

Protecting our community assets

News that Terrence Higgins Trust has put the much loved London Lighthouse in Ladbroke Grove up for sale, has caused a great deal of concern among local people and organisations.

High property values across the borough mean there is a real lack of affordable space for community events and office space for local organisations.

Community centres form part of the fabric of a healthy society. People need non-commercial places to gather, socialise, meet and receive services. This is especially true for vulnerable groups, and for many years the Lighthouse has provided a safe space for various informal groups, as well as local people with HIV for whom the centre was established. It has also provided much-needed affordable office space and meeting space for local charities.

The Social Council has nominated Lighthouse as an asset of community value, so community groups now have until the end of February 2014 to work up plans to purchase it.

Our 'right' to do this was enshrined under 'localism'



London Lighthouse – up for sale

legislation which included the 'Right to Bid'. This enables us to nominate a building as an 'Asset of Community Value'. Once agreed by the Council, if any registered building is put up for sale, there is a pause of six months during which community groups are given time to acquire funding and put together a business plan to buy the building. There are no guarantees that the bid will be successful, but it does give the community group a better chance of competing against other bidders such as property developers.

A key tenant of thinking behind localism is that communities should exercise

greater control through such things as management or ownership of community assets.

We must work together to lobby the Council to give us ownership or management of assets it currently holds, such as Canalside House in Golborne. There are successful models of this around the country, and we believe that a community-based organisation such as the Social Council, or a local partnership, would be better placed than the Council to support and develop charities.

For more about the history of London Lighthouse see page 3.

For more on the Right to Bid visit;

www.mycommunityrights.org.uk

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works to support locally focused
voluntary and community
organisations serving local residents.

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necessarily those of KCSC.

1973 Remembered – A celebration of Notting Hill Carnival

Local residents, councillors and workers across North Kensington have congregated on Portobello Green to mark the 40th anniversary of Notting Hill Carnival, with an evening of music, dancing and traditional Caribbean cuisine.

They were joined by dignitaries from several Caribbean High Commissions, as well as some of the original pioneers of the modern Carnival, Leslie Palmer and Anthony Perry.

Anthony Perry was the director of the North Kensington Amenity Trust (forerunner of Westway Development Trust), who in 1973 wanted to reignite the West Indian Community tradition of August Bank Holiday street celebrations that had dwindled since their origin in the area in 1965.

He enlisted the help of local resident – and carnival lover – Leslie Palmer, who brought his ideas, enthusiasm and West Indian heritage to help turn the carnival into the celebration that it is today.

An estimated 1 million people visit carnival each year, taking in the vibrant floats, the traditional steel bands, and the homemade Caribbean food that have turned this annual event into the biggest street festival of its kind in Europe.



Notting Hill Carnival

Active for Life

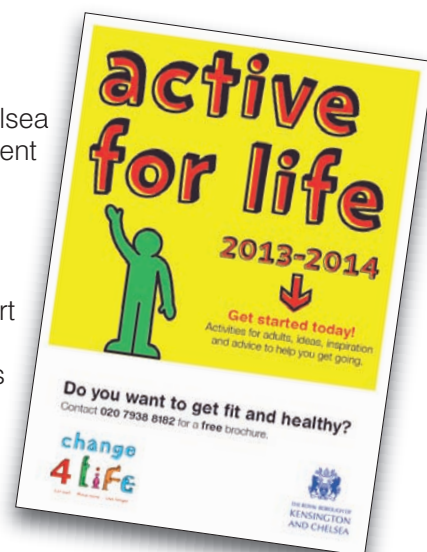
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) Leisure Services' Sports Development Team provides a wide variety of sport and physical activity opportunities for RBKC residents at venues across the borough.

In Kensington and Chelsea, there are many opportunities for residents to take part in sport and physical activity. RBKC sports development team offer many programmes via;

- **Active for Life programme**
- **REACH sessions**
- **Everyday Sport (inclusive to RBKC staff)**
- **Health professional referral schemes (GP referrals)**

The Active for Life programme includes 72 sessions in 16 venues across the borough including five health walks that take place at various locations. The Sports Development Team is directly responsible for managing 30 of these sessions.

If you would like a copy of this free booklet please contact Leisure Services on **020 7938 8182**. Or alternatively email sportandleisure@rbkc.gov.uk



Celebrate Black History at Venture Community Centre

The film evening: every Friday in October from 6.30pm

Black History Month is an annual celebration of black history, past struggle and culture. It takes place each year in October.

