

Papers for the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

February 2020 meeting: Health

10am, Wednesday 12 February

York Room, Redbridge Central Library, Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1EA

- Introductions – everyone present gets up to 2 minutes to introduce themselves and their organisation
- Minutes and matters arising
- Jan Scott, Service Manager, Saint Francis Hospice on end-of-life care services
- Abbas Mirza, Barts NHS Trust on the redevelopment of Whipps Cross Hospital
- Jan and Abbas will lead off a discussion on local health services

More information

If you have any questions, contact Colin Wilson on 020 3874 4135 or at colin@redbridgecvs.net. **Anyone involved with a voluntary or community sector group which is based in Redbridge or which works with Redbridge people is welcome to attend Network meetings – no need to register, just come along.**



Minutes of the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network 8 January 2020

Present

- Thomas Chan, Greater London Lieutenancy
- Shamsun Nessa, Redbridge Council Prevent Team
- Diksha Sonagara, Active Pranyog
- Olivia Morgan, Redbridge Forum
- John Cooke, Redbridge Council
- Su Davis, P.A.L.A.C.E
- Hazel McKenzie, Age UK
- Nigel Turner, Redbridge Equalities and Community Council
- Hannah Bennett, National Lottery Community Fund
- Deborah Floyd, Pohwer
- Bushra Tahir, Awaaz
- Noor Mahmood, Awaaz
- Ghazala Navaid, Awaaz/Muslim Women's Advisory Council
- Jenny Squibb, Essex Boys and Girls Clubs/Wanstead Youth Club
- Keith Cranmer, Essex Boys and Girls Clubs/Wanstead Youth Club
- Jan Scott, Saint Francis Hospice
- Kate Harrison, One Place East / Run-Up
- Shaweb Ahmed, RedbridgeCVS
- Jenny Ellis, RedbridgeCVS
- Colin Wilson, RedbridgeCVS
- Binal Patel, RedbridgeCVS

Introduction

Colin welcomed everyone and spoke about the new structure to the network meeting. The format includes:

More discussion

We're including time for discussion in every agenda. We'll organise the chairs around a table, rather than in rows, to encourage participation.

More business-like sessions

Meetings will start at 10am from January to March, and from April at 2pm.

More advance notice

We'll make the agenda available at least a month before the meeting, and usually more than that. Meetings will take place at Redbridge Central Library on the second Wednesday of the year for all of 2020. There is no meeting in August.

Better agendas

We'll have more speakers talking about what local organisations are doing well and share best practice. We'll also have public sector speakers – for example, from Redbridge Council and the local NHS – talking changes in their work which affect voluntary groups.

We hope that the new format and time schedule will help boost attendance numbers.

Apologies

- Alan Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
- Angela Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
- Vera Hunt, Redbridge Voluntary Care

Minutes of last meeting

In the minutes of the September 2019 meeting, Shamsun Nessa should have been listed as representing the Redbridge Council Prevent Team (not Present). With this correction the minutes were approved.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Jenny Ellis, RedbridgeCVS Interim Chief Operations Officer

Jenny introduced herself and spoke about the changes in RedbridgeCVS since the last network meeting in September. Ross Diamond, the former Chief Officer, left the organisation in October. Jenny, who was working as Community Initiatives Manager, has since then been in the role of Interim Chief Operations Officer.

Update: in late January, Jenny was appointed to the permanent role of Chief Officer.

Jenny raised two issues:

Safeguarding

RedbridgeCVS are currently working with the Safeguarding Adults Board to look at how organisations work with people use safeguarding services. Does your organisation record users' experiences of safeguarding? Could you share how your organisation does this, if you have any examples of good practice, or other ideas about how this could be done? If so, please email jenny@redbridgecvcs.net.

Free safeguarding training sessions are also available in the next three months:

- Exploitation of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults – Wednesday 12 February
- Violence Against Women and Girls – Tuesday 24 March
- Mental Health and Safeguarding – Wednesday 22 April

For full information and to book, go to <https://www.redbridgecvs.net/news/free-safeguarding-training-spring>.

