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Hackney's Community Empowerment Network Guide for Hackney's Councillors



Find out how Hackney's communities can influence local services

Hackney's Community Empowerment Network or CEN provides the local voluntary and community sector with an opportunity to influence decisions on local policy and services.

This booklet provides information on the CEN and how you can work with our community representatives and networks on issues from children's services to tackling crime and unemployment.



CEN influence

CEN representatives

CEN networks

How do I get involved in the CEN?

- 1. Become a network champion!**
We are looking for councillors to champion the valuable work of Hackney's community networks
- 2. Come and speak to us -**
we can exchange information about the VCS groups working in your Ward, or with your community, and how we can help support their work – perhaps with funding advice, or training, or speaking to them about how to develop their organisation
- 3. Let us know if you have an area of interest that relates to one of the networks, or an area of work of the CEN and we will include you in our mailings and meetings**
- 4. Help us take forward some of the concerns which VCS groups raise on behalf of the local community to the Council forums you attend.**

Want to find out more about the CEN?

Call Andrea Enisuoh on 020 7923 1962 or email andrea@hcv.org.uk or visit www.hackneycen.org.uk



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About the community network, the area they work in and who to contact to find out more		
<p>African Women's Network: VCS groups working with local African women: Domestic violence and female circumcision Janet Murungi ✉: janetbake@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Educators Forum ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Network: VCS providers of ESOL Sermin Aksoy ✉: serminbayer@hotmail.co.uk</p>	<p>Hackney Vietnamese Refugees Network Issues in the Vietnamese community: drugs, alcohol and domestic violence Gac Nguyen ✉: vietnamlaocambodia@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>Black & Ethnic Minority Arts (BEMA): BME and Asian arts organisations. Ngoma Bishop ✉: bemaadmin@hcv.org.uk</p>	<p>Hackney Advice Forum: VCS and independent information and advice agencies Cathy Murphy ✉: cathyjm1234@aol.com</p>	<p>Hackney Women's Forum: Women's equality and well being: domestic violence Dr. Nazima Osman ✉: hackneywomenforum@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>BEMWG (Black and Ethnic Minority Working Group): Health within Hackney's BME communities Aliya El Agib ✉: post@bemwg.org.uk</p>	<p>Hackney African Forum: Health and social care: HIV / AIDS, drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, teenage pregnancy Baltazer Mutuli ✉: hafricanforum1@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p>Interlink Bridging & Bonding Network: Charedi or Orthodox Jewish service providers Melanie Danan: ✉: melanie@interlink-foundation.org.uk</p>
<p>CORE Children and Young People's Providers Forum: VCS groups working with children and young people Kristine Wellington ✉: kristine@hcv.org.uk</p>	<p>Hackney Council for Older People: Advocacy for older people Kaluba Chitumbo ✉: cfop@cfophackney.org.uk</p>	<p>OPEN Dalston: Influencing planning and building development in Dalston Marie Murray ✉: mlmurray@blueyonder.co.uk</p>
<p>City & Hackney Health & Social Care Forum (HSCF): VCS providers of health and social care in City and Hackney. Includes: • Disability Special Interest Group (SIG) • Drug and Alcohol Services Network • Learning Difficulties SIG • Mental Health SIG • Older People's SIG. Jackie Brett ✉: hscf@hcv.org.uk</p>	<p>Hackney Francophone Organisations Network: Largely Congolese: youth crime, worklessness, ESOL, mental health and parents' involvement in schools Lombe Mwamba ✉: hfrancophoneorganisation@yahoo.com</p>	<p>CORE Safer Young Hackney Network: VCS organisations tackling youth crime Gary Francis ✉: gary@hcv.org.uk</p>
<p>City & Hackney Older People's Reference Group: provides a voice for older people David Holland ✉: DavidHolland@ageukhackney.org.uk</p>	<p>Hackney LINK: Involving local people in how healthcare is delivered Liz Hughes ✉: liz@hackneylink.org.uk</p>	<p>Sustainable Hackney: Combines Hackney Environment Forum and Network and ecoactive, a local e-network Kathryn Johnson ✉: KathrynJohnson@blueyonder.co.uk</p>
<p>Community Engagement Board: For local people to have their say on policing issues Sheila Suso-Runge ✉: s.suso-runge@arts.ac.uk</p>	<p>Hackney Parks Forum: Park user groups and other environmentally based groups Amy Erickson ✉: amy Erickson@blueyonder.co.uk</p>	<p>Youth Provider Networks: bring together youth groups working in the following four neighbourhoods in Hackney • Homerton: Gabin Sinclair ✉: gabin@rising-tide.co.uk • North East: Simon Donovan ✉: simon.donovan@hackneyhomes.org.uk • Shoreditch: Gail Mistin ✉: gail@skyway.uk.com • Stoke Newington: Ida Scoullos ✉: ida@scoullos.wanadoo.co.uk</p>
<p>Disability Backup: User forum for local people with disabilities to influence local services ✉: hackneydisabilitybackup@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hackney Refugee Forum: VCS refugee and migrant groups: Migrant Strategy, Olympics 2012 jobs, ESOL, health Ali Aksoy ✉: ali@hcv.org.uk</p>	
<p>CORE Economic Development Network: VCS organisations providing training and employment services Judy Harris ✉: judy@hcv.org.uk</p>	<p>Hackney Unites: Faith, community and trade union groups to challenge social exclusion and promote social justice John Page ✉: info@hackneyunites.org.uk</p>	<p>If you know of a community network in Hackney, which should be listed here - please contact Andrea Enisuoh on 020 7923 1962 or email andrea@hcv.org.uk</p>

