

The CEN worked hard to influence the refresh of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the Hackney Story of Place – which sets out what the key agencies in the Local Strategic Partnership / Team Hackney will target its spending on for the next three years.

By hosting events, liaising with local VCS networks and leaders, and campaigning and advocating for change often in partnership with the public sector, the CEN has achieved the following:

- **Commissioning:** Secured £100k for the VCS to deliver their own childhood obesity interventions. And won commissioning of the VCS to deliver youth services has been hugely successful with an increase in the amount of funding for community led youth projects to nearly £1.5m
- **Economic Development** - Support for CEN reps' and Economic Development Network's proposals to maximise local provision of training and job search by linking large and small providers. The next event is on 18 November at Morley Hall
- **Youth Crime** - Team Hackney Youth Crime subgroup support CEN rep's proposal for targeted commissioning in the VCS to reach most marginalised young people
- **Community networks:** Our grants programme supported 15 networks including three new networks to meet needs in their communities:
 - Hackney Vietnamese Network – looking at domestic violence and drug and alcohol issues
 - African Women's Network – focussed on disseminating information to prevent Domestic Violence and Female Genital Mutilation in the African community
 - Hackney Francophone Organisations Network – working with the Congolese community in Hackney looking at worklessness, youth crime and mental health issues
- **Environment issues:** Our CEN rep to the Housing Investment Subgroup, raised the issues of Fuel Poverty which prompted Team Hackney to set up a working group to look into. This has now resulted in commissioning through the Sustainable Environment Subgroup about CO2 emissions.



How can I find out more?

- 1. Join a network!** Let us know if you have an area of interest that relates to one of the VCS networks, or an area of work of the CEN and we will include you in our mailings and meetings and help you join a network
 - 2. Become a CEN rep!** We are recruiting VCS reps with experience in wellbeing and social care, for Hackney Council's Transformation project Board.
 - 3. Come and speak to us and we can exchange information** about how Team Hackney works, what its priorities are and how to engage with Officers about your work
 - 4. Come to a CEN event!** Our **REACH 2010** event on **23 March** aims to showcase and celebrate work done at grassroots level within Hackney, and provide an opportunity for discussion and ideas on how community networks can influence services in the borough.
- Do you have other ideas about how we can work together?** We would like to hear from you. Call Andrea Enisuoh on 020 7923 1962 or email andrea@hcvs.org.uk or check online at www.hcvs.org.uk

Find out how Hackney's communities are being empowered to influence local services



Voluntary and Community Sector Guide to Hackney's Community Empowerment Network (CEN)



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

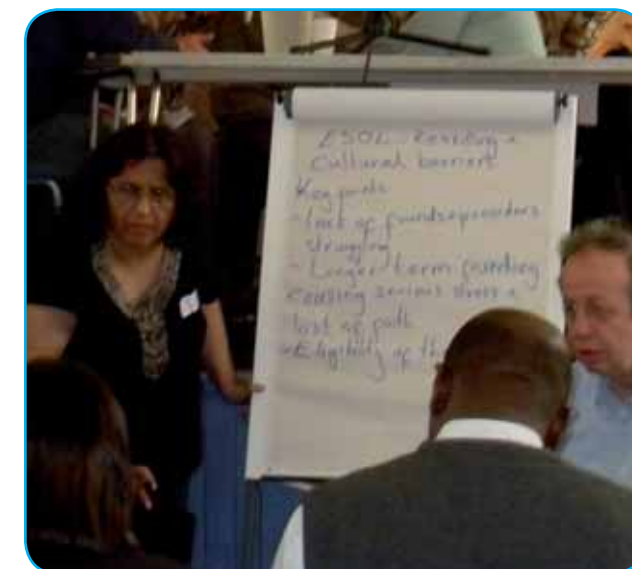
By getting involved in the CEN, Hackney's VCS organisations have an opportunity to have their say on issues ranging from children's services to tackling crime and unemployment.

What does the CEN do?



The CEN enables Hackney's VCS to have a voice by:

- a) Selecting CEN representatives from the VCS**
 - who sit on Team Hackney boards and sub-boards
 - who work together as the CEN Executive using their specialist knowledge to feedback into Team Hackney policy about CEN proposals - the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Sustainable Community Strategy.
- b) Providing forums or networks of VCS groups**
 - so that CEN reps can gather information from member VCS groups to input at Team Hackney meetings and return with information for the VCS.



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People from across the VCS in Hackney are recruited as VCS representatives or reps to the CEN Executive, either through their role on their community network or directly to the CEN. Our CEN reps work in organisations which deliver large areas of Team Hackney's programme including some of the most difficult, challenging work at grass roots level in the community – in which the VCS specialises.

Below are pictures of our CEN reps, the VCS organisation they belong to and the name of the Team Hackney Partnership Boards or Sub-Groups which they sit on.

