

Papers for the

# Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

## This month: Migrants with No Recourse to Public Funds

1 to 2.30pm, Wednesday 14 March 2018

Sandwiches from 12.30pm

York Room, Redbridge Central Library, Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1EA - **note our new venue**

### Agenda

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting, matters arising
3. Reports from voluntary sector representatives
4. Short presentation by Andrew Viggers, Wanstead and Woodford Migrant Support
5. James Tullet, RAMFEL - James will lead an interactive workshop
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting: Wednesday 11 April, York Room, Redbridge Central Library, Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1EA

### More information

If you have any questions, contact Colin Wilson on 020 3874 4135 or at [colin@redbridgecvs.net](mailto:colin@redbridgecvs.net)

**Anyone involved with a voluntary or community sector group which is based in Redbridge or works with Redbridge people is welcome to attend Network meetings – just come along!**

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# Minutes of the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

14 February 2018

## 1. Present

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- Nnenna Anyanwu, Adanna Women Support
- Angela Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
- Alan Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
- Stuart Bellwood, Seven Kings Ward
- S. H. Granditer, King of Hearts
- Jo Anne McConnell, Widows & Orphans
- Hari Rattu, Imagine Redbridge
- Harvey Sharpe, Newbridge School
- Liz Pearce, RedbridgeCVS
- Colin Wilson, RedbridgeCVS
- Lynette Jackman, RedbridgeCVS

## 2. Introductions and apologies

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Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from:

- Ross Diamond, RCVS
- Tarunjohn Singh, Victim Support

## 3. Minutes of the last meeting

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Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

## 4. Matters arising

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### GDPR

There is a lot of free information available from the Information Commissioners Office. Do not pay for work around GDPR if approached by consultants stating that they can do this for a fee.

Stuart Bellwood asked at the last meeting if he needed to get written consent to keep the data relating to people asking him for advice. Colin responded to this in the light of what he learned at NCVO's regulation conference: when someone approaches you for advice and support they would probably assume you would take notes, and contact other people about their case. You won't need their consent in writing. But you must make them aware, to a reasonable extent, about what you will do with their information and what their rights are.

## 5. Reports from voluntary sector representatives

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Liz Pearce spoke about a possible office space in

Ilford being available to organisations. It is very much in the early stages and a meeting is being arranged for 2pm on Thursday 1st March at RCVS offices, 103 Cranbrook Road, Ilford IG1 4PU.

Colin advised that if people want to hire spaces for meetings or events, room hire venues are available on our website – look for the Directory of Venues in the "About Redbridge" menu. This information has recently been updated.

## 6. Belinda Goodwin, Met Police, on Street Watch

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Belinda gave a brief outline of her work in the police service. Street Watch which was set up because, when police knocked on neighbours' doors after a burglary, they became clear that residents did not know their neighbours. It became apparent that residents wanted to do more than the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which can only run if a certain percentage of residents sign up. Street Watch was running really well in Bedfordshire, Wiltshire and Suffolk but nothing existed at that time in the London area. Street Watch Havering was launched in June 2015.

Street Watch volunteers go out in public and can engage with the community while patrolling in pairs or just walking around chosen streets in high visibility vests.

Volunteers go through an induction procedure which explains to them how the scheme works. They receive a hi viz, torch, personal attack alarm and a pocket book. They get basic first aid, drug awareness, crime prevention and counter terrorism awareness training. Once a volunteer has completed the induction they will be issued with a password that allows them to log onto an online Forum and add the patrols they are volunteering for.

Police checks are carried out on prospective volunteers before the induction, and volunteers are required to stay within the Code of Conduct. The police are very clear that they do not want people acting as vigilantes and taking the law into their own hands

The project has public liability insurance which is paid for out of funding from MOPAC and the Borough Commander, and is run by the community for the community. There is no maximum or minimum time that people have to spend patrolling – they can do whatever time they have to spare, but it must be booked on the online forum.

The scheme belongs to the volunteers who can run it

how they would like it to be run, as long as they stay within the guidelines they have the support of the police and the scheme.

There is going to be a big launch on 25 February at 1.30pm at Barkingside Police Station for all those who have recently been inducted into the scheme. The press, representation from the London Mayor's office and Superintendent Jane Scotchbrook will all be attending.

### **Questions**

A question was asked regarding being a witness to an incident. Belinda explained that you do not have to give a statement if you witness an incident – it is your personal choice

Jo Anne McConnell asked what the motivation was behind the scheme? Belinda replied that residents know the area they live in, and the police can't be everywhere all of the time. The scheme is trying to improve people's knowledge about their neighbours, sense of community spirit etc.

Stuart Bellwood congratulated Colin and Liz on organising the presentation it has help to explain the difference between Neighbourhood Watch, Street Watch and the police.

## **7. Tarunjohn Singh, Victim Support**

Colin presented Tarun's presentation in his absence due to illness. It outlined the services that Victim Support provides. A copy of Tarun's presentation is available on the Voluntary Sector Network page of the RedbridgeCVS website at [www.redbridgecvs.net](http://www.redbridgecvs.net)

### **Accessing Victim Support Services**

If you've been affected by crime, contact the Supportline for free on 08 08 16 89 111.

If you want information about support services and your rights, call the Victims' Information Service for free on 08 08 16 89 293.

If you want to contact someone based locally, ring 0203 910 9040.

## **8. The next meeting**

Next meeting will focus on services for migrants who have no recourse to public funds.

Next meeting: 1pm, 14 March 2018