Visits

Jenny would like to visit organisations to see the work they are doing and get to know RedbridgeCVS's members. Please contact her at jenny@redbridgecvs.net.

Funding from the National Lottery

Hannah Bennett, National Lottery Community Fund, Local Funding Officer

The National Lottery Community Fund was previously known as The Big Lottery Fund. They are the largest community funder in the UK – in 2018 they awarded £509.6m across 8,704 grants in England and most of their grants go to local charities, run by volunteers.

Their funding priorities for projects are the following:

1. Projects and ideas that support ideas that bring people together, strengthen relationships in and across communities.
2. Help people to shape and sustain the places that matter to them, like a park, community centre or online network.
3. Work towards empowering people to fulfill their potential and work to address problems at the earliest possible stage in the community.

They currently fund projects through three funding streams:

1. National Lottery Awards for All
This is their most popular funding stream, providing a quick and simple way to get small Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000 for one year. Organisations apply through an simple online form – it can then take up to 18 weeks to receive a decision and a further 2 weeks for the money to be paid if the application is approved.
2. Reaching Communities
Flexible funding over £10,000 for up to five years to organisations who want to take

action on the issues that matter to people and communities.

3. Partnerships

Grants over £10,000 for up to five years for organisations which work together with a shared set of goals and values.

For grants above £10,000 the application process has been changed and made more flexible and simpler. Now in the first instance you only submit an expression of interest through the National Lottery website. Once your application is received, Hannah would visit your organisation to find out more about your idea and gain a better understanding of the work you do. The idea is later presented to a review panel with a summary document. If your organisation is successful you will be asked to provide a full proposal. If your proposal is accepted, Hannah would become your grants manager.

For the last two years the National Lottery has been recruiting local people to work in different areas. This means that funding officers have a deeper understanding of the communities they work with and are able to make better decisions. Hannah manages Reaching Communities Grants for Waltham Forest and Redbridge.

For any enquires regarding the fund, email Hannah on Hannah.Bennett@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk. For any other enquires you can contact The National Lottery Community Fund team at londonandsoutheastteam@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk, or phone 0345 4 10 20 30 or visit their website at www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk.

Funding from Redbridge Council

John Cooke, Policy Equalities and Communities Team, Redbridge Council

Redbridge Council have three funding streams available for their 2020 to 2022 funding rounds. Two streams are open for applications: the Commissioned Via Grant Fund and the Redbridge Grant Fund. Any Redbridge voluntary or community group can apply. Applications for both funding streams close at 5pm on Friday 21 February 2020.

2020-2022 Commissioned Via Grant Fund

The following three service strands will be commissioned for two years:

1. Enhancing the information, advice and guidance offered in the borough
2. Infrastructure support for the Voluntary and Community Sector

3. Supporting those with complex needs to have a voice in Redbridge and to live fulfilling and independent lives

2020-2022 Redbridge Grant Fund

Funding of up to £20,000 per year is available for two to organisations that provide voices for the lesser heard communities of Redbridge. Up to 50 percent of the bid can be core funding and the remaining bid can be used for new or existing projects.

2020-2022 Social Action Fund

This funding stream will be launched in spring 2020 to provide small one-off funding of up to £2,000 to help start new sustainable projects or organisations. The funding will focus on grass roots community cohesion. Grants rounds will be run periodically throughout the year till funds are exhausted. Further information on this fund will be coming in the upcoming months.

Questions

Bushra asked how many applications one organisation can make. John replied that there are no restrictions regarding how many grants can be applied for.

Nigel asked about when decisions would be made regarding the two funding streams currently open. John replied that this would happen before 1 April.

For full information visit the Council's website at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/about-the-council/voluntary-sector-grants/>. For any queries about the grants, or to request a Word version of the application form, email SPgrantmonitoring@redbridge.gov.uk.

Any other business

Thomas Chan is Deputy Lieutenant for Redbridge – the Lieutenancy supports the monarchy, acts as a bridge between the monarchy and other parts of society and increases social cohesion. Mr Chan encouraged people to nominate local charities and community groups for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. If you feel a group are doing exceptional work to help the community, you can nominate them at <https://qavs.culture.gov.uk/>.