

St George's Ward Neighbourhood for Learning Bulletin

What is the St George's Neighbourhood for Learning?

The Neighbourhood for Learning in St George's is part of the Neighbourhood Resilience Programme which is bringing together residents, local groups and services (**the 'neighbourhood system'**) to improve the wider conditions that affect health and wellbeing. The programme aims to increase the collective capacities of the **community neighbourhood system** to influence change that will improve the social determinants of health and reduce **health inequalities**. It is part of the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care in the North West Coast area (CLAHRC NWC) which is funded by the National Institute for Health Research and CLAHRC NWC partners. There are nine 'Neighbourhoods for Learning' in the North-West, chosen by the local authorities as **a relatively disadvantaged** area where **health inequalities** could be improved.

What is a Resident Advisor?

Resident Advisors are key partners in the Neighbourhood for Learning. A Resident Adviser is someone who lives in St George's Ward and is interested in using their experiences of the area to help us to develop the programme of work. Resident Advisors can help us identify how things could be improved, how changes can be made and how these changes affect people. A Resident Adviser can contribute to the programme in various ways. They might:

- Join the local team and share their experiences of the area with them
- Help **the local team** design and deliver activities
- Help other people who live locally to get involved
- Take part in meetings with other organisations
- Undertake research activities **for the programme** (training will be provided)

Sometimes Resident Advisors may be offered payment for being involved in a particular activity. For example, this might be helping to organise meetings for other residents preparing a presentation at a meeting or helping carry out research in the area. Payment rates will be discussed before any activity is carried out. Resident Advisors can choose whether or not to take part in activities and whether or not to accept any payment that is offered. If you are interested in becoming a Resident Advisor, please contact Donna Carney 01772 717461 (donnac@communityfutures.org.uk)



Local Oversight Group established

February saw the first meeting of the Local Oversight Group which directs and assists the Resident Advisors to take forward their consultation work in the community. The group is made up of representatives from Lancaster University, Lancashire County Council, Preston Muslim Forum, Community Futures Preston City Council and the local PACT group, as well as Resident Advisors themselves. The group is still looking to recruit someone to represent local business and possibly a local councillor to ensure all areas of the community are represented. If you are interested in volunteering to take part in the LOG meetings (held once every 2 months) please contact Donna Carney (01772 717461) or email donnac@communityfutures.org.uk for more details.



INTERESTED IN TAKING PART?

A Resident Advisor can arrange to meet with you to get your views or could come to your group to speak to a number of you in one go. If you are interested please contact us and we will arrange it for a time that suits you.

Residents have decided on the theme for consideration

Following consultation with local residents the theme of Healthy Streets has been agreed upon as the focus for our Neighbourhood for Learning. We will be looking at looking at play and travel around the St George's Area and residents who have signed up as Resident Advisors have started collecting information and data from people who live in the area. The Play theme is looking at places that children play within the locality, the issues they face, what is good about it and what needs improvement. By logging the information and the issues we can feed our findings back to the Local Oversight Group to develop an action plan to help shape new ways of working that will improve the health of people who live in St George's.

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