

East London ChangeUp Partnership

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ChangeUp in East London

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What is the Partnership's vision for the voluntary and community sector in East London?

The East London ChangeUp Partnership has a vision of a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector which has a positive impact on the lives of those who live, work, learn and play in East London

ChangeUp is a Government initiative which aims to improve voluntary and community sector infrastructure so that by 2014 frontline voluntary and community organisations have the support they need to achieve their potential.

Responding to the ChangeUp agenda The ChangeUp East London Partnership was developed as a consortium across 10 boroughs in East London. Working together these partners aim to:

“Develop suitable and effective infrastructures across East London, where voluntary and community organisations can access a full range of quality support services. This will enable those organisations to deliver quality and accessible services to local communities”.

An Infrastructure Development Strategy (2008-2014) and Business Plan (2008-2011) have been written identifying needs which are best met by sub-regional activity. You can find these documents on the East London CVS Network website at: www.elcvnetwork.org.uk/change/subregional/



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Which organisations are involved in the Partnership?

The partnership covers a large area which includes the 10 Boroughs of:

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| Barking & Dagenham | Bexley |
| City | Greenwich |
| Hackney | Havering |
| Lewisham | Newham |
| Redbridge | Tower Hamlets |

The Partnership consists of representatives from the following organisations:

- Partnership Members**
- Third sector infrastructure organisations delivering services in two or more East London boroughs
 - East London BME Network
 - Each Local ChangeUp Consortium
 - East London CVS Network
 - East London Volunteer Centre Network
 - Local Authorities
 - London Councils
 - Public Sector agencies working across East London

If you are interested in joining the partnership please contact the East London CVS Network ~ contact details on back cover. We are particularly interested in organisations which can:

- Provide a balance of policy, planning and programme implementation with knowledge and expertise in areas identified in ChangeUp Plans.
- Support equalities organisations.

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What does ChangeUp mean for infrastructure support organisations in East London?

- Mapping of current support and identification of gaps in infrastructure provision.
- Providing a forum for voluntary and community sector organisations and funders to develop ways of meeting gaps.
- Ensuring that services are developed and co-ordinated at an appropriate level [local, cross-borough or sub-regional].
- Providing qualitative, accredited infrastructure support that is robust and meets a wide variety of needs.
- Promoting the benefits of independent, autonomous and diverse organisations in delivering frontline and infrastructure services.
- Increasing external understanding, support, valuing of and investment in a sector that offers high quality, responsive services.



- Building on existing trust between service users and voluntary and community organisations to influence policy and practice.

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What does ChangeUp mean for frontline organisations?

The East London ChangeUp Partnership aims to:

- Ensure that work being undertaken in local areas is enhanced by sub-regional provision
- Share best practice, skills and expertise to maintain quality support for the voluntary and community sector in East London
- Map and analyse issues taking place at a borough level with a view to addressing them strategically

ChangeUp Resources developed by local borough Consortia and the East London Partnership have been produced for use by frontline as well as infrastructure voluntary and community organisations, and include:

- **Toolkits** - *Fundraising, Governance, HR, Recruitment*
- **Directories** - *Volunteering, ICT, Premises, Voluntary & Community Organisations*
- **Training Packs** - *Governance, Premises*
- **Mapping Reports** - *Human Resources, ICT*
- **Project Information** - *Training, Support, Guidance*
- **Strategies** - *Youth Volunteering, Compact, Commissioning*

A full list of resources can be found on the East London CVS Network - www.elcvnetwork.org.uk follow the East London ChangeUp Resources link for further details and copies of resources.

What has been delivered so far?

During the past two years the East London ChangeUp Partnership has been involved in the following research into the needs of the sector in East London:

- A Strategy for Building a World Class Third Sector in London Thames Gateway [TGLP 2006]
- BME Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure in East London Sub-region [MiNet 2007]
- Commissioning & Procurement: Fit for Purpose? [ELN 2006]
- Commissioning & Procurement: Needs for the VCS [Age Concern 2006]
- Developing a World Class Third Sector Workforce in East London [TGLP 2006]
- East London Infrastructure Investment & Development Plan [ELN 2005]
- Open to Options: Developing HR & Legal Support [ELN 2006]
- Directory of ICT Support Services [ELN 2006]
- The London ChangeUp Plan

The Partnership has also worked with local CVSs to develop the following areas of support to help meet these needs:

- **HR & Legal** - training and support for managers
- **ICT** - support and development of mini-hubs
- **Workforce Development** - free HR software / training
- **Diversity** - development of East London BME Network
- **Collation of resources by ChangeUp Consortia**

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What are the key changes that will be made over the next six years [to 2014]?

The East London ChangeUp Partnership plans to make the following key changes in East London:

- Increase infrastructure support so that voluntary and community organisations can gain access to quality, affordable and accessible premises.
- Create a network of volunteer centres, working together for the benefit of volunteers and volunteering.
- Increase the capacity of CVSs and other Local Infrastructure Organisations around the benefits of the Olympics.
- Increase the capacity of equalities organisations.
- Increase the capacity of CVSs and other LIOs to:
 - Support local front line voluntary and community organisations achieve sustainability.
 - Provide appropriate ICT support to frontline organisations.
- Ensure there is a co-ordinated approach to Community Development in the London Thames Gateway.
- Develop an informed, cohesive and effective Partnership, that is able to inform and participate in the decision making process of infrastructure development.

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Useful Contacts:

- Sub-regional (East London) information:
www.elcvnetwork.org.uk
- Information on ChangeUp and National Support Services:
www.improving-support.org.uk
- National agency managing the ChangeUp programme:
www.capacitybuilders.org.uk

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