As a key partner in Team Hackney, the Community Empowerment Network or CEN enables Hackney's voluntary and community sector to shape local services and policies, such as the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy. Hundreds of local voluntary and community sector organisations are represented through the CEN.

More than 30 community representatives or reps have been recruited from the sector to use their specialist knowledge to represent the sector at Team Hackney meetings.

CEN reps work in organisations which deliver large areas of Team Hackney's programme including some of the most challenging work in the borough. Work in which the VCS specialises.

More than 25 forums or networks of voluntary and community sector organisations many of them recruit CEN reps. Community networks bring together organisations who work on a similar issue or for a particular community.

CEN reps gather information from members to raise at Team Hackney meetings and return with information for the sector.

Networks which relate directly to Team Hackney Partnership Boards and sub groups are shown here and on pages 6 and 7. Community networks whose work cuts across these themes are listed on the back page.

Team Hackney is Hackney's local strategic partnership where decisions on policy and spending are made. It brings together key people in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

The CEN is hosted by Hackney CVS (Hackney Council for Voluntary Service).

Below and on pages 6 and 7, CEN reps and networks are organised into the six thematic areas of work in Team Hackney. CEN reps are listed with the VCS organisation they belong to and

the area of work they specialise in.

Networks which support CEN reps within these thematic areas are also listed. A full list is on the back page.

Better Homes Partnership Board



Simon Hughes,
St Mungo's

Housing Management sub group



Les Moore,
East London Food Access

Investment sub group



Wayne Hincks

Children's Trust Board



Nathan Singleton*,
Lifeline
CYPF Chair



Toebe Potash*,
Lubavitch Youth

Children and Young People's Stakeholders Forum



David Blagbrough,
Inspire! The Education Business Partnership for Hackney



Jo Carter,
Immediate Theatre



Taylan Sahbaz,
Day-Mer

Children and Young People's Providers Forum (CYPF)

supports these reps to raise issues from Hackney organisations working with children and young people at Children's Trust Board and Children and Young People's Stakeholders Forum.

Contact: Kristine Wellington
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☎: 020 7923 1962

* Nathan and Toebe also attend the Children & Young People's Stakeholders Forum

CEN: Extra areas of CEN influence

Through the HSCF, the CEN supports reps who sit on Hackney Council's Commissioning for Personalisation Partnership Board and Adult Social Care Service Reviews.

These reps work to ensure VCS providers of social care to adults are included in the changes to adult social care services. These reps are listed below.

City & Hackney Health & Social Care Forum (HSCF)
Jackie Brett ☎: 020 7923 1962 ✉: hscf@hcv.org.uk

Commissioning for Personalisation Partnership Board, Hackney Council



Jackie Brett,
HSCF / Hackney CVS



Jake Ferguson,
Hackney CVS



Mary Cannon,
Hackney Marsh Partnership

Adult Social Care Service Reviews Hackney Council

Learning Disabilities Service Review

Picture to follow

Paula Gent,
St Mary's Garden

Mental Health Service Review

Picture to follow



Jack Shieh,
VMHS*

Jose Martin,
Talking Matters



Krishna Maharaj,
City & Hackney Mind



Nursel Tas,
Derman



Paul Monks,
Core Arts

Older People & Carers Service

Vacancy

Vacancy



The CEN works hard to influence key local policies, including the Local Area Agreement, which sets out what the key agencies in Team Hackney will target its spending on for the next three years.

By hosting events, liaising with local VCS networks and leaders, and campaigning for change often in partnership with the public sector, the CEN has achieved much for Hackney's communities.

