



Ealing Community Network



**ANNUAL REPORT
2008/9**

Introduction



The last year has seen the work of ECN extend even wider - around unemployment and worklessness, community premises, community safety and environmental issues - while maintaining our key role in providing a 'collective voice' for Ealing's voluntary sector.

Looking at last year's annual report I am pleased to see we have achieved all the key priorities. Some key achievements during the last year have been:

- Supporting VCS involvement in the refreshed Local Area Agreement and Ealing Community Strategy;
- Holding 4 Digital Engagement Events and setting up new online forums for disabled people and Muslim women;
- Launching a new Greenford, Northolt and Perivale Community Federation (with CANBE);
- Holding the first ever ECN Going Green Awards;
- Producing an Ealing Voluntary Sector Worklessness Strategy;
- Providing increased training and termly 'chat up' events for childrens groups;
- Holding a Growing the Grassroots residential for new community reps (with CANBE);
- Producing a draft Ealing Community Premises Strategy.

In this next year we once again face a heavy workload:

- Supporting a review of the Ealing Children's Trust and other LSP Boards;
- Launching an ECN Equality Action Plan and producing an Equality Tool Kit;
- Finalising a five year 'Our Sector, Our Voice' survey;
- Reviewing and updating the Ealing Compact;
- Presenting a case to the LSP for VCS management of community buildings;
- Setting up a new online forum for local unemployed people.

During last year we secured further one year funding for ECN - as well as Southall Community Alliance, Acton Community Forum and Ealing Race Equality Council and local BMER Funding Workers. However funding for ECN and these support organisations (as well as other key local VCS projects) runs out again from March 2010 while during 2010 Ealing will receive substantial LAA reward funding.

With your help we will run a 'Support Our Sector' campaign to ask local decision-makers both to save key local VCS projects and make sure the sector receives a fair share of any local reward funding.

My personal thanks go to Ifilia, Halima and Ann Marie who make up my team, to other ECVS staff and volunteers who have supported the work of ECN in many ways and above all to ECN members who have supported a local Community Network seen nationally as a good practice model on community engagement.



Carmel Cahill – ECN Co-ordinator

Carmel at GNP Function Launch

ECN Achievements



ECN - Community Voice

This year ECN welcomed 41 new member groups (around a 10% increase). About 30% of these are faith groups, recruited following work done on a new Faith Directory for Ealing. Some 20 groups become dormant during the year - leaving a current membership of 448 groups.

We held 5 steering group meetings and 4 open meetings. Speakers included:

- Sultan Taylor – Police Borough Commander
- Susan Parsonage – Head of Community Safety LBE
- Helen Bedser – Hestia Housing, Ealing LINK Host
- Matthew Booth – LBE Planning and Strategy
- Angela Mc Keever – LBE Economic Development

We held a further successful residential event for Steering Group members and elected VCS reps. Discussion included a review of the LSP Stronger Communities Board, developing an ECN Equalities Action Plan and a future funding strategy for the VCS.

In March we partnered NAVCA and the Urban Forum to run a conference in Southall on Community Empowerment. Over 70 delegates from across the South East attended and ECN was highlighted as a national good practice example.

We were also asked to run a workshop by Planning Aid for London highlighting the ECN/LBE Planning 'Shaping Communities Scheme' (which gives local community panels an early input into major planning developments).

In addition the ECN Environmental Charter has also recently been highlighted as a good practice model by the national Every Action Counts campaign.

ECN - Strategic Partner

ECN has continued its work with LBE and other key statutory partners around strategic development and consultation including:

- Input to Children Services Comprehensive Performance Assessment;
- Facilitating VCS workshops around Building Schools for the Future, Carers Short Breaks and review of Housing Allocations;
- Coordinating a VCS focus group on the Audit Commission Health Inequalities Review ;
- Submitting a VCS Worklessness and Skills Strategy to the LBE Scrutiny Committee;
- Supporting VCS involvement in setting up the new Ealing LINK.



