

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
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
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
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

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