

Community Links: Sharing experience from the ground up

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Community Links



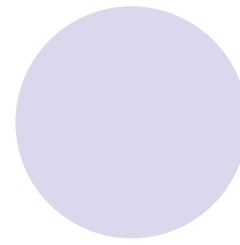
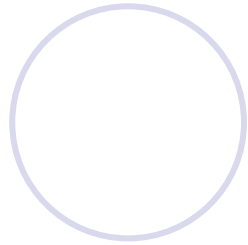
- 30 years in Newham, east London
- 50,000 people every year
- 60 projects
- £11m turnover
- 80% staff former users and volunteers

Newham, east London



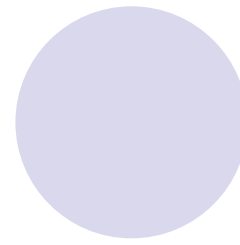
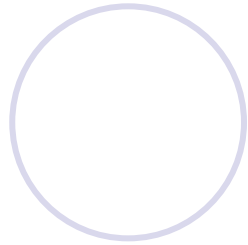
- 11th most deprived borough in UK
- Lowest income per capita
- 55% children & young people live in poverty
- Epidemic levels of TB
- Youngest age profile in London
- 70,000 population increase over next 15 years
- £15bn regeneration in east London

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- Local delivery : national learning-influencing
- linksUK, national team of Community Links
- Share experience from the ground up
 - Practitioners
 - Policy makers
 - Media

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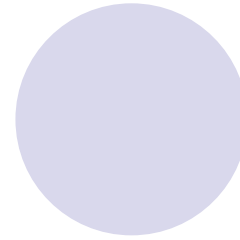
- 5 areas of work
 - Work & benefits
 - Children and young people
 - Innovation
 - Social change
 - Communities and regeneration
- Methods
 - Consultancy
 - Training
 - Research and policy
 - Publications
 - Events and public speaking

E.g. Need NOT Greed



- Cash-in-hand / informal economy
- 8 years experience:
 - Research
 - £120bn / UK & 2m vulnerable workers
 - Need not greed – absolute / relative poverty
 - Campaigns
 - 50+ Need NOT Greed – changes to benefit system & business support
 - Practical Projects
 - Support teams
 - Informed choices from information

Community Links' websites & blogs



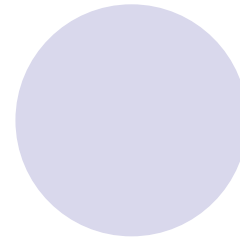
For reports, updates and campaigns, visit:

www.neednotgreed.org.uk

www.community-links.org/linksuk (sign up to blog)

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