This year the Venture Community Centre in Golborne will be hosting a series of film evenings for you to enjoy such as PROUD and PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

This is a free event with free popcorn and drink.

If there is a film that you would like us to see why not let the Venture Centre know. www.venturecentre.org.uk



Classically British 2013

23 - 24 October

The Portobello Dance School are holding their annual Classically British event as part of the Black History Season. Now in its 11th year, Classically British is organised by Mark Eli, the Artistic Director of the dance school, a charity which has been operating for 21 years.

The event is for local school children and adults that may not otherwise get a chance to watch ethnic minority ballet dancers. It is an opportunity for children from ethnic minority backgrounds to have dance role models to look up to and interact with. There will also be a photo exhibition showcasing and celebrating the history of Black British ballet dancers.

Find out more about the event by visiting: www.portobellodance.org.uk

LONDON LIGHTHOUSE

London Lighthouse in Lancaster Road is up for sale. It has a history of serving local residents and communities. We want to maintain it as an asset of community value.

1930 Bayswater Jewish School relocates to its new home in Lancaster Rd from its original site in Harrow Rd, later to become Solomon Wolfson School.

1981 School relocates to Kenton and building falls into disuse.

1985 AIDS epidemic reaches London, and inspired by facilities in San Francisco and New York, a fundraising campaign is established for a local HIV/AIDS treatment centre.

1988 HRH Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, opens London Lighthouse. The Lighthouse becomes an internationally renowned centre of excellence in HIV treatment and a favourite charity of Diana Princess of Wales, who visits regularly.

2000 London Lighthouse merges with Terrence Higgins Trust (THT).

2000s As needs of people with HIV change, THT starts to rent out rooms for community use and charity office space.

2000-11 The Lighthouse Garden wins multiple awards including RHS Britain in Bloom and Brighter Kensington & Chelsea; the Lighthouse wins several awards for volunteering and civic service.

2006 Kensington & Chelsea Social Council relocates to the Lighthouse from Kensington Church Street.

June 2013 KCSC nominates the Lighthouse as an Asset of Community Value.

July 2013 THT announces intention its to sell.

Sep 2013 RBKC Council confirms registration as Asset of Community Value, triggering six-month pause in the sale.

Feb 2014 The Lighthouse can be sold on the open market.

Innovation - Just a

Innovation is not about having ideas, it is about having

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea launched its new 'Innovation Fund' last year with a further round of funding this summer. The idea has been to encourage the sector to find new creative ways to deliver services and develop more sustainable funding models.

The local NHS has also provided 'Innovation Grants' and the term has been used by other funders such as Esmeé Fairbairn and Nesta.

So do we need to put more thought into being innovative?

The voluntary and community sector has a long proven history of testing new ideas and adapting to changes in the external environment. Organisations regularly develop new methods and ways of working to address ever changing need and many will consider themselves as already being innovative.

By being close to communities, voluntary organisations are well placed to meet new problems with a suitable response and we are not bound by the red tape that can sometime inhibit public sector services.

But it is also important to recognise that the sector delivers many services that may have once been new ideas but are now tried and tested. These methods survive because they deliver. So is innovation always necessary?

Perhaps what we should focus on is making sure we develop cultures that allow innovation to happen where appropriate but at the same time recognise that we don't always need to be innovating for the sake of it.

It is clear, however, that the current changing environment (including the pressure from funders to do more for less) does require us to reassess, be enterprising and consider if there might be better or more sustainable ways of working. Having the ability to innovate certainly can help an organisation become stronger and more able to withstand volatile economic times.

So how can you encourage innovation in your organisation? Here are some top tips:

- 1** Make sure everyone working on a project feels involved and that their contribution counts
- 2** Encourage staff to put forward their own ideas and use their creativity



- 3** Give staff some autonomy and freedom to act (within appropriate boundaries)
- 4** Encourage a trusting, supportive culture so that staff can explore, debate and question ideas comfortably
- 5** Allow some time on a project to reflect and explore new ideas that might pop up
- 6** As well as creating a culture of hard work make sure there is also a sense of fun as this will help creative juices to flow
- 7** Be comfortable with some level of risk taking. Remember launching new ideas that are untested will involve an element of risk.

