



Stronger Voices Aims and Objectives

Aim 1, Strengthen local civil society organisations in North Kensington through collaboration, shared learning and informed decision-making.

To achieve this we will:

1. Develop the Grenfell Network Group (GNG) into the North Kensington United Network. Increasing and diversifying its membership ensuring effective representation of the community. We aim to have 150 active members and more over the lifetime of the project.
2. Extend the scope of coordinated meetings, stimulating informed, facilitated debates on a new social contract between community and council and to engage with local decision makers through articulating needs and be an effective voice in the recovery of North Kensington. We seek to run a minimum of four network meetings a year and facilitate online discussions.
3. Use the Network as a vehicle to aid closer collaboration and shared learning, through KCSC's organisation development team facilitate and enable ideas for joint work/activities to tackle local issues. We seek to deliver 2 joint pieces of work a year.

Aim 2, Improve active participation in the newly emerging local democratic processes by enhancing skills and knowledge in the voluntary and community sector as well as the social action sphere and cascade this learning into the wider community.

To achieve this we will:

1. Draw on active members of The North Kensington United Network to co-design the training and development programme.
2. Recruit from the network a cohort of 8 member organisations each year to participate in the programme, each nominating two people to undertake the training and development necessary to facilitate voice and empowerment sessions.
3. Assist each cohort to identify their own strengths and support needs and provide development support to ensure they become effective facilitators. Training will include Action Learning Sets.
4. Support each cohort to engage and influence relevant people and structures such as councillors, council meetings, Health and Wellbeing Board, Voluntary Organisation Forums and Borough Voluntary Organisation Advisory Group.
5. Target 30 residents from the proposed Citizens Panel and 6 from new Resident Associations to participate.

Conversation Cafés

Each participating organisation will engage 10-15 local residents/ service users in stimulating conversations about their community aimed at getting a better understanding of need, opportunities and how to utilise local assets.

Conversation Cafés will lead to **Pop-Up-Democracies** which will become established to bring more of the local community together based on specific themes to address, utilising vacant spaces such as empty shop fronts, libraries etc. Ideas can be prioritised and KCSC will support each organisation to work with residents to agree actions to take forward.

The programme will incentivise participation by covering the financial cost of participating organisations and run an annual Democracy award ceremony.

Aim 3: Provide a platform for collaboration and reduction of conflict due to competing priorities between new and existing organisations.

To achieve this we will:

1. Provide advice, be a sounding board and make appropriate referrals to other agencies, creating local links and connections building on the work started through our community development programme.
2. Provide resources and limited administrative support for social action activities.