Summary of projects and ideas generated to build a citizen-led hub for London

Thursday 16th November 2017, 1400 – 17.30 pm (with refreshments from 1300)

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Summary of the exercise:

*Purpose: to co-design ways of sharing knowledge and support to achieve a just and sustainable London*

#ourwayahead is a coalition of community groups and networks which seeks to provide informal peer support, networking and policy discussion on issues affecting communities of interest, identity and place

https://ourwayahead.wordpress.com/about/
Project titles in order:

*Social Enterprise Ecosystem*

*Community Engagement Activities*

*A Shared Events Listing Website for London’s VCS*

*Discovering other concerned residents who want to tackle anti social behaviour*

*A Community space*

*Social Prescribing London Platform*

*A ‘co-production offer’ – groups of local residents engage in co-production exercises with statutory bodies*

*Cross sector events*

*Stop & Search Youth Project Monitoring Police*

*Peer group support systems*

*Voices of London: championing community expertise*

*Digital storytelling network*

*A ‘Lifeboat’ scheme*

*Community cafe*
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Social Enterprise Ecosystem

- Mentors from private and public sectors
- Help social entrepreneurs grow their business
- Success = social enterprises that create employment, generate millions of £ and provide equity stakes to London Local Authorities
- Local Authorities use equity dividends to fund new social enterprises

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Community Engagement Activities

Description:
Meeting room – conference facilities marked for voluntary organisations all over the world. We are celebrating their culture – embracing who they are – they are developing into our cultures by being their cultures and idea – support them with food, clothes and housing support

Method Cards:

**Think Globally**: look for global sharing and support networks  RESEARCHING

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A Shared Events Listing Website for London’s VCS

Description:

A Shared Events Listing Website for London’s Voluntary Sector – sourcing events directly from groups directly from groups and from other online sources

Method Cards:

**Connect platforms:** use existing online platforms

**Portal:** build a central website and data store

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Discovering other concerned residents who want to tackle anti-social behaviour

Description:

Discovering other concerned residents and discovering ways to discourage bad behaviour by linking groups with activities that may aid better behaviour, support local groups, Police and Local Authorities to enable projects to develop

Method Cards:

**Amplify voice**: help grassroots groups campaign                      STORYTELLING  

**Key connectors**: identify 1st contact points re volunteering, social action, advice          RESEARCHING  

**Central Voice**: develop a central voice for civil society            STORYTELLING

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A Community Space

Description:
A space e.g. room with access to a kitchen in which cooking can be done and working toilet. If possible a small gardening space but it is optional. To run a group of 8-12 and 14-20 year olds twice a week, covering self management and basic skills

Method Cards:

**Mutual support**: enhance systems for volunteering, time banking etc.  

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Social Prescribing London Platform

Description:

A social prescribing London platform through which health and care professionals help people find advice and support in their local communities, and more widely

Method Cards:

**Future London**: research and share scenarios  RESEARCHING

**Mapping**: map assets, connections and networks  RESEARCHING

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A ‘co-production offer’ – groups of local residents engage in co-production exercises with statutory bodies

Description:

A ‘co-production offer’ – whereby groups of local residents, service users etc. would be identified and supported to engage in co-production exercises with statutory bodies and others wishing to apply co-production methodologies.

A pilot project of this group but the leader will use her track record in helping make this project possible. People involved will be volunteers who have been successful entrepreneurs to help develop beneficiaries invest in self-employment (catering, beauty and health care and nursing, customer services, personal development skills, training and advice guidance, IT and social media, business planning, marketing, finance, collaboration

Method Cards:

- A pool of local residents, service users and other ambitious and entrepreneurial people get trained and supported to work together and help similar people for an innovative project that makes them self sufficient, entrepreneurial and self-employed
- Provide bespoke training, PD, business skills, IAQ, ongoing networking and coaching
- Showcasing of various events; suggest learning about coproduction and networked approaches
- Track record of the leader will be presented, evaluated. Train change agents and support network building and innovation
- Gather and share success
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Cross sector events

Description:

Run cross-sector events bringing public, social and private sectors around specific issues, i.e. housing, integration etc. With a view to get funding and support but mainly generate new solutions and information

Method Cards:

**Portal**: build a central website and data store

**Innovate**: experiment with agile methods and share those

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Stop & Search Youth Project Monitoring Police

Description:

Educating people and the Police on the project: get them involved in helping out community work, keeping them busy doing group activities, getting them to help out in the hospitals, are homes, local community.

Method Cards:

**Key connectors**: identity first-contact points: volunteering, social action, advice  

**Mutual support**: enhance systems for volunteering, time banking etc.

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Peer group support systems

Description:

Peer group support systems including knowledge and skills exchange, visits between groups and organisations and regular meetings

Method Cards:

**Connect platforms:** use existing online platforms and media

**Mapping:** map assets, connections and networks

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Voices of London: championing community expertise

Description:

Voices of London: championing community expertise in support and engagement – whether from local communities or communities of interest or communities of identity.

A corporate volunteering brokerage scheme helps central London companies support volunteering by employees who live right across London.

Method Cards:

Showcasing: showcase centrally what works  

*Big Company advertising, marketing, PR expertise

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Digital storytelling network

Description:
Digital storytelling specialist – sharing: grassroots group network including a women’s support network; hub for London. Big Lottery fund(ed) to provide support with local campaigns, funding to create, build and create projects: aims to campaign successfully, to empower communities and enterprise. To shape voluntary sector policy and local community funders

Method Cards:

**Amplify voice:** help grassroots groups campaign

**Devolve Funding:** support grassroots groups and networks

**Mutual support:** enhance systems for volunteering, time banking etc.

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‘A ‘Lifeboat’ scheme

Description:

‘A ‘Lifeboat’ scheme, where expert assistance with small groups with small grants can help organisations in difficulty turn themselves around

Grassroots groups network coordination: cafe owner, space, CVS: invitations; Youth Parliament

Method Cards:

**Devolve Funding:** support grassroots groups and networks

**Innovate:** experiment with agile methods and share those

**Community expertise:** connect and share through networks

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Community cafe

Description:

To create a space for the local community to open a local cafe to create jobs, space for social networks for the elderly. Prevent flats from being built

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