This article was written with help from NCVOs guide 'Innovation Matters'. To download the guide visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/innovation

another buzzword?

the ideas that you need and making them happen. **NCVO**



Spotlight on: ClementJames Centre

ClementJames is an award-winning charity based in North Kensington. They have developed a reputation for creating and developing innovative programmes in the areas of education, employment and pastoral support. We spoke to Alex Hanratty, Deputy Chief Executive, about what makes them an innovative organisation.

Can you give an example of a recent piece of work you would describe as innovative?

We have recently started facilitating Business Engagement Days between the long-term unemployed and corporates as part of our IntoWork programme supporting the long-term unemployed.

During a typical Business Engagement Day participants are supported to work through a challenge

that will help prepare them for work. The days are overseen by ClementJames staff and take place at the ClementJames Centre.

We piloted the Business Engagement Days with Peter Jones and Lloyds Bank during which our clients gained many of the benefits of a traditional work experience placement including receiving a reference, and the corporates benefited from professional development.

We are now seeking to develop this programme to the majority of our IntoWork clients by working with a range of different corporates.

What is it about the culture of your organisation that helps foster innovation?

We evaluate every activity in order to reflect, think of new ideas and develop our programmes. Our attitude is to think ahead and to consider ways to expand or develop what we do according to the needs of our users.

We are also well established in the heart of the local area and regularly consult with our users, funders and other stakeholders which helps us to understand the needs within the local community.

This understanding helps us to see gaps in provision, have open discussions with our user group and give us the drive to think of creative solutions to meet local need.

We also involve all staff and trustees in generating ideas and encourage ownership. Each year we hold a strategic Vision Day where staff and trustees look at future development.

How would you describe your attitude to taking risks?

It's important and healthy to take risks as it drives an organisation forward – but it's also important to make collaborative decisions, consult stakeholders and take a considered approach.



Business Engagement Day at ClementJames

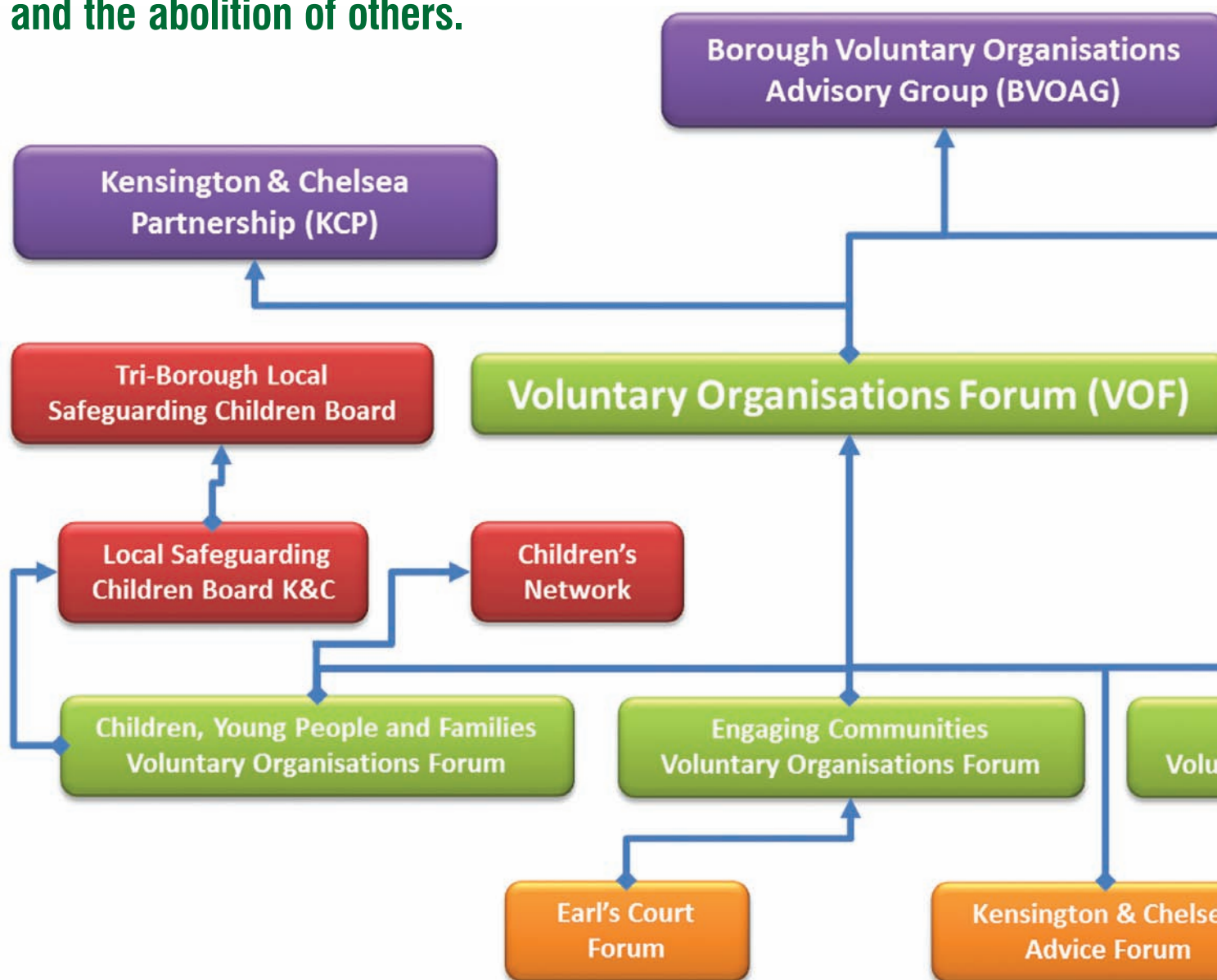
Find out more about the ClementJames Centre at www.clementjames.org