Launch of the ECN Environmental Charter

ECN Achievements



ECN has actively supported a range of local major partnership funding bids - including Ealing One Stop Jobs Shop, My Space, Parent Carers Participation, Estate Play Programme, Separating Families Pilot and Migrant Impact Fund - and is currently working on further major bids around Generations Together and Safer Homes Fund.

ECN has also been asked by LBE to facilitate VCS consultation on a review of the LBE Single Equalities Scheme and will be working with Ealing Police on their new Diversity and Engagement Strategy. Following a request by ECN, LBE has produced a 'map' of all commissioning streams for local VCS groups and we have submitted recommendations on how to improve these and ensure consistent good practice across all LBE departments.

New Developments

This year we increased support work with local community and neighbourhood reps (in partnership with the ECVS CANBE and TIDE teams). This included:

- Further training for local Community Advocates;
- Holding a first ever 'Growing the Roots' event for potential new reps;
- Holding local consultation events and launching a new Greenford, Northolt and Perivale Community Federation;
- Training a new Shaping Communities Panel for Hanwell;
- Recruiting new members for the joint ECN / LBE Planning Group and holding a question and answer session with LBE Planning at an ECN open meeting.



Poetry at the 'Growing the Roots' event

Digital Challenge

Ealing was a regional winner under the national Digital Challenge Fund (the only successful London Borough). ECN has led on this work which has brought around £130,000 to Ealing and helped local VCS groups develop knowledge of new technologies.

During the last year we have:

- Set up 3 new online zones on the ECN website – Shaping Communities Zone, New Communities Zone and Going Green Zone;
- Run 3 local Digital Engagement Events - on People with Disabilities, BMER Communities, and New Ways to Communicate and Consult;
- Piloted new online consultation forums for People with Disabilities and Muslim women;
- Hosted a London Digital Inclusion Conference at Watermans Arts Centre.
- Supported local VCS groups to visit successful DC projects around the country.



DC - Disability Panel

ECN Achievements



National Digital Challenge has recently been awarded further one year Government funding and locally we will be submitting a report (with future recommendations) to Ealing LSP.

ECN also substantially redesigned and upgraded our website during the year and added new features. See for yourself by visiting www.ealingnetwork.org.uk

Children's Workforce Development

In partnership with Ealing Children's Trust we host an ECN Worker, Halima, to develop understanding of the Every Child Matters agenda in the private and voluntary sectors. This work has initially had a strong safeguarding focus and has included:

- Supporting the Children's Workforce Steering Group;
- Improving safeguarding children policies of voluntary and faith groups;
- Launching 'Yellow Book' Safeguarding Guidelines;
- Running Introduction to Safeguarding training for voluntary and community groups;
- Writing an 'Ealing Safer Recruitment Guide'.

Our work has been selected as a regional case study of good practice to be included in published research into the involvement of the VCS in development of the Children's Workforce.



Holiday Play Scheme on Green Man Estate

Neighbourhood Involvement

We were delighted to welcome Ann Marie Charles as the ECN Neighbourhood Worker for Green Man Lane and Drayton Bridge Estates. This local development project has achieved:

- Setting up 2 new estate based community groups;
- Providing resident training on both estates;
- Supporting resident participation in estate regeneration;
- Partnership working on new estates holiday playschemes;
- Setting up new estate classes in sewing and cookery;
- Winning funding for new local community cohesion activities (with SCA and ACF).



Iranian Dancer at ECN Conference

ECN Achievements



ECN Spend 2008/09

Staff costs	£61,000
Training & events	£12,525
IT Development	£ 4,049
Operating Costs	£20,727
Total	£98,301



ECN Steering Group Away Event

ECN Future Priorities 2009/2010

Key priorities during the next year will include:

