

What is ChangeUp?

ChangeUp is a government initiative designed to improve voluntary and community sector [VCS] infrastructure.

ChangeUp aims to ensure that by 2014 frontline voluntary community organisations will have the support they need to achieve their potential, that this support is available nationwide, that it's effective, accessible, and reflects and promotes diversity and is sustainably funded.

VCS infrastructure organisations provide infrastructure functions (support and development, co-ordination, representation and promotion) to frontline voluntary and community organisations.

ChangeUp is a one-off investment to help VCS infrastructure organisations support the

sector as a whole more effectively. The money is not meant to deliver services to frontline organisations.

Instead it's supposed to be used strategically, to develop plans for sustainable improved services.

Who is involved in ChangeUp in East London?

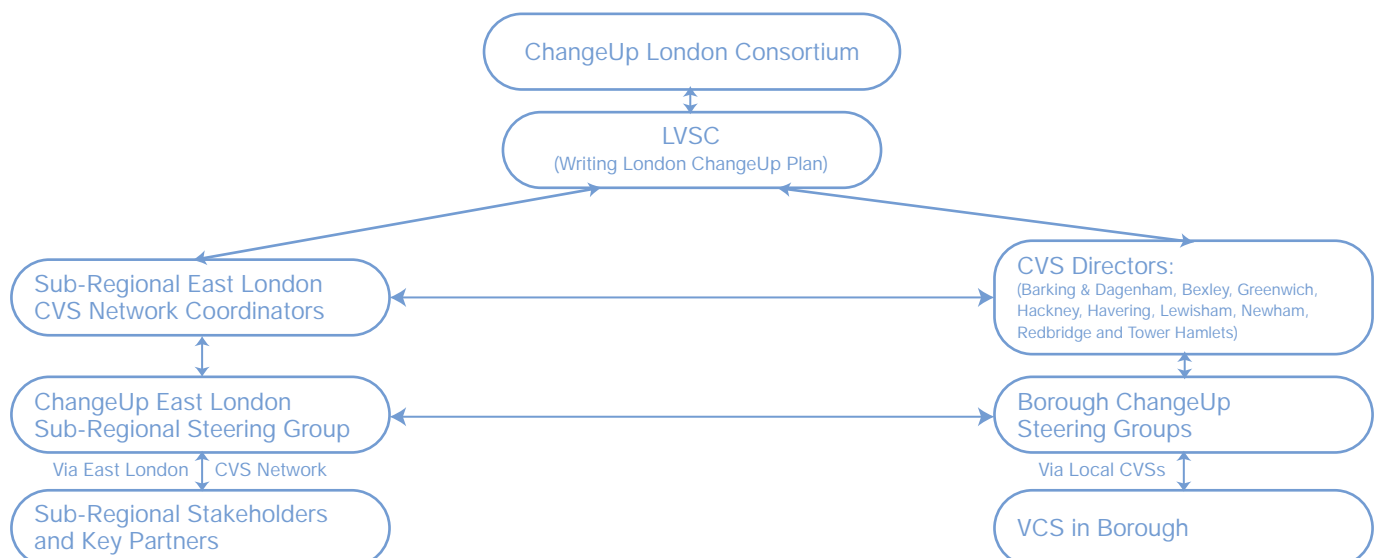
East London, a steering group has been convened and comprises of representatives from the following organisations:

- Havering Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations
- Voluntary Action Lewisham
- Hackney Voluntary Action
- Volunteers Greenwich
- London Borough of Newham
- London Borough of Lewisham
- London Borough of Hackney
- Bassac

- Thames Gateway London Partnership
- Social Enterprise London
- Black Training and Enterprise Group
- Association of London Government
- North East London Strategic Health Authority
- London Advice Services Alliance
- London Voluntary Sector Training Consortium

The Steering Group are currently meeting monthly.

How local ChangeUp planning feeds into sub-regional ChangeUp planning and the London ChangeUp plan



What are the priority areas for East London?

As with the local ChangeUp partnerships, the Sub-Regional Partnership has been charged with submitting an Infrastructure Development Plan by October 2005. The Partnership is commissioning research looking at a number of key areas of development:

- Workforce development
- Governance
- Community accountancy
- Payroll
- Legal support (including support for the HR function)
- CRB checks

Work on Information Communication Technology support and advice is being facilitated in East London by LASA. Find out more at: www.lasa.org.uk/londonchangeup

The mapping will provide evidence for taking a more coordinated approach in these areas at a sub-regional level and form the basis for an options paper for development of provision.

If your organisation is providing support around any of these areas we would like to hear from you NOW.

How to get involved

Are you a voluntary sector organisation providing infrastructure support to other voluntary sector organisations in East London?

Are you from the public sector and would like to find out more about ChangeUp?

We want to hear from you!

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ChangeUp page on East London CVS Network website

An area of the East London CVS Network website has been dedicated the ChangeUp in East London. Contents include:

- Terms of Reference for the East London sub-regional steering group
- Minutes of East London sub-regional steering group meetings
- Local & sub-regional progress reports
- Information on the ICT project

Visit us at www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk

Useful links

Home Office website about ChangeUp

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/comrace/active/developing

Government Office for London

www.gos.gov.uk/gol

London Voluntary Service Council

www.actionlink.org.uk/changeup

What happens next?

A progress report was submitted in June 2005. Work on developing the Infrastructure Development Plan will continue over the summer. All local East London ChangeUp partnerships and all infrastructure organisations working in East London will be invited to a consultation event in September to discuss the proposals and prioritise the next steps. The East London Infrastructure Development Plan will be then submitted in October.

The Plan will have short term objectives with a long term vision. Progress will be continually monitored by the sub-regional partnerships – if you would like to be involved in either the implementation or monitoring of the Plan please contact the East London CVS Network.

A second Newsletter will be produced in November to provide further information on the East London Infrastructure Development Plan.