



Camden Community Empowerment Network (CCEN)

Terms of Reference

1. PURPOSE

- An independent network which brings together the voluntary and community sector in Camden
- A mechanism for the voluntary and community sector and local residents to have a stronger voice on Camden's Local Strategic Partnership and other decision making forums
- A resource for community members of strategic partnerships and groups

2. FUNCTIONS

- Capacity building with community members of strategic partnerships and groups
- To inform voluntary and community sector organisations about Camden's Local Strategic Partnership agenda and key policies like the Local Area Agreement
- To collate the views of the voluntary and community sector on strategic issues and ensure that these are fed into debate via the local strategic partnership and other forums
- To ensure that the voluntary and community sector are an active partner and contribute to shaping the work of the Local Strategic Partnership
- To work with stakeholders to identify how voluntary and community organisations and groups can best contribute to the delivery of priorities and outcomes for Camden residents
- To work with the Local Strategic Partnership to develop clear understanding of different roles and challenges to improve partnership working.

3. ORGANISATION

- An Executive Board of 11 – 15 individuals (balanced between front line organisations and infrastructure organisations) nominated and elected by the voluntary and community sector.
- Board members are elected for 18 months.
- The Executive Board will select 4 of its members to sit on Camden's Local Strategic Partnership, this to include the Chair and Vice Chair of the Network
- The CCEN will work with other networks, organisations and individuals who can provide specialist advice to the Executive Board. The Board can request these informal advisors to provide technical advice and present reports at LSP meetings.