How the voluntary sector i

Since the new government came into power back in 2010, a number of important policy changes have occurred which have led to the introduction of some strategic partnerships and the abolition of others.

In 2010, the government announced the end of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). They wanted to increase local authority accountability, and it was felt that the system of reporting to central government on the progress of hundreds of local targets was overly bureaucratic. It also did very little to connect communities with their local authority.

The local strategic partnership (which produced the CAA) provided the opportunity for statutory partners from across the council, NHS, police and fire services to sit



The diagram on this page shows how the voluntary sector in Kensington and Chelsea, through its networks and forums, works to influence local decision making.

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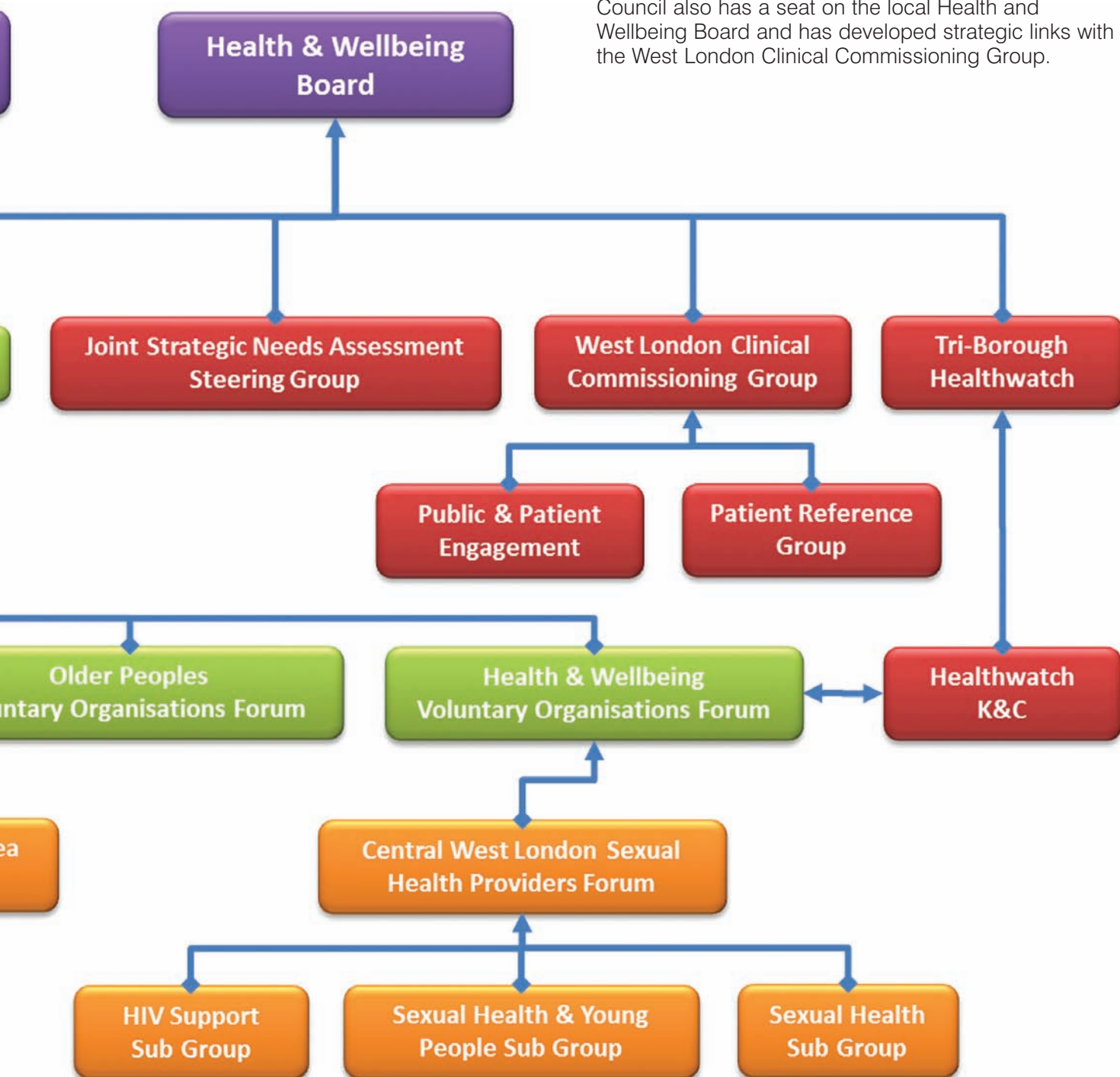
alongside colleagues from the voluntary and community sector to address community issues and identify priorities. However, the government also called time on this partnership, stating localism as the key driver giving the power to communities to decide what is best for their own local area.