- Running a 'Support Our Sector' campaign to secure future funding for ECN and core VCS groups;
- Supporting an upcoming review of LSP structures and partnerships;
- Holding a further 'VCS Mini-Bus Tour' for LBE Councillors;
- Training and supporting new elected VCS reps (especially on the LSP Safer Communities and Health and Well Being Boards);
- Completing the Ealing Community Premise Management Strategy and presenting this to the LSP;
- Developing a new online forum for local unemployed people;
- Setting up a new section on the ECN website to assist local groups deal with the recession;
- Supporting increased VCS engagement with the PCT Health Improvement Partnership and new Ealing Health and Well Being Strategy;
- Supporting Ealing Police to develop and launch an 'Ealing Street Pastors Scheme';
- Finalising the Our Sector, Our Voice Survey and presenting this to the LSP;
- Coordinating further Ealing input to the national Digital Challenge programme;
- Commissioning a local lead organisation for the Greenford, Northolt and Perivale Community Federation;
- Coordinating VCS input to the review of the LBE Single Equalities Scheme;
- Training and supporting a further Shaping Communities Panel for Southall (with LBE Planning);
- Reviewing and updating local Compacts with LBE and local Health Trusts;
- Supporting the extended Ealing LINK pilot around supported housing;



Greenford, Northolt and Perivale Consultation

ECN Membership Analysis

March 2009



Analysis based on 448 groups

ETHNICITY	No.	%
BMER	171	38%
Of which are refugee groups	84	19%

TYPES OF GROUP – up to 2 categories allowed per group

Children and Families	75	15%
Tenants/Neighbourhood	45	9%
Sport/Art/Culture	59	12%
Disability	43	8%
Youth	51	10%
Older People	30	7%
Faith	47	9%
Environment	12	2%
Housing	13	2%
LGBT	3	.5%
Advice/Training/Other	125	25%

SIZE OF GROUPS

Small Groups	350	78%
Large Groups	98	22%

LOCATION

Acton	80	18%
Ealing/West Ealing	42	9%
Hanwell	22	5%
Southall	107	23%
Greenford	24	5%
Northolt	25	7%
Boroughwide	148	33%

ECN Elected Representatives



LSP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ealing Community & Voluntary Service
Ealing Racial Equality Council
Acton Community Forum

Name of Person

Andy Roper
Ricky Singh
Steve Flynn

Date Elected

14-Jun-08
14-Jun-08
14-Jun-08

LSP ASSEMBLY

Access for Support and Development
Acton Alliance
Oke-Osisi Afrika Org
Alzheimer's Concern
Acton Community Forum

Abdullahi Osman
Bill Davidson
Chris Onuoha
Frances English
Steve Flynn

14-Jun-08
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LSP ART, SPORT AND CULTURAL BOARD

Oke-Osisi Afrika Org
Acton Community Forum
Ealing Arts and Leisure
Kuro Theatre

Chris Onuoha - Arts Lead
Steve Flynn – Sport Lead
John Hummerston
Ken Rea

10-Jan-07
10-Jan-07
10-Jan-07
10-Jan-07

LSP ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD

Tenants & Leaseholders Group - Deputy, Housing
Ealing Civic Society - Environment, Deputy
Ealing Friends of the Earth

Don Ayre
Robert Gurd
Nick Ferriday

10-Jan-07
10-Jan-07
10-Jan-07

Built Environment

Ealing Civic Society/Local Agenda 21

Robert Gurd

22-Jan-09

Communications

Ealing CVS

Anthony Bewick-Smith

22-Jan-09

LSP EALING HEALTH & WELL BEING BOARD

Alzheimer's Concern Ealing
Ealing Community & Voluntary Service

Frances English
Andy Roper

15-Mar-07
15-Mar-07

Older People's Partnership Board

Alzheimer's Concern Ealing
First Voice

Frances English
Sonya Wall

01-Oct-06
01-Oct-06

Ealing Carer's Partnership Board

Alzheimer's Concern Ealing
Ealing Crossroads

Frances English
Zia Rehman

22-Oct-07
22-Oct-07

Long Term Conditions Board

Vidyasagar School
Disability Connect
Ealing Centre for Independent Living

Jay Dasani
Pamela Franklin
Sian Vasey

10-Jan-07
13-Oct-08
10-Jan-07

Mental Health Partnership Board

Tasha Foundation

Chi Maher

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

MenCap

Julian Hillman

Health Improvement Group

St Joseph Drive Residents Association
Ealing CVS

D S Bhasin
Jim Wong

01-Jun-06

ECN Elected Representatives



LSP CHANGE FOR CHILDREN STRATEGIC BOARD

Ealing Community Network
YWCA

Carmel Cahill
Sue Porter

10-Jan-07
10-Jan-07

Children & Young Persons Strategic Partnership

Access for Support & Development
United Anglo Caribbean Society
West London YMCA
Pre-School Learning Alliance

