

St George's Ward Neighbourhood for Learning Bulletin 2

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 to improve the wider conditions that affect health and wellbeing. It is part of the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast (CLAHRC NWC) which is funded by the National Institute for Health Research and CLAHRC NWC partners. There are nine 'Neighbourhoods for Learning' in the CLAHRC North-West Coast area.

Litter Pick - November 2018

A community clean up event was held on 17th November, supported by Preston City Council and Lancashire County Council – the attendees were enthusiastic and had several conversations with members of the public whilst they were litter picking and the event left resident advisers feeling positive about its impact. The LOG agreed that a second event should be held in the Spring, working with other stakeholders to be part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean and Big School Clean.



Alleyway Transformation

The resident advisors are planning to transform one of the alleyways in St George's. At the moment a number of the alleyways in the ward are rundown, dirty and underused. In February the residents will be holding an ideas and training session, where they will discuss the improvements they wish to make and get training from Let's Grow Preston. It is anticipated the improvements will be carried out in March, when the weather's hopefully a little better!

Once the first alleyway has been transformed the residents will produce a short booklet showing how they improved the alleyway. This will be used, along with assistance from the residents, to help other people in the area carryout similar improvements.



Local Oversight Group

The Local Oversight Group directs and assists the Resident Advisors to take forward their consultation work in the community. The group is made up of representatives from local organisations. 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.

What is a Resident Advisor?

Resident Advisors are key partners in the Neighbourhood for Learning. A Resident Advisor 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 Advisor can contribute to the programme in various ways including helping the team design and deliver activities as well as helping other local people to get involved. If you'd like to be a resident advisory please contact Donna Carney (01772 717461) or email donnac@communityfutures.org.uk

Resident Enquiry and Future Priorities

Over the summer the resident advisors undertook a resident enquiry, collecting information from local people about what it's like living in St George's. Following the collation of these results and a feedback session in August, the resident advisors and the LOG have decided the priorities for action over the next 9 months are:

- Alleyway transformation
- Littering and fly-tipping
- Addressing concerns about uneven pavements and overgrown trees



Environment Learning Exchange

St George's LOG are involved in a Learning Exchange Event Cleaner, Greener Environments, which will take place Wednesday 20th March 2019 at the Avenham Park Pavilion, Preston. As well as hearing about our work in St George's there will be information from:

- Angus, Scotland, sharing approaches to tackle littering and environmental issues involving stakeholders from across the Angus community.
- Hubbub Foundation, describing their organisation efforts to transform the fly-tipped alleys at the back of houses into bright and friendly communal spaces.
- Work in the Neighbourhoods for Learning in Liverpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

If you would like any further information about the event please contact Fiona at f.j.ward@lancaster.ac.uk