

# St George's Neighbourhood for Learning Bulletin 3

## 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.

## Alleyway Transformation

On Saturday 15th June the first of the alleyway transformations took place. This was an action identified as part of the resident enquiry and one which the resident advisors have been passionate about.

The resident advisors started by contacting householders on the alley to make them aware of the project and invite them to an ideas session. The session was very well attended and lots of good ideas were discussed. Following the ideas session, a training day was organized at Let's Grow Preston's base at Ashton Park. Annie and the rest of her team gave the



residents some hands on training which was extremely helpful.

Then it was time for the action day. The resident advisors delivered invitations to the householders letting them know what was happening. Plants were provided by Peter H Smith Limited and volunteers from Let's Grow Preston helped the residents pot them and put them in place. Throughout the day over 20 people helped out and everyone had a lot of fun, which even an afternoon shower didn't spoil!

## Clean Air Day

Thursday 20th June was Clean Air Day. There are facts and resources on the Clean Air Day website at <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk> which help individuals and communities improve air quality in their homes and neighbourhoods.



## 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 Denise Partington (01772 717461) or email [denisep@communityfutures.org.uk](mailto:denisep@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 know more, please contact Denise Partington (01772 717461) or email [denisep@communityfutures.org.uk](mailto:denisep@communityfutures.org.uk)

## Resident Enquiry and Future Priorities

Last year 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 a feedback session was held and an action plan was produced. We'll be reviewing the action plan at the next LOG meeting. For the moment the priorities of the programme are:

- Continuing alleyway transformations
- Littering and fly-tipping
- Addressing concerns about uneven pavements and overgrown trees

## Environment Learning Exchange

On 20 March 2019, more than 50 people gathered at Avenham Park Pavilion in Preston explore the links between the living environment and health and wellbeing. Participants included Resident and Public Advisers and representatives from environmental and regeneration organisations, local authorities, a water authority, housing organisations and universities.



There was a huge diversity in participants' backgrounds and experiences but attendees shared the desire to explore how local collaborations can have effective impacts on the environment and the social determinants of health inequalities.

Presentations were given by representatives and resident advisers from three Neighbourhoods for Learning as well as Let's Grow Preston, HubBub and Angus Clean Environment.

The day was a great success and for many of the attendees it sparked a new commitment to work with local residents to create innovative solutions.