

Camden's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

What it does and how the voluntary and community sector can engage

The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) aims to bring together the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to work together to improve the quality of life for all who live, work in and visit Camden. The LSP is responsible for:

- **Overseeing 'Camden Together' - the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). This is the strategic vision for improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of Camden.**
- **Agreeing, overseeing and monitoring the Local Area Agreement (LAA). This is the delivery plan for Community Strategy priorities, an agreement between the local authority and central government about what Camden will achieve and report back to government over a three year period.**

The Local Strategic Partnership has no legal decision making powers but provides a forum to generate better understanding and partnership working between different sectors at a high level. It also provides the voluntary and community sector (VCS) with an opportunity to influence decision making and promote the work of voluntary and community groups in Camden.

Members of the LSP are:

| Name | Organisation or sector | Post |
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| Professor David Latchman | Bloomsbury Colleges | Master, Birkbeck College |
| Simone Hensby | Camden Community Empowerment Network (Chair) | Voluntary Action Camden |
| Shelagh O'Connor | Camden Community Empowerment Network (Vice Chair) | New Horizon Youth Centre |
| Jan Knight | Camden Community Empowerment Network | Camden Citizens Advice Bureau |
| Sarah Elie | Camden Community Empowerment Network | Somerset Community Association |
| Karen Wilson | Camden Housing Association and Co-op Forum, Chair | Group Chief Executive, Origin Group |
| Chris Shaw | Camden Town Unlimited | Chair |
| Deb Lincoln | Inmidtown | Vice President Corporate Communications, Europe at Warner Brothers |
| Mick Hickey | Job Centre Plus | External Relations Manager – Central London District |
| Councillor Nasim Ali (Chair) | London Borough of Camden | Leader |
| Councillor Angela Mason | London Borough of Camden | Deputy Leader |
| Moira Gibb | London Borough of Camden | Chief Executive |
| Ann Baxter | London Borough of Camden | Director of Children's Services |
| Mark Hazelton | London Fire Brigade | Borough Commander |
| Chief Superintendent John Sutherland | Metropolitan Police | Borough Commander |
| Dr Quentin Sandifer | NHS Camden and London Borough of Camden | Director of Public Health |
| Liz Wise | NHS Camden | Acting Chief Executive |

LSP connections with the voluntary and community sector

The Camden Community Empowerment Network (CCEN) provides a voluntary and community sector voice at the LSP. In addition to the CCEN there are four thematic strategic partnerships, and three other groups that feed into the LSP and have voluntary and community sector members.



Camden Community Empowerment Network information and key contacts

Camden CEN elects a board and four LSP members from the voluntary and community sector every 18 months. Before each LSP meeting the board analyses LSP papers and agrees a collective view to take to the meetings. Information is also gathered from other VCS groups to add to this view, particularly from organisations with specific knowledge in the area under discussion. Key LSP business, such as developing the new Local Area Agreement, is widely consulted with the sector. CCEN LSP members are selected to provide a voice for the sector NOT their individual organisations.

The CCEN also carries out research and gathers evidence about voluntary and community sector activity. This provides evidence about the value of the sector and profiles VCS work in the progress reports on the Community Strategy that go to the LSP.

CCEN board members September 2010 – February 2012

Front line organisations:

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| 1. Bengali Workers Association | Mohammed Abdul Salique |
| 2. Birchington Road Tenants & Residents Association | Francis Bacon |
| 3. Camden Bengali Residents Association | Harunur Rashid |
| 4. Camden CAB | Jan Knight |
| 5. Camden Chinese Community Centre | Lincoln Lim |
| 6. New Horizon Youth Centre | Shelagh O'Connor |
| 7. Ossulston Tenants & Residents Association | Helia Evans |
| 8. Sante Refugee Mental Health Access Project | Ruth Appleton |
| 9. Somerstown Community Association | Sarah Elie |
| 10. St Mungo's | David Devoy |
| 11. The Castlehaven Community Association | Eleanor Botwright |

Second Tier organisations:

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| 1. Camden BME Alliance | Anju Bhatt |
| 2. Camden Community & Police Consultative Group | Peter Ward |
| 3. Disability in Camden (DISC) | Akin Olukiran |
| 4. Voluntary Action Camden | Simone Hensby |

CCEN staff

| Name | Job title | What? | Email | Telephone |
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| Donna Turnbull | Strategy and Policy Officer | Information about and feedback for LSP & related business. Joining email briefing list. | dturnbull@vac.org.uk | 0207 284 6567 |
| Alex Charles | Co-ordinator | Booking for seminars & meetings, registering with CCEN & joining Marketplace database. | cenadministrator@vac.org.uk | 0207 284 6562 |

Other CCEN information can be found at:

www.camdencen.org.uk

Other routes to the LSP and key contacts

The following table shows each partnership and group connected to the LSP (diagram on page 3). These are all cross-sector bodies. Some are responsible for different plans and strategies. These thematic plans provide the detail within the different themes of the 'big vision' of the Community Strategy.

The 'LSP connections' below are all in some way connected to voluntary and community sector networks which support VCS members and / or provide a communication link

| LSP connection | Related plans & strategy | Description | VCS member | Related VCS network | Network contact |
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| Children & Young Peoples (CYP) Partnership | Children and Young People's Plan | Responsible for commissioning & performance managing CYP services | Renuka Jeyarajah (Coram Family) Eleanor Botwright (Castlehaven Community Centre) | Children and Families Network (VAC) | Mohamed Hussein mhussein@vac.org.uk 0207 284 6572 |

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| Community Safety Partnership (CSP) | CamdenSafe 2008/11 - Community Safety Partnership Strategy | Responsible for commissioning and performance managing CS services | Peter Ward (CCPCG) Simone Hensby (VAC) | Camden Community & Police Consultative Group (CCPCG) | Peter Ward admin@camden-cpcg.org.uk 0207 278 5459 |
| Economic Development Partnership (EDP) | Under development | Responsible for commissioning and performance managing ED services | Neil Roberts (Camden Training Network) | Camden Training Network (CTN) | Neil Roberts neil.roberts@camden-training.org.uk 0207 284 8010 |
| Health and Wellbeing Board | Various | Responsible for commissioning and performance managing health related services | Not yet elected | Health and Inequalities Forum Health and Social Care Forum | Maureen Brewster mbrewster@vac.org.uk 0207 284 6567 Nancy Towers ntowers@vac.org.uk 0207 284 6576 |
| Social Cohesion Forum | none | Debates social cohesion issues | Approx. 8 VCS / faith group members | Camden BME Alliance | Anju Bhatt director@cbmea.org.uk 0207 388 6030 |
| Compact Steering Group | Camden Compact and Compact Action Plan | Aims to embed Compact principles. Currently updating action plan | Approx. 5 VCS members | Camden CCEN | Donna Turnbull dturnbull@vac.org.uk 0207 284 6567 |
| LBC Extended Planning and Performance Group | LAA delivery plans | This LBC group has been extended for 4 of its meetings this year to include other public sector and the VCS. The group deal with planning & performance related to the Community Strategy & LAA | Simone Hensby (VAC) Donna Turnbull – observer (CCEN) | Camden CEN | Donna Turnbull dturnbull@vac.org.uk |