Abdullahi Osman
Carl Johnson
Clare Scott Booth
Lesley Hunter

01-Mar-07
01-Mar-07
01-Mar-07
01-Mar-07

LSP SAFER EALING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Tallo Centre
Southall Community Alliance

Muusa Mahamad
Janpal Basran

22-Jan-09
22-Jan-09

LSP ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND HOUSING

Access for Support & Development
ECT & Leaseholders Group - Deputy, Housing

Abdullahi Osman
Don Ayre

01-Jul-07
01-Jul-07

Employment and Skills

TIDE Training
Third Age Alliance

Coreen Allen
Sylvia Francis

09-Jul-08
09-Jul-08

Housing and Homelessness

Tallo Centre

Muusa Mahamed

09-Jul-08

Regeneration and Town Centres

Ealing Civic Society
Acton Alliance

Robert Gurd
Bill Davidson

09-Jul-08
09-Jul-08

LSP STRONGER COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC BOARD

Ealing Community & Voluntary Service
Ealing Racial Equality Council
Ealing Centre for Independent Living
Southall Community Alliance

Anthony Bewick-Smith
Ricky Singh
Sian Vasey
Janpal Basran

15-Mar-07
09-Jul-08
15-Mar-07
15-Mar-07

ECN OFFICERS/STEERING GROUP

Chair

Ealing CVS

Andy Roper

Vice Chairs

Acton Community Forum
Ealing Refugee Forum

Ricky Singh
Steve Flynn

14-Jun-08
14-Jun-08

Steering Group - Forum Reps

Older Peoples Forum
Ealing Refugee Forum
Southall Community Alliance
Carers Forum
Ealing Pre-school Learning Alliance
Ealing Local Agenda 21
Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum
Disability Connect
Acton Community Forum
LGBT Forum

Carl Johnson/Steve Lunniss
Edmond Michaels
Janpal Basran
Zia Rehman
Lesley Hunter
Robert Gurd
Chi Maher
Sian Vasey
Steve Flynn
Chris Boucher

ECN Elected Representatives



Acton Alliance
 Supporting People's Forum
 Ealing Advice Forum
 LiNK

Elected Reps

Access for Support & Dev
 Olde Hanwell Residents Association
 Groundwork London
 United Anglo Caribbean Society
 Oke-Osisi Africa
 St Joseph's Drive Residents Association
 Ealing Tenants & Leasehold Group
 Vidyasagar School
 Tallo Centre
 Caribbean-Islamic Cultural Society
 Dominion Housing Group
 Action Acton
 Third Age Alliance

WEST LONDON NETWORK

EREC (Coopted)
 Southall Community Alliance

SCRUTINY PANELS

Health, Housing & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

Volunteer Link Scheme
 Dominion Housing Association
 United Anglo Caribbean Society

Transport and Environment Scrutiny Panel

Ealing civic society/Local Agenda 21

Education, Leisure & Children Scrutiny Panel

Contact A Family

Business and Community Scrutiny Panel

Action Acton

Youth Specialist Panel

YWCA

Worklessness and Skills Specialist Panel

Action Acton
 Third Age Foundation

CHANGE UP WORKING PARTY

Vidyasagar School
 Third Age Alliance
 Grand Union Village CC

Bill Davidson
 Harjeet Kaur
 Misak Ohanian
 Suzanne Lynn-Cook

Ali Elmi 19-Oct-06
 Derek Smith 19 Oct 06
 Deborah Portman-Pope 19 Oct 06
 Carl Johnson 19-Oct-06
 Chris Onuoha 19-Oct-06
 D S Bhasin 19-Oct-06
 Don Ayre 19-Oct-06
 Jay Dasani 19-Oct-06
 Muusa Maha
 Mohamed Kayyam 19-Oct-06
 Simon Hall
 John Blackmore
 Sylvia Francis 19-Oct-06