<p>Avril McIntyre Lifeline Projects: Ec. Dev.t P.ship Board - <i>Interim</i></p>	<p>Dr. Bekele Gessesse Agroforep: Safer Cleaner P.ship Board</p>	<p>David Blagbrough Inspire: CYP P.ship Board</p>	<p>Ergel Hassan YOH: Anti Social Behaviour & Respect Sub Group</p>	<p>Gary Francis HCVS: Safer Young Hackney (SYH) Sub Group</p>	<p>Jake Ferguson HCVS: Team Hackney Board, PIE, Safer Cleaner P.ship Board, Compact</p>
<p>Jamie Eagles Shoreditch Trust: Safer Cleaner Partnership Board</p>	<p>Jo Carter Immediate Theatre: CYP P.ship Board</p>	<p>John Hilton Off Centre: Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Sub Group</p>	<p>Les Moore East London Food Access: Better Homes P.ship Board - <i>Interim</i>, Housing Mgmt & Sustainable Env.t Sub Groups</p>	<p>Martin Harris Thames Reach: Better Homes P.ship Board</p>	<p>Nazima Osman BEMWG: Thriving Healthy Partnership Board</p>
<p>Nickie Wilson Holly Street Pship, Circle 33 NEW REP! SYH Sub Group</p>	<p>Patricia Salt City & Hackney Alcohol Service: DAAT Sub Group</p>	<p>Simon Hughes St Mungo's: Better Homes P.ship Board</p>	<p>Steve Curtis CityZEN: Anti Social Behaviour & Respect Sub Group</p>	<p>Taylan Sahbaz Day-Mer: CYP P.ship Board</p>	<p>Toebe Potash Lubavitch: CYP P.ship Board</p>
<p>Wayne Hincks Barton Wilmore: Investment Sub-Group</p>	<p>Willis Atherley-Jones Off Centre: CYP P.ship Board</p>				

Themes

- Children and Young People (CYP)
- Economic Development
- Safer Cleaner
- Thriving Healthy
- Better Homes

Mary Cannon
Hackney Marsh Partnership:
CEN chair, Team Hackney Board, Thriving Healthy P.ship Board, Compact

Bisi Ojuri
Hackney
Voluntary Action:
Deputy chair, Team Hackney Board, Ec. Dev.t P.ship Board, Compact

Thematic Networks

The CEN aims to be a network of networks, and is made of people from VCS groups. Four networks exist which mirror three of the five Team Hackney partnership boards, these are listed below:

Two community networks relate to the Thriving Healthy Board

<p>City and Hackney Health and Social Care Forum (HSCF) – relates to the Thriving Healthy Board with BEMWG Contact: Jackie Brett ✉: jackie.hscf@googlegmail.com</p>	<p>Black and Ethnic Minority Working Group (BEMWG) – relates to the Thriving Healthy Board with HSCF Contact: Aliya El Agib ✉: post@bemwg.org.uk</p>
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One community network relates to Children and Young People's Stakeholders Forum

Children and Young People's Providers Forum (CYPPF) – relates to the Children and Young People's Stakeholders Forum and Children's Trust Board Contact: Kristine Wellington ✉: kristine@hcvs.org.uk

One community network relates to the Economic Development Board

Economic Development Network relating to Economic Development Partnership Board Contact: Crystal Todd ✉: crystal@hcvs.org.uk

Cross cutting community networks

There are more than 20 local community networks which cut across the work of Team Hackney's partnership boards. In September 2009, the CEN awarded 15 of these networks grants to deliver work relating to LAA targets, these networks are prefixed **CEN** below.

CEN: African Women's Network	Janet Murungi ✉: janetbake@hotmail.com
CEN: Black & Ethnic Minority Arts Network (BEMA)	Ngoma Bishop ✉: bemaadmin@hcvs.org.uk
CEN: Council for Older People	Kaluba Chitumbo ✉: cfop@cfophackney.org.uk
CEN: Educators Forum ESOL Network	Sermin Aksoy ✉: serminbayer@hotmail.co.uk
CEN: Hackney Advice Forum	Cathy Murphy ✉: cathyjm1234@aol.com
CEN: Hackney African Forum	Diana Chituku ✉: hafricanforum1@yahoo.co.uk
CEN: Hackney Environment Forum	Amy Erickson ✉: amyerickson@blueyonder.co.uk
CEN: Hackney Francophone Organisation Network	Thomas Bubi ✉: africanspc@yahoo.co.uk or Lombe Mwamba ✉: sosfamilies@aol.com
CEN: Hackney Refugee Forum	Ali Aksoy ✉: ali@hackneyrefugeeforum.org.uk
CEN: HSCF Disability Special Interest Group	Jackie Brett ✉: Jackie.hscf@gmail.com
HSCF Drug and Alcohol Services Network	Jackie Brett ✉: Jackie.hscf@gmail.com
CEN: HSCF Learning Disability Special Interest Group	Sade Kur ✉: sade@hilt.org.uk
CEN: HSCF Mental Health Special Interest Group	Jeffery Blumenfeld ✉: jeffery@flowersfield.co.uk
CEN: HSCF Older People's Special Interest Group	Jackie Brett ✉: Jackie.hscf@gmail.com
Hackney Turkish Kurdish Network	Ibrahim Avcil ✉: rwca1991@hotmail.com
CEN: Hackney Women's Forum	Dr. Nazima Osman ✉: hackneywomensforum@yahoo.co.uk
CEN: Hackney Vietnamese Network	Gac Nguyen ✉: vlccentre@yahoo.co.uk
Inter Communal Dialogue (Nida Trust)	Foezul Ali ✉: f.ali@nidatrust.org.uk
CEN: Interlink Bridging & Bonding Network	Melanie Danan ✉: melanie@interlink-foundation.org.uk
Youth Crime Providers Network	Gary Francis ✉: gary@hcvs.org.uk