Kensington and Chelsea Partnership (KCP) has continued to be active despite all the government changes, and the introduction of the Local Health and Wellbeing board and Clinical Commissioning Groups

have further strengthened this. Yet it is widely recognised that the partnership is no longer a requirement of central government, and it has lost the valued commitment of partners that it once had.

The voluntary sector is still an important partner of the statutory sector, and this will not necessarily be lost if the KCP ceases to exist.

Representatives from the voluntary sector still meet on a bi-monthly basis with RBKC Councilors and senior officers at the Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group (a local authority committee meeting). The Social Council also has a seat on the local Health and Wellbeing Board and has developed strategic links with the West London Clinical Commissioning Group.





Spotlight on Councillor Hargreaves

Cllr Gerard Hargreaves is in his first term as the Royal Borough's Ward Councillor for Cremorne. He was appointed as a Cabinet Member for Voluntary Organisations and Resident Engagement in May 2013. Link spoke to him about his past experience and thoughts on the future of the voluntary sector.

How did you get involved in local politics?

I have been active in politics since my University days. I strongly believe in getting involved in contributing to local life, something I must have inherited from my parents who were also active. This is my first term as a Ward Councillor which gives me the chance to have a real impact in the borough in which I live.

So, how are you finding it so far?

I have tried hard to build relations with local resident and voluntary organisations and it therefore gave me particular pleasure to be appointed Cabinet Member for Voluntary Organisations and Resident Engagement in May this year. It's early days, but I am enjoying meeting so many people who do great work in a variety of voluntary organisations across the borough.

Have you always had an involvement with voluntary organisations?

Yes. Since a very early age I have been involved with the Scouts and I have volunteered with Samaritans for 20 years for whom I have also been a Director and I was a Trustee of the national charity.

I learnt a lot about leading a volunteer workforce and the importance of developing sound governance structures to support the work of charities.

Over the years, I have also been a Trustee and served on the Board of a number of smaller community based charities and I have recently served on the Partnership Panel for Chelsea Theatre. I am also a Church Warden at my local church.

I hope to bring my experience as a volunteer, advocate and decision maker within the voluntary sector to my current role.

What involvement will you have with the voluntary sector in your new role?

I'm the decision-maker on the Corporate Grants Scheme and lead the council's City Living, Local Life initiative which a number of local groups are making good use of.

I take a keen interest in the grants programme, how organisations are doing and the impact they make to the communities we all serve and look forward to visiting a number of funded groups over the coming months.

I am also the chairman of the Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group, an important advisory group which brings together relevant Cabinet Members with elected representatives of the local third sector to look at strategic developments affecting both sectors and issues of mutual benefit.