Ricky Singh
 Janpal Basran

Steve Lunniss 18-Jul-07
 Simon Hall 01-Oct-06
 Carl Johnson 09-Jul-07

Robert Gurd 09-Jul-08

Heather Matthews 19-Oct-06

John Blackmore

Sue Porter 09-Jul-08

John Blackmore 09-Jul-08
 Sylvia Francis 09-Jul-08

Jay Dasani 19-Oct-06
 Sylvia Francis 19-Oct-06
 Cathy Bower 22 Jan 09

ECN Elected Representatives



PLANNING & COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Access for Support & Dev Centre
 Acton Alliance
 St Joseph's Drive Residents Association
 Ealing Tenants & Leaseholder Group
 Vidysagar School
 Acton Community Forum
 Acton Housing Association
 Ealing Community Resource Centre
 Ealing Community Network
 Action Acton
 Ealing Centre for Independent Living

Ali Elmi
 Bill Davidson
 D S Bhasin
 Don Ayre
 Jay Dasani
 Rachel Pepper
 Simon Hall
 Alex Joseph
 Ann Marie Charles
 John Blackmore
 Daniel Stringer

VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON FORUM

Mencap (Adult Services)
 EASE (Children's Services)

Julian Hillman 09-Jul-08
 Jackie Sears 09-Jul-08

EALING HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TRUST BOARD

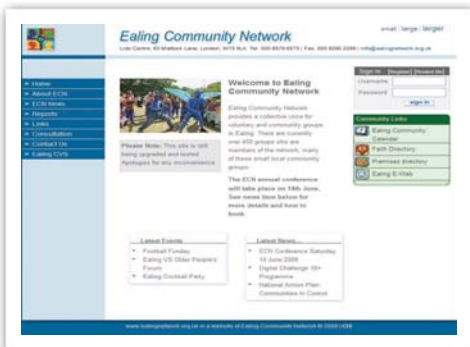
Dekh Bhal Women & Girls Support Group
 Ealing CVS

Dr N R Malik 10-Jan-07
 Jim Wong 10-Jan-07

ECN EQUALITIES ACTION PLAN SUB GROUP

Ealing Contact a Family
 Ealing Racial Equality Council
 Positive Awareness
 Ealing Community Network
 Ealing CVS
 Housing for Women
 St Josephs Drive Res Association

Heather Matthews 10-Mar-08
 Ricky Singh 10-Mar-08
 Susan Kumba 10-Mar-08
 Ifilia Francois 10-Mar-08
 Peter Vittles 18-Mar-09
 Harjeet Kaur 18-Mar-09
 Mr Bhasin 18-Mar-09



EC Website



Trying out the websites

New ECN Member Groups 2008/9



Ambassadors for All Nations
Apna Style Arts
Asian Cancer Support Group
Christian Believers Fellowship
Equalshare Community
Ealing Cycling Campaign
Ealing Somali Confederation
Focus Forth UK
GAP Link Project
Global Skills and Employment
Greenford Arabic School
Greenford Community Association
Greenford Methodist Church
Greenford Park Residents Association
Green Man Lane BME and
Diversity Community Group
Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Project
Health Club Polonia
Holy Family Church
Hope Regeneration Africa
iPLAY & Learn Nursery

Kingdown Methodist Church
Northolt Baptist Church
Novas Scarman Group
N-Joy Arts
Persian Senior Citizens Club
Rise. Greenford
SAGE Community Arts Project
Shentie Mixed Martial Arts
Solace Centre
Somali Optimistic Society Association
Southall Baptist Church
South Ealing Christian Centre
Sri Vedmata Gayatri Pariwar UK
St Johns Church Ealing
St Thomas Church
Taakulo Association
Vibrant
West London Somaliland Community
West London Academy
West Ealing Neighbours
Youth to Youth

Ealing Community Network

Ealing Community Network
Lido Centre
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West Ealing W13 9LA

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