

# THE POWER OF LOCALISM

## WHAT YOU CAN DO!



### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The Community Right to Buy will give YOU the right to view the list of local authority assets of community value and provides an opportunity for the voluntary and community sector to bid for an asset on the list if for sale.

The Community Right to Challenge will give YOU the right to challenge when you think the voluntary sector can take over and run an existing local public service and run it better.

### BIG SOCIETY

It could be said that Big Society is simply a matter of building on what already exists within the voluntary and community sector. As a member of the sector **YOU** can promote a 'can do' attitude and spread the good things about Big Society amongst the community.



## THE LOCALISM BILL WILL BE LAW – MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!

### VOTING WITH YOUR FEET

If you are not happy with the public services you receive Localism will allow **YOU** to choose services from a different provider. You no longer have to 'just accept it'. With public services opening up to more providers, if you are not happy with the current performance **YOU** can vote with your feet. This should help to drive up standards as competition to keep service users happy increases.

### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Not everyone will be in a position to take advantage of the opportunities open to them and will rely on **YOU** to tell and show them what empowerment really means. It is vital that the whole community has its voice heard, not just the most vocal. Get to know and understand what the powers in the Localism Bill can do and build your skills to help others.

### MAKING LOCALISM WORK FOR YOU

The Localism Bill was introduced to Parliament on 13 December 2010. The Bill will shift power from central government to a local level, giving local authorities, local people and **YOU** more decision making powers over your local area.

### WORKING TOGETHER

Now more than ever, voluntary and community groups need to be working together. Strength in numbers will be the key to the success of Localism and ensuring that the power handed to communities will benefit everyone. **YOU** can play an important part in making it happen.

### EQUALITIES

True Localism must reflect the needs and aspirations of all communities. As an advocate of Localism **YOU** can address inequalities, making sure people from all diverse backgrounds are included and able to participate at the local level.

### SHAPING OUR OWN LIVES

It is up to **YOU** to know how to make Localism work for you. It is not a case of waiting to be told. Decide for yourself what will work best in shaping the way you want to live your life as a valued member of the local community. Localism and the powers that go with it are there to be used, so use them!

### POWER TO THE PEOPLE

**YOU** will have the power to instigate a local referendum (vote) or petition on any issue you think is important, although the referendum itself is non-binding. Previously, no real mechanism existed for local people to trigger a referendum which would effectively voice their concerns en-masse to their local council. Now this can happen and could possibly result in influencing a decision in areas such as neighbourhood planning.

### HOLDING STATUTORY SECTOR TO ACCOUNT

Making local authorities more accountable is a key aim of Localism. Reducing waste and inefficiency is an important aspect of accountability. Local authorities now have to publish all expenditure over £500 online. **YOU** can use the published data to challenge where you think money is not being spent smartly.

## JANUARY – JUNE 2012

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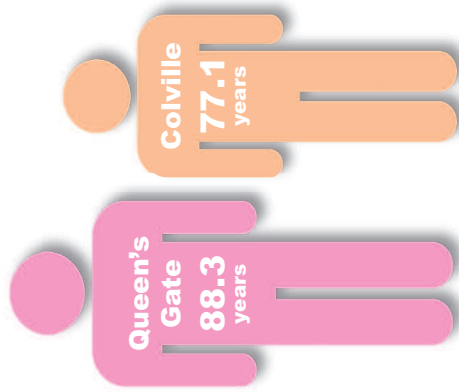
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# Life in Kensington & Chelsea

**85.1 yrs** is the average life expectancy which is the highest in the country...

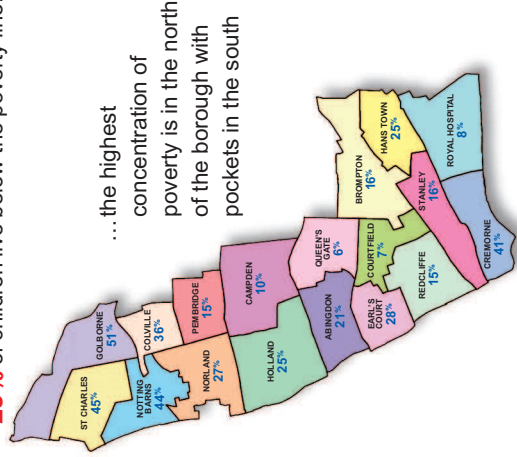


... but there is a difference of over **11 yrs** depending on where you live in the borough

Source: Greater London Authority

## LIFE EXPECTANCY

**29%** of children live below the poverty line...



...the average rate for the **3** most northerly wards is **47%**. In Queens Gate it's **6%**

Source: End Child Poverty Campaign

## CHILD POVERTY

Kensington and Chelsea has the highest proportion of residents with an income of over **£60,000** per year...



... whilst **4** wards in the north of the borough are ranked amongst the top **10%** deprived areas in the country.

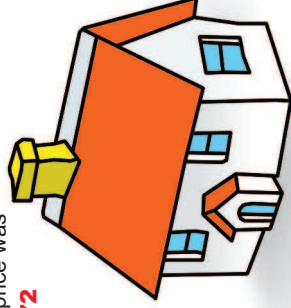
Source: Trust for London - London Poverty Profile

## INCOME



## HOUSING

**£750,000** is the median house price. Between April - June 2011 the average house sale price was **£1,246,372**



There are **1,139** homeless households, including **119** in B&B accommodation (Apr 2010).

Housing benefit changes will contribute to an additional **1,068** households being made homeless in 2012.

Source: Land Registry of England and Wales; RBKC

## Working to build a fairer, more equal society

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea is one of the most affluent areas of the UK. But amongst fabulous wealth sit deep pockets of deprivation.

There are over 900 civil society organisations working in Kensington and Chelsea. We are committed to supporting all sections of the community to enjoy improved levels of health and wellbeing.

We support local residents, run community activities, offer advice and guidance, provide learning opportunities, play facilities for children, care services for the elderly and a whole lot more!

The Social Council is committed to working with voluntary and community organisations to support local residents. If you would like to support our work or find out more please get in touch.

[www.kcsc.org.uk](http://www.kcsc.org.uk)

## JULY - DECEMBER 2012

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