Below is a snapshot of CEN achievements:

- Adult Social Care:** Our Health & Social Care Forum and reps have worked hard to ensure the VCS has a role in the Transformation of adult social care
- Assessing the impact of budget cuts:** Following a meeting organised by Hackney's CEN, five principles were agreed which will drive forward partnership working across the borough
- Domestic violence:** CEN reps brought recommendations from four studies on domestic violence (DV) and violence against women (VAW) to highlight issues and gaps in service for different communities in Hackney
- Economic Development** Economic Development Network has been working with prime contractors for the Single Work Programme to look at involving small and local community providers
- Environment issues:** Hackney's environment networks and reps have brought environmental issues to prominence at Team Hackney
- Community networks:** We have secured a second grants programme to support local community networks with small development grants
- Young People** - Our children and youth crime networks and reps have played an integral role in the development of Young Hackney, which brings the VCS, Youth Offending Team, Youth

* Vietnamese Mental Health Services (VMHS)

Thriving Healthy Partnership Board



Mary Cannon,
Hackney Marsh Partnership (HMP)



Nazima Osman,
Black & Ethnic Minority Working Group (BEMWG)

Active & Vibrant Communities sub group



Aliya El Agib,
BEMWG



Mary Cannon,
Hackney Marsh Partnership

Choosing Health Implementation Group



Aliya El Agib,
BEMWG



Mary Cannon,
Hackney Marsh Partnership

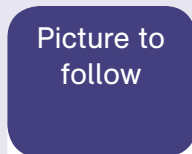
Disability Partnership Board



Caroline Nelson,
Choice in Hackney

The Disability Special Interest Group (SIG) supports these reps. This is part of City & Hackney Health & Social Care Forum (HSCF). More opposite and on back page.

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board



Picture to follow
Paula Gent,
St Mary's Garden



Sade Kurr,
HILT

The Learning Difficulties SIG, part of HSCF, supports these reps. More opposite and on back page.

Local Implementation Team (LIT - Mental Health sub board)



Jose Martin,
Talking Matters



Krishna Maharaj,
City & Hackney Mind

The Mental Health SIG, part of HSCF, supports these reps. More opposite and on back page.

Older Peoples Partnership Board



Olexandra Stepaniuk,
Age Concern Hackney

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The Older People's SIG, part of HSCF, supports these reps. More on this opposite and on back page.

Two CEN community networks funded by NHS City and Hackney, support these reps and relate to the Thriving Healthy Partnership Board.

City & Hackney Health & Social Care Forum (HSCF), includes the SIGs left and Drug & Alcohol Services Network.

Contact: Jackie Brett
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Black and Ethnic Minority Working Group (BEMWG)
Contact: Aliya El Agib
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✉: post@bemwg.org.uk

Economic Development Partnership



Avril McIntyre,
Lifeline



David Blagbrough,
Inspire! The Education Business Partnership for Hackney Interim & EDN Chair

The Economic Development Network (EDN) supports these reps to raise issues from Hackney organisations working to help people into training and employment at the Economic Development Partnership Board.

Contact: Judy Harris
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Safer Cleaner Partnership Board



Jake Ferguson,
Hackney CVS Plus Team
Hackney Board, Compact



Janette Collins,
The Crib
Interim CEN rep



Gary Francis,
Hackney CVS
Interim CEN rep

Domestic Violence sub group

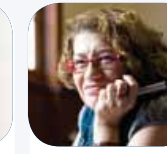
Interim reps, *Diana & Janet repshare



Diana Chituku*,
Zenith Women Assoc.



Janet Murungi*,
Rise Community Action



Feride Baycan,
Imece

African Women's Network & Hackney Women's Forum support these reps. See back page.

Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) sub group



Patricia Salt,
City & Hackney Alcohol Service

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The Drug & Alcohol Services Network supports these reps. See back page.

Anti Social Behaviour & Respect sub group



Ergel Hassan,
YOH

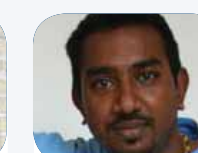


Steve Curtis,
CityZEN

Safer Young Hackney sub group



Gary Francis,
Hackney CVS



Dave Ramdial,
Hold it Down

The Safer Young Hackney Network supports these reps. See back page.

Sustainable Environment Partnership Board



Anna O'Brien
HEN



David Rees
HEN



Kathryn Johnson
HEN

Vacancy

Vacancy

Sustainable Hackney supports these reps. This the CEN community network that relates to Team Hackney's Sustainable Environment Partnership Board.
Contact: Kathryn Johnson
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Mary Cannon, Hackney Marsh Partnership: CEN chair, Team Hackney Board, Thriving Healthy P.ship Board and a number of sub groups, Compact

This diagram is subject to change

Where does the CEN fit?

Team Hackney is Hackney's local strategic partnership where decisions on policy and spending are made. It brings together key people in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

Hackney Community Empowerment Network, its reps and networks are a key part of this partnership.

Here is a diagram showing all the different community networks and Team Hackney Partnership Boards and sub groups.

This chart is constantly being refreshed as new vacancies or groups become available. If you would like to contact the CEN about the latest Team Hackney boards or VCS networks then please contact andrea@hcvs.org.uk

For more information on this, contact [Andrea Enisuh](mailto:Andrea.Enisuh@hackney.gov.uk) on 020 7923 8184 or email andrea@hcvs.org.uk

