

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. Become a network champion!** We are looking for councillors to champion the valuable work of Hackney's community networks
- 2. Come and speak to us** - we can exchange information about the VCS groups working in your Ward, or with your community, and how we can help support their work – perhaps with funding advice, or training, or speaking to them about how to develop their organisation
- 3. 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
- 4. Help us take forward some of the concerns which VCS groups raise on behalf of the local community to the Council forums you attend.**

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@hcv.org.uk or check online at www.hcv.org.uk

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



Councillor's 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.

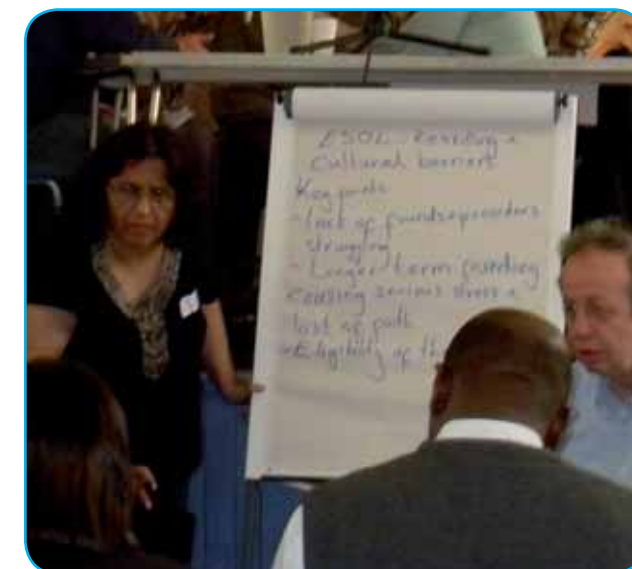
By getting involved in the CEN, Hackney's VCS organisations have an opportunity to have their say on issues ranging from children's services to tackling crime and unemployment.

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.



Avril McIntyre
Lifeline
Projects:
Ec. Dev.t P.ship
Board - *Interim*



Dr. Bekele Gessesse
Agroforep:
Safer Cleaner
P.ship Board



David Blagbrough
Inspire:
CYP P.ship Board



Ergel Hassan
YOH:
Anti Social
Behaviour &
Respect Sub
Group



Gary Francis
HCVS:
Youth Crime
Reduction Sub
Group



Jake Ferguson
HCVS: Team
Hackney Board,
PIE, Safer
Cleaner P.ship
Board, Compact



Jamie Eagles
Shoreditch
Trust:
Safer Cleaner
Partnership
Board



Jo Carter
Immediate
Theatre:
CYP P.ship Board



John Hilton
Off Centre:
Drug & Alcohol
Action Team
(DAAT) Sub
Group



Les Moore
East London Food
Access: Better
Homes P.ship
Board - *Interim*,
Housing Mgmt &
Sustainable Env.t
Sub Groups



Martin Harris
Thames Reach:
Better Homes
P.ship Board



Nazima Osman
BEMWG:
Thriving Healthy
Partnership
Board



Nickie Wilson
Holly Street
Pship, Circle 33
NEW REP! SYH
Sub Group



Patricia Salt
City & Hackney
Alcohol Service:
DAAT Sub Group



Simon Hughes
St Mungo's:
Better Homes
P.ship Board



Steve Curtis
CityZEN: Anti
Social Behaviour
& Respect Sub
Group



Taylan Sahbaz
Day-Mer:
CYP P.ship Board



Toebe Potash
Lubavitch:
CYP P.ship Board



Wayne Hincks
Barton
Wilmore:
Investment
Sub Group



Willis Atherley-Jones
Off
Centre:
CYP P.ship Board

Themes

Children and Young People (CYP)

Economic Development

Safer Cleaner

Thriving Healthy

Better Homes

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

City and Hackney Health and Social Care Forum (HSCF) – relates to the Thriving Healthy Board with BEMWG Contact: Jackie Brett ✉: jackie.hscf@googlemail.com

Black and Ethnic Minority Working Group (BEMWG) – relates to the Thriving Healthy Board with HSCF Contact: Aliya El Agib ✉: post@bemwg.org.uk

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