



## North London CVS Partnership

### About Us

The North London CVS Partnership (NLCVSP) is a partnership between the four North London Councils of Voluntary Service in: Barnet, Enfield, Haringey and Waltham Forest.

### Partnership's members

The North London CVS Partnership's members are:

Barnet Voluntary Service Council (BVSC)

Enfield Voluntary Action (EVA)

Haringey Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations (HAVCO)

Voluntary Action Waltham Forest

### Aims

The aims of the NLCVSP are:

1. A stronger well co-ordinated sub regional structure for other agencies to key into.
2. A better informed sector at within each borough on sub-regional issues and opportunities.
3. Sub-regional and London wide policies and strategies are more fully informed by North London issues.
4. Increased effectiveness of each CVS resulting from to sharing information and good practice.
5. Increased resources to improve coverage of all policy areas at local and sub regional level.

### Background of the partnership

In 2005 the CVS in Barnet (BVSC), Enfield (EVA), Haringey (HAVCO) and Waltham Forest (Voluntary Action Waltham Forest) joined in partnership, forming the North London CVS Partnership (NLCVSP). The Chief Executive of each CVS sits on the partnership which is supported by the Sub Regional Coordinator and the Partnership Development Officer. It is funded by London Councils and Change Up and is hosted by Barnet Voluntary Service Council.

### What does the partnership do?

The NLCVSP

- o Works strategically at a sub regional level
- o Facilitates sub regional partnership and collaboration
- o Shares good practice and resources among infrastructure bodies
- o Informs sub regional policies and strategies to ensure the sector is included in them
- o Levers funding into the sub region, accessing funds not available locally
- o Works with key sub regional organisations, NLSA and LSC

The NLCVSP aims to benefit the voluntary and community sector and the communities it serves, by working strategically at a sub regional level for local benefit. The partnership is active in working with other key organisations and agencies serving the community across North London.



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The partnership identifies opportunities for cross sector partnerships, strategies, developing resources, policies and sharing best practice.

#### **The NLCVSP:**

- Supports voluntary and community organisations to engage with sub regional opportunities and work across boroughs in developing partnerships, resources and best practice.
- Enables the VCS to participate strategically in promoting social / economic inclusion by communicating with the Governmental strategic and funding agencies.
- Strengthens the Sector's ability to deliver services effectively to socially and economically disadvantaged groups.
- Develops strong, diverse and long term economic growth.
- Encourages organisations that address similar needs, in different boroughs, to work cooperatively and develop cross borough services where appropriate.
- Strengthens the work of the CVS's to support and promote the Sector.
- Establishes reliable base line data to assess the Sector's needs and identify and address development and funding opportunities.

#### **Networks**

The Partnership hosts a number of networks including:

- North London Change Up Steering Group
- North London Volunteer Network
- North London Children and Young Peoples Network
- North London Local Authority Funders Network
- North London Community Learning Forum

#### **Partnership Development**

The NLCVSP has relationships with a range of key agencies including:

- North London Learning and Skills Council
- North London Strategic Alliance
- North London voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisations
- Strategic Health Authorities
- North London Connexions
- Job Centre Plus
- Urban Futures
- Local Authorities
- Local Colleges
- London Development Agency
- London Councils (previously Association of London Government )
- Government Office for London
- Greater London Authority