I take the relationship between the council and third sector seriously and value the Kensington and Chelsea Compact as a way to guide these relationships. I'm a Compact Champion so it's my job to promote it! For further information and to sign up visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/compact

What do you consider to be the local voluntary sector's greatest strengths?

When I talk to other councillors or officers in other parts of the country I really appreciate both the hard work and dedication we see in the voluntary sector in the Royal Borough but also the commitment and investment the council continues to make to encourage a sector which is dynamic, responsive and innovates to meet local needs.

I think that spirit of partnership working and recognition of value the voluntary sector plays in civil society is a real strength for all in the Royal Borough.

I've also been impressed by the ability of the sector to seek out other alternative or sustainable funding streams and be creative in finding solutions to future challenges. The

merger of the Social Council and Volunteer Centre is a really good example of how the sector is adopting a similar thinking to our own Tri-borough initiative to seek ways to save on back office costs to protect the frontline and improve services. This work is commendable and has the Council's support.

What are the greatest challenges we face?

In my day job, I run my own business. So I know only too well that cash flow is the lifeblood of any business, and voluntary organisations are no different.

Like any organisation in today's financial climate, we need to deliver more for less, so a real challenge is continuing that entrepreneurial spirit to ensure we get the very best out of the services provided.

Corporate fundraising and philanthropy is something I think the sector should continue to consider – and locally I encourage groups to work with the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation – with charities partnering with donors or local companies to generate an additional income source.

I recognise that austerity measures have inevitably impacted the sector, but those organisations ready to embrace changes in funding and policy climate and take advantage of emerging opportunities will be well equipped for the future.

How do you/the council see the voluntary sector evolving over the coming years?

I think we're fortunate to have strong and trusted relationships in place in the Royal Borough so that we can maintain healthy dialogue and partnership working.

I expect the voluntary sector will continue to seek ways to transform itself in mergers, partnerships or consortiums; work collaboratively together to apply or bid for grants and public service contracts and to

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lobby and campaign on issues affecting their beneficiaries.

I think the local voluntary sector have an invaluable role to play in assisting ward councillors identify issues, help mobilise residents and local groups to take action and help improve quality of life across our borough.

The Council will also value information and intelligence from the voluntary and community sector based on evidence and this remains an important role for the sector. I hope we can continue to listen to what you tell us and work with you to tailor our services as a result.

As the new Cabinet Member, I would be keen to hear from you on the challenges you face and the ways you are working together to tackle these.

And finally, what do you enjoy best about living in Kensington and Chelsea?

I regard myself as very lucky to live in K&C. From the north to the south of the borough we have such interesting places and great facilities for residents. In my own ward, Cremorne we have the beautiful Cremorne Gardens – with great views along the Thames. The streets of the older parts of Chelsea are rich with history. Chelsea Old Church sits on a site where there has been a church since the 13th Century. The Museums in South Kensington are some of the best in the world and with the recently refurbished Exhibition Road attracts visitors from all over the world. Holland Park is a true gem! It has to be the only place in the world where you can listen to fantastic opera alongside the cries of the resident peacocks! North Kensington is such a vibrant place to live. Portobello and Golborne markets are great place to shop and add to the excitement of the area. I am also a great fan of Notting Hill Carnival and proud that the Borough gives it so much support. ***In so many ways K&C is a fantastic place to live!***

WEST LONDON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (WLCCG)

Earlier this year the Social Council was awarded funding by the WLCCG to deliver an engagement programme across Kensington and Chelsea, Queen's Park and Paddington (the CCG's area of operation).

The programme's aim is to support WLCCG with its ambition to improve primary care and quality whilst reducing the cost of acute care to local residents. We know we can support this aim because of the voluntary sector's reach in the community and our expertise in community development and providing voluntary-sector support.

The Social Council is working in partnership with the BME Health Forum, The Forum and HealthWatch to deliver the Engagement programme that will build on the 'Shaping a Healthier Future' and 'Out of Hospital' Strategies.

As a partnership we aim to ensure that our core work can directly support the delivery of the West London CCG Equality and Diversity Strategy and Action Plan particularly in delivering on the objective to build strong relationships with diverse groups and communities.

IMPROVING PATIENT EXPERIENCES

Monday 30 September 2013, London Lighthouse, W11 1QT

Part of the Clinical Commissioning Group's role is to make sure that high standards are met and maintained in the delivery of local clinical services. The CCG monitors patient experience and should act on complaints and incidents with a view to improving patient experience.

