)	Residents committed to developing the Steering Group and to work with providers
Demographic (main orgs & groups): – Peabody Trust (Old Oak) – For Brian – We Coproduce – Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum – Grand Union Alliance – Bassuah Legacy – Young Hammersmith & Fulham Foundation (YHFF) – Masbro Elders Group	For Brian: work together using principles of coproduction to support development of activities that are dementia friendly in Old Oak. Addressing isolation and loneliness experienced by people living with dementia	For Brian: has supported in connecting residents and organisations that have extended reach into the neighbourhood. Residents continue to be engaged in a range of social activities that have created and built local relationships

Community Organising in Fulham



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<p>Demographic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local small groups and charitable organisations - Local businesses 	<p>Young People & Families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with relationship building with the police, residents, neighbourhood and organisations (with PAN - Community Connect) 	<p>Young people wish to participate in processes that will address health and wellbeing - signposting to Young Hammersmith & Fulham Foundation</p>
<p>Conducted 1 group listenings 25 people in attendance</p>	<p>Dementia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linked local businesses to training to become Dementia Friend (Sharon & Peggy) 	<p>Local Mcdonalds and Barclays Bank have connected with Sobus. and have agreed to discuss training to become a Dementia Friend (liaised with Peggy Coles of DAA)</p>
<p>Demographic (main orgs & groups):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Minaret Community Centre - People Arise Now (PAN) - Doctor Edwards Bishop Kings - North End Road Action Group - Bassuah Legacy - We Coproduce - Young Hammersmith & Fulham Foundation 	<p>Ethnic minoritised women expressed living and dealing with challenges not addressed by systems such as health, housing and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased confidence of ethnic minoritised women to address local issues and concerns. • Increased engagement with regulatory bodies