

OTHER BENEFITS...

HAVCO, through support of Changeup and Capacity Builders Funding, have developed a web-portal for the voluntary and community sector in Haringey. The web-portal is branded **Haringey Community Link**. The aim is to further develop the web-portal to link closely to the work of the community engagement function and bring added value to the Forum. The web-portal will offer the elected representatives and the wider VCS the following benefits:

- Policy briefings.
- All minutes and agendas for the HSP and Themed Boards.
- A notice board where elected representatives can exchange views and experiences and ask for advice (*not open to public*).
- Consultation opportunities with the wider sector.
- Email bulletin of information arising from the partnership and key priorities for influence.
- Notice of events, meetings and themed forums.
- Job shop.
- Update of latest policy information and tenders.

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The new mechanism to collaborate and support the views of **Haringey's Voluntary and Community Sector**.

COMMUNITY LINK FORUM'S MISSION:

"To increase the level, accessibility, and quality of services meeting local need and community cohesion through greater engagement and influence."



BACK GROUND

In July 2007 the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) adopted an agreement to develop a new accountable body called **Community Link Forum** (CLF), which has been set up to galvanise voluntary and community representation at strategic levels, provide support for representatives and bring the wider sector together so that we can share our views to influence policies and improve service delivery in Haringey.

COMMUNITY LINK FORUM OBJECTIVES

- To work with stakeholders to identify how the voluntary and community sector can contribute towards delivery of targets within the Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy.
- To collate views of the voluntary and community sector on strategic issues, ensuring they are fed into the debate through the HSP and other fora.
- To engage frontline organisations so they have enough information and the systems to influence policy.
- To support community needs in order to influence policy.
- To propose solutions where things could be better.
- To support better partnership and collaborative working.
- To support statutory agencies and the partnership (HSP) in clarifying the role and expectations of the voluntary and community sector in Haringey.
- To support the voluntary and community sector to understand the balance between campaigning roles and service delivery.

!! JOIN THE COMMUNITY LINK FORUM !!

Membership is **FREE** and you will need to be one of the following:

- A constituted voluntary and community organisation in Haringey or an organisation based outside of the borough that have a substantial percentage of Haringey residents using their services can be members.
- A voluntary and community organisation governed by a committee of volunteers with terms of reference, and/or with governing documents falling into one of the following headings; Constitution, Memorandum and Articles of Association, Trust Deed, Set of Rules (Industrial and Provident Societies), terms of reference (for community forums etc).
- Membership of Community Link is separate to HAVCO's membership.

Automatic membership is available for HAVCO Members.

WHY JOIN COMMUNITY LINK FORUM?

- The Community Link Proposal aims to ensure that Haringey has the best systems for effective representation of the voluntary and community sector.
- Therefore, you will have your say and it will be responsive and listen to its members and be subject to regular review. Help strengthen the sector on a strategic level.
- Transparent process for elected Voluntary and community representatives at a strategic level.