At the KCSC and BME Health Forum organised event Dr Jonathan Webster – Director of Quality and Patient Safety for Central West CCG Collaborative will be presenting. Members will be able to find out more about Dr Webster's role, how quality and patient safety is addressed. There will also be an opportunity to hear more on the developments around patient experience and equality and how concerns can be raised.

There will be lots of group discussion and the opportunity to share your views on quality and safety with Dr Webster.

WLCCG GRANTS SUCCESS FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Congratulations to each of the following organisations that were awarded funding for 2013/14.

Age UK Kensington & Chelsea – Training and supporting dementia volunteers

Foundations UK – Involving people from the Queen's Park community in managing their long term health conditions

Midaye Somali Development Network – Health access for BME people with chronic conditions

The Forum – Supporting and mentoring vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

The Advocacy Project – empowering people with learning disabilities to engage with the CCG

Youth Action Alliance – Re-engaging and empowering to achieve community health (REACH) – in partnership with Epic CIC.

*In all 33 applications were submitted, totalling £752,114.
Six projects totalling £94,000 have been funded.*

Together is better



Volunteer Centre
Kensington & Chelsea

Kensington and Chelsea Social Council (KCSC) and Volunteer Centre Kensington and Chelsea (VCKC) are proceeding with a merger, with the new organisation (NewOrg) set to launch at the end of the year.

The merge was announced following an extensive exploration period, led by external Change Consultant Raji Hunjan. The two organisations are currently in the integration stage and going through due diligence. Once this stage is complete, new ways of working will be piloted and NewOrg will begin to take shape.

Why merge?

Both organisations currently play an important role in connecting people, organisations and community groups to local life in Kensington & Chelsea, and there is already a significant amount of partnership working to achieve their goals.

Building on this as one merged organisation, we

can maximise our impact to enable greater local participation and action.

How will NewOrg work?

NewOrg will be a One Stop Shop for the voluntary and community sector across Kensington and Chelsea. The key services from both KCSC and VCKC will be accessible from one central point – whether you are a volunteer, an organisation, a business or a decision maker, NewOrg will be the place to go for support across the sector.

NewOrg will nurture existing activity, whilst designing services and activities in response to the needs of the sector. It will identify root causes and work towards long term solutions, and will work on developing new relationships whilst maintaining existing ones.

KCSC's Chief Executive, Mary Gardiner is overseeing the merger's interim period, supported by an interim board made up of trustees from both organisations. For updates on developments, refer back to www.kcsc.org.uk or follow us on Twitter – [@KCSocialCouncil](https://twitter.com/KCSocialCouncil).

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WHAT WILL THE MERGER OFFER YOU?

FOR ORGANISATIONS...

Greater resilience and the ability to achieve change on behalf of their communities.

FOR VOLUNTEERS...

More opportunities to volunteer for different needs be that learning new skills, meeting people, or making a difference within a local community or on a specific social issue.

FOR COMMUNITIES...

Greater opportunity to participate in local life, be this local decision making or activity to achieve change.

FOR BUSINESS...

Stronger connections with civil society and more in-roads into supporting local issues.

FOR DECISION MAKERS...

A stronger relationship with local communities and a greater understanding of the needs and concerns.

Poverty afflicting families in the Royal Borough

Families in Kensington and Chelsea are cutting back on some of life's basic essentials like food and new clothing to provide for their children due to spiralling living costs.

The findings are part of a new report to be published this autumn by the Change for Children project.

Other findings from the report will suggest that the high cost of childcare presents the major barrier to seeking work amongst families in Kensington and Chelsea and that nearly a quarter of children have had to miss out on school trips because of the financial burden.

Since September 2012, voluntary and community organisations (VCO's) have been gathering evidence from their users in some of the most deprived wards on what family life is really like living in one of the richest boroughs in the country.

The full Change for Children Report will be available in November 2013 but already the evidence gathered from these families suggests that there some in the borough are really struggling to make ends meet.

The evidence collected to date which is highlighting emerging needs is already being used to help define new services. It is also helping to build a strong collective voice to implement change.

School Uniforms

We found that the price of school uniforms was putting a huge pressure on parents and their already tight budget. With the support of the groups on the project, we have created a petition in which local groups and their users can petition to introduce school uniform grants.

The Change for Children project was set up in response to the high levels of deprivation in certain areas around the Royal Borough. It has worked with 35 local children and families groups to help them address the issue of child poverty.

