



## Executive Board Induction 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010

### What is the Camden Community Empowerment Network?

- A connection between the voluntary and community sector and Camden's Local Strategic Partnership (collective voice, Compact development, consultations).
- A resource to support the voluntary and community sector to engage with strategic planning and decision making (training, policy briefings, seminars).

### What is the Local Strategic Partnership?

- A body that brings 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.
- It has no legal decision making powers but provides a forum to generate better understanding between sectors, and opportunities for partners to influence decision making.

### The CCEN Board

- Supports voluntary and community sector participation in the Local Strategic Partnership (transparency, accountability).
- Develops and presents a collective voice (or voices) to contribute to Local Strategic Partnership business (meetings, seminars, feedback).
- Has protocols and codes of conduct endorsed by members to reinforce the above.

### Representation and voice

- The board elects 4 of its members to sit on the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).
- The LSP members take on responsibility to present a voice for, and act in the best interests of, the voluntary and community sector.

### Key roles

- **Voice** – acting as a bridge.
- **Influence** – being a critical friend.
- Support in **building the partnership** – directing resources to best effect.
- **Promoting the sector** – raising awareness of voluntary and community sector contribution and what groups can offer.

## **Key responsibilities**

- Feeding back information to voluntary and community sector groups.
- Standing up for the sector whilst maintaining good relationships.
- Reading papers and analysing complex documents.
- Influencing decisions.
- Giving the essential time commitment.