

COMMUNITY LINKS

Ready for Everything Communities

Community Links has a vision of Ready for Everything Communities.

A community that is defined by what it dreams of, not what holds it back. A community with ambition, resilience and influence. A community that cares for itself, is keen to collaborate and share, and is proud of the diverse groups that make it up.

A community that is supported by an effective network of voluntary, private and public sector partners that recognise they are a fundamental part of the picture. Based in Canning Town, we are building a Ready for Everything approach that can be replicated and expanded elsewhere.

This is the vision for Community Links 2017 - 2020

What are Ready for Everything Communities?

Groups of people who support each other to overcome problems, prevent them from occurring again and help each other to thrive and achieve their goals.

Working Model

We have designed a model for communities that we will use to design our services and programmes, work with our neighbours and measure our impact.



Getting Ready

Knowledgeable, skilled, healthy and steady communities are ready to make informed decisions and ready to act.

Communities are aware of the factors that are shaping them and have the capacity to know how to participate.

Moving Forward

Optimistic communities that are ready to participate in the creation of our futures.

Communities have the skills and attributes to identify and overcome barriers and seize opportunities.

Communities are ambitious for themselves and can celebrate success.

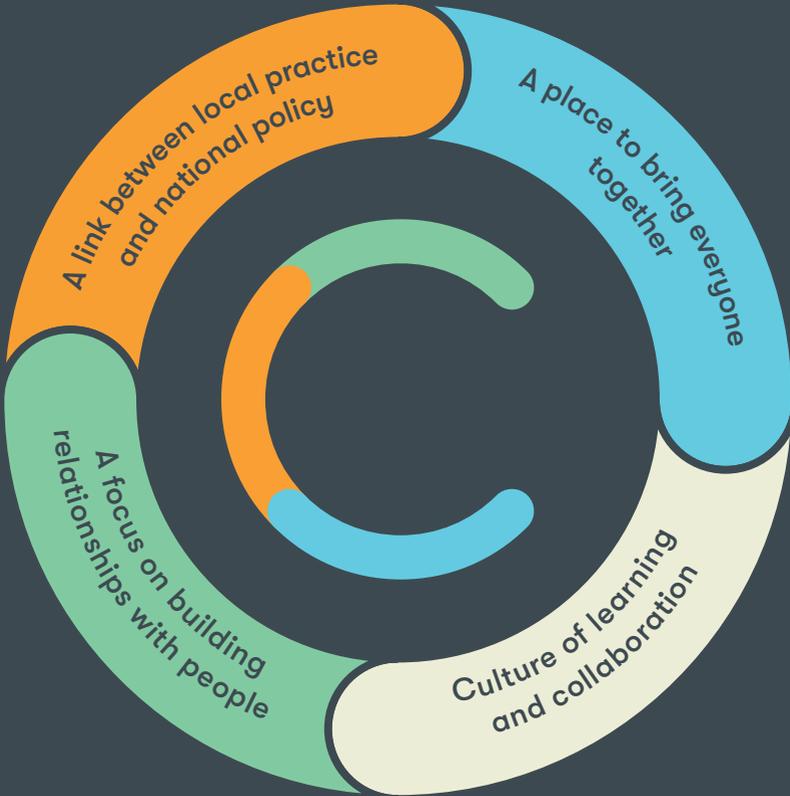
Stronger Together

Communities are inclusive and cohesive. We work together, adapt together and live together to find positive solutions that work for us. We are stronger together.

Communities are able and willing to come together to build solidarity and act.

Our mission:

To support people in coming together, overcoming barriers, building purpose and making the most of the place they live in. From our base in east London we apply the learning from our local work to influence and achieve positive national change.



Over the next three years we will work across skills and employment, health, and advice, reaching at least 15,000 people, responding to crisis where necessary, but also helping people take control of their lives, discover their own strengths, and give something back.

Some key highlights of our last 40 years

1977

Community Links formally established

1983

Influential, resident-led “Tower Blocks” housing campaign results in the demolition of Ronan Point and similar unsafe tower blocks across the UK

1991

We acquire the Canning Town Public Hall in one of the earliest examples of community asset transfer from a local authority to the voluntary sector

1997

We take young people to Number 11 Downing St to meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer and discuss Labour’s New Deal programme. Several initiatives emerge including the £450m Children’s Fund breaking the cycle of poverty at grass roots

2007

We lead the Prime Minister’s Council for Social Action, conceiving Social Impact Bonds and leading the conversation around ‘personalisation’

2015

We set up the cross-sector Early Action Task Force in 2010. Our first report, the Triple Dividend, leads to the National Audit Office to undertake the seminal landscape review of Early Action and by 2015, Early Action appears in all party manifestos

2017

Community Links joins Catch22 Group and launches ambitious new strategy Ready for Everything Communities to begin its 40th year of leading social change

What’s Next?

Over the next three years Community Links will work hard both for, and as part of our community to make it, and us ‘Ready for Everything’. We cannot do it by ourselves and nor should we.

We rely on the support of our friends, funders, partners and neighbours to make this difference. If you share our vision, or we can help you with yours, please get in touch.

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