As family life gets tougher, services that VCO's provide have been, and continue to be, a lifeline and buffer for families who are struggling in this economic climate. Over the past 10 months, the groups involved in the project have been gathering evidence

which has been used to help maintain some of these vital services which families depend on.



How do we do it?

To date, evidence has been collected from over 150 families in the borough. The first six months of the project focussed on collecting data in a range of different ways. A standardised survey was developed in partnership with the organisations, who then administered the process of collecting the information. In addition to these, the project ran focus groups, collected case studies and interviewed parents over the past 10 months.

Organisations are using some of the data collected to apply for funding to maintain existing services or create new ones. They also gained a better understanding of some of the issues that their users face.

Family Getaway Fund

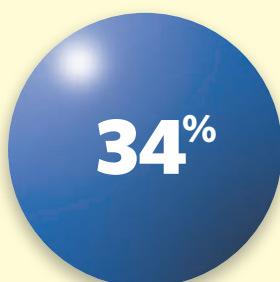
The surveys showed that 49% of families have been unable to get away on a family holiday in the past 3 years.

The Social Council has set up a Family Getaway Grant, in which organisations can nominate families who they feel are in most need of a break and we will contribute to the cost of them going away on a family trip in the UK.

SOME KEY FINDINGS

“I feel like a lost soul in the community.”

“I cut back on food to feed my children because I can live without food.”



of parents have not been in any type of employment for the past 5 years.



of parents would like to explore the possibility of bringing back uniform grants.



of children have had to miss out on school trips in the past 3 years.

“I would like to see more funding available for children's centres because both children and mums benefit a lot from these services.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

Voluntary Sector Walking Tour

Friday 20 September, 1-5pm, North Kensington

If you are new to the borough or the sector, and you want to see the work of local voluntary and community organisations first hand, our tour is just the thing for you! Tours are aimed at Councillors, commissioners and statutory officers as well as voluntary sector staff, volunteers or trustees. This tour will take you on for a walk around several community centres in North Kensington where you can speak directly to staff and see their great work in action.

Voluntary Sector Summer Garden Party

**Friday 20 September, 5-7:30pm,
London Lighthouse, W11 1QT**

Join the Social Council and Volunteer Centre

Kensington and Chelsea for our annual Summer Garden Party, open to all local voluntary and community organisations and statutory officers in the Royal Borough.

Relax and network with each other in the beautiful surroundings of the London Lighthouse.

Trustee Conference

**Saturday 12 October, 10:15 - 1:00pm (TBC),
Kensington Town Hall**

Trustees and senior workers of voluntary and community organisations in the tri-borough area are invited to attend this year's Trustee Conference. There will be a number of workshops which will be run by governance and law experts. Attendees will also have a chance to meet highly skilled professionals from the business sector keen to volunteer in a variety of ways, including trusteeship.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FORUMS – dates for your diaries

Main VOF	Tuesday 17 September	9:45am - 1pm	London Lighthouse
Engaging Communities	Wednesday 25 September	10am - 12 noon	Kensington Town Hall
Older Peoples	Monday 7 October	3pm - 5pm	Kensington Town Hall
Health & Wellbeing	Thursday 24 October	10am - 12:30pm	London Lighthouse
Children, Young People and Families	Tuesday 19 November	10am - 12:30pm	Kensington Town Hall

A YEAR OF CHANGE – SOCIAL COUNCIL AGM **Wednesday 13 November, 10am - 12:30pm**

2012/13 has been a year of change for local communities, the voluntary sector and for us here at the Social Council. This year our AGM will focus on what those changes were and the impact they have had. We will be explaining what the Social Council is doing in response to the changing climate and in particular our proposed merger with Volunteer Centre Kensington & Chelsea.

A PLACE CALLED HOME – HOUSING DEBATE **Wednesday 13 November, 1.30pm - 3:15pm**

Is London a place where the rich live only in the best neighbourhoods and the poor in the worst? Has our housing subsidy systems over the years contributed to this segregation?

Professor Anne Power, London School of Economics, is a leading academic specialising in housing policy and regeneration. She will deliver the keynote speech as we debate future housing policy in Kensington and Chelsea.

There will be a panel discussion with plenty of time for views and contributions from the floor.

Join us afterwards for a drinks reception in celebration of the Social Council as the organisation moves into a new era as we merge with the Volunteer Centre.

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