

Community networks are central to how the voluntary and community sector (VCS) can shape local policy and services. To champion this work, Hackney's Community Empowerment Network has launched REACHING SUCCESS: Community Network Awards.

Why enter?

This is a great opportunity to shout about the achievements of your favourite community network. The four winning networks will:

- receive publicity on the CEN website and in local press
- be presented with a certificate and gift by Jules Pipe, Mayor of Hackney at our REACH conference on Tuesday, 23 March, in front of over 100 people from across the VCS and public sectors.

Who can nominate?

Nominations are open to anyone who wants to enter their chosen community network. For example, you may be a member of that network, received support from them or worked with them on a project or you may have heard about them and be impressed by their work.

Just write why you think your network should win the award in the nomination form.

Closing date: Friday, 5 March 2010

What is a community network?

Hackney has over 20 community networks which meet regularly. For this scheme, you can only nominate a community network which is made up of both voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations and individuals and is VCS led.

How do I find out more?

You can get a nomination form from Andrea Enisuoh on 020 7923 8184 or andrea@hcv.s.org.uk or visit our website at www.hacknecen.org.uk



Award categories

Nominate your favourite community network for one of these four categories:

**** REACHING SUCCESS: Influence and Impact****

The aim of CEN Community networks is to make sure that local communities are included in how decisions are made about local services and policy in Hackney.

Which networks do you know that have had the most impact on shaping how a local service is delivered? This could be influencing how English language classes are provided in Hackney or how local health care is delivered or influencing how Hackney responds to the challenges of sustainability.

**** REACHING SUCCESS: Engaging local communities****

Networks are only as strong as the groups which make up their membership.

Which network do you think has truly grown out of a community's needs and remains in touch and responsive to their needs? For example do you know of a network that has consistently championed its community or area of interest?

**** REACHING SUCCESS: Dedication and determination****

Influencing decision making and policy can be a challenging area of work.

Which network do you know of that has been dedicated to both engaging its member groups and working with Team Hackney? For example do you know of a network that consistently supports its members whilst ensuring its views are heard at a local policy level.

**** REACHING SUCCESS: Supporting volunteers****

Volunteers are central to most community networks.

Which network stands out to you as making best use of local people as volunteers? For example in supporting their events, outreach, coordinating network meetings and activities.

Closing date: Monday, 8 March 2010



About Hackney's Community Networks

Below are the community networks we are aware of, if you know of anymore please nominate them. At the CEN, we are always keen to hear from other networks we can work with.

- African Women's Network
- BEMWG (Black and Ethnic Minority Working Group)
- BEMA (Black and Ethnic Minority Arts)
- Children and Young People's Providers Forum
- Council for Older People
- Economic Development Network
- Educators Forum
- Hackney Advice Forum
- Hackney African Forum
- Hackney Environment Forum
- Hackney Francophone Organisations Network
- Hackney LINK
- Hackney Parks Forum
- Hackney Refugee Forum
- Hackney Turkish Kurdish Network
- Hackney Unites
- Hackney Vietnamese Refugees Network
- Hackney Women's Forum
- Hackney Youth Crime Provider's Network
- Health and Social Care Forum includes Special Interest Groups: Mental Health, Older People, Physical Disability and Learning Disabilities, Drug & Alcohol Services Network
- Interlink Bridging & Bonding Network
- Inter Communal Dialogue
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Forum
- OPEN Dalston
- Shoreditch Youth Network.

Save the date: When these awards will be presented!

REACH Conference on Tuesday, 23 March - 10am - 4pm

Morley Hall, Mare Street E8 3RH

Jules Pipe, Mayor of Hackney will present the winners of these awards at our REACH conference to help local community networks influence services. This will showcase and celebrate work done at grassroots level within Hackney, while also providing an opportunity for discussion and ideas on how community representatives and networks can influence services in the borough.

Book your place at www.reachevent.eventbrite.com or call 020 7923 1962

REACHING SUCCESS: Community Network Awards 2010



Nominate the community networks you think have made a difference to Hackney
Closing date: 8 March 2010

Contact Andrea on 020 7923 1962 or visit www.hackneycen.org.uk