



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES



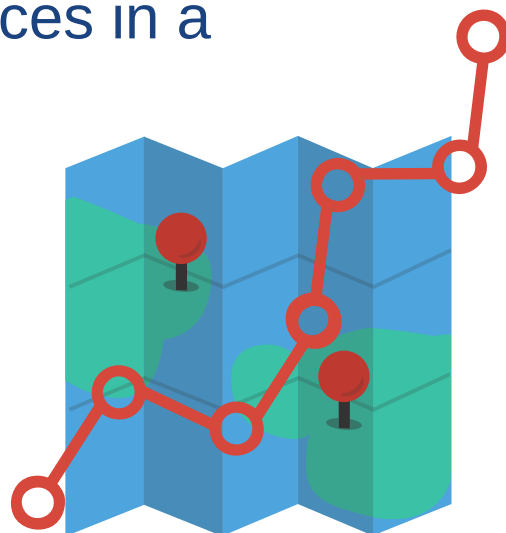
What is Community Development Work?

Community Development Workers (CDWs) support community groups and services in a number of different ways, such as:



Support to evidence need, measure impact or applying for funding

Building social media and other IT skills



Networking and making connections to other groups



Providing support for:
older people
mental health issues
long-term health conditions
food poverty
community centres
BAME groups
social isolation



Helping make use of under-used spaces

CDWs provide support to Community Networks

Networks CDWs Support:

Older People Arts Network
Caribbean Social Forum
Friendships Network
ESOL Providers Forum
Dementia Action Alliance
Lewisham LGBT Forum
Community Spaces Network
Lewisham Mental Health Connections
Downham Nutrition Partnership
Lewisham BME Network



CDWs also coordinate

Neighbourhood Community Development Partnerships

part of the Whole Systems Model of Care, bringing together community wellbeing services to better work with and complement statutory health and social care services

Neighbourhood Partnerships deliver:

- Networking and sharing community updates
- Mapping assets in the local area
- Building partnerships and joint working
- Community-driven priorities for Public Health funding
- Presentations from statutory services and partners



One community partner said:

"It feels very collaborative and inspiring, like there's a lot of work to do but in a good way"

Community Connections works along the 5 Ways to Wellbeing model, supporting community groups and services which build wellbeing and resilience



If you would like more information on ways to improve wellbeing, or if you are interested in our Community Development work, please call **020 8314 3244** or email **communityconnections@ageuklands.org.uk**

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