

Stratford and West Ham Community Citizens' Assembly

30 September 2020

Old Stratford Town Hall

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Welcome

Welcome to the Stratford and West Ham Community Assembly – annual review meeting

**Today is the 5th and last assembly of this current cycle of
community assemblies**

Housekeeping (venue)

Fire exits and amenities

Accessibility

Photography

Table Hosts and Room Team

Refreshments

Housekeeping (zoom)

Functions:

- Mute/ Unmute – Please remain muted when you're not speaking
- The session will be recorded (except for breakout rooms) if you prefer not to be seen, you can turn your camera off. Otherwise, we would love to see you!
- Joining Breakout rooms for the discussion rounds
- View options – gallery view is the easiest to see everyone
- Online feedback form will be posted on the chat after round 2 feedback

Breaks – please take them when you need one.

Opening Poll

- **Which ward are you from- Stratford or West Ham?**
- **Have you heard of Newham's Democracy Commission?**
- **Did you participate in it in anyway (at the events or the online discussion)?**

The purpose of today's assembly

- **To update you on:**
 - The Stratford and West Ham Community Plan and the community projects that have been delivered over the last 12 months
 - The ongoing service improvements
- **To give you the opportunity to feedback on:**
 - The projects and services improvements that have been delivered
 - The whole cycle of community assemblies
- **To give you a brief overview of:**
 - the Democracy Commission recommendations

Schedule

Schedule	Duration (mins)
Welcome	5
Introductions & Housekeeping	5
Video of Mayor's Speech	2
Introduction to Director	5
Working Group Introductions & story so far	15
Presentation 1 - Projects & Service Improvements	15
Round 1 – Tables / Breakout groups	5
Presentation 2 - Whole cycle of Assemblies	10
Round 2 – Tables / Breakout groups	10
Video on the Democracy Commission Recommendations	10
Next steps and feedback forms	5
Closing remarks & Thank you by Cllr Charlene McLean	3
Total	90

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Introductions

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz, OBE

Lead Member - Regeneration, Planning and Strategic Housing
Delivery

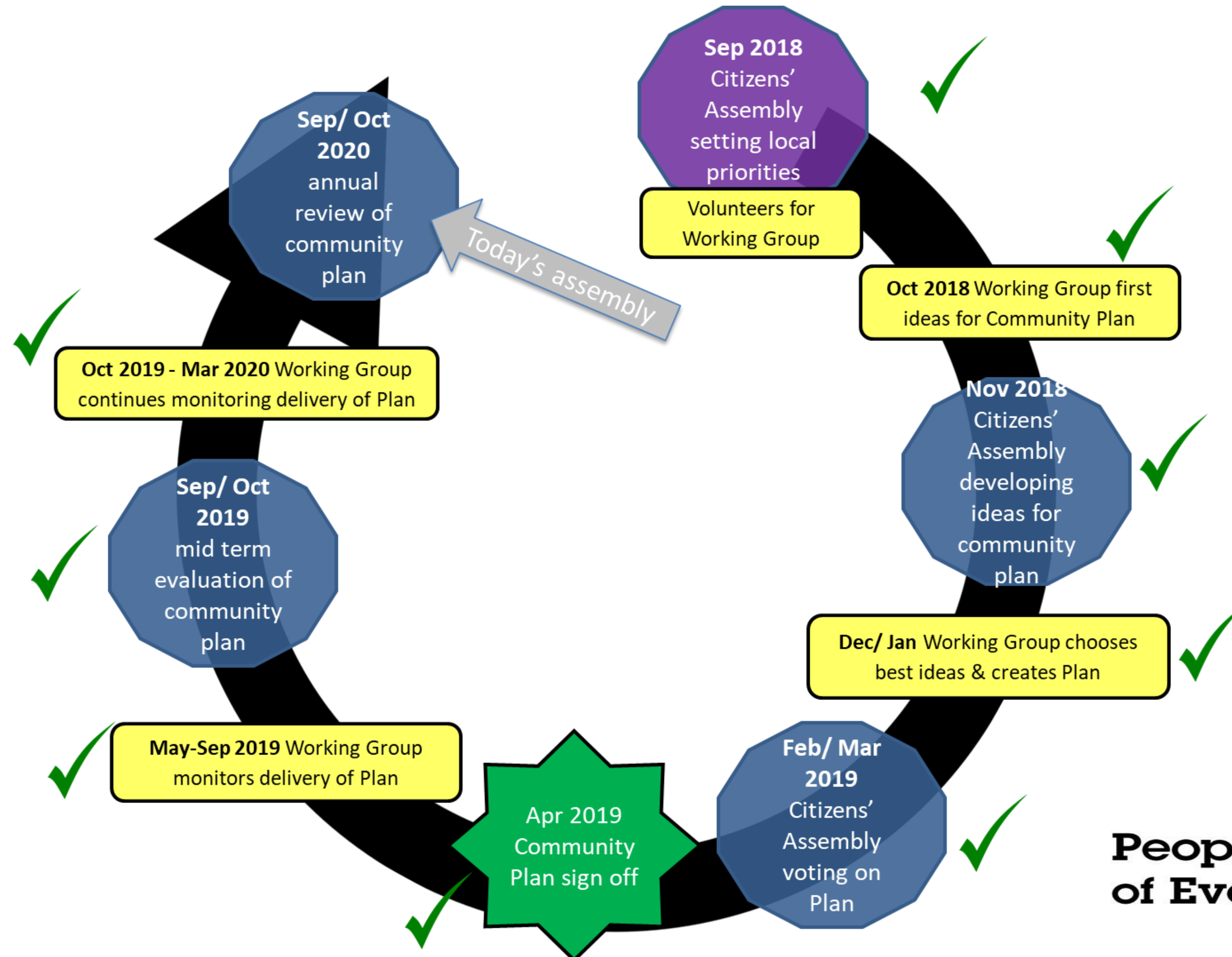
Introductions

Jessica Crowe

Corporate Director - People, Policy & Performance

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The story since Sept '18



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The story since Sept '18

Previous assemblies:

- 420 attended the 5 previous assemblies
- 6 active Working Group Members
- Support from LBN services and stakeholders
- Service improvements, projects and budget allocation

- Information on citizens assemblies can be found on -
<https://www.newham.gov.uk/council/citizens-assemblies/1>

- Previous assemblies - <https://www.newham.gov.uk/council/citizens-assemblies/3?documentId=223&categoryId=20013>

Presentation 1

Projects & Service Improvements

The top three priorities for Stratford and West Ham

Priority 1

Community Safety and Cohesion: anti-social behaviour

Priority 2

Environment Concerns (litter, fly tipping) including parks and green spaces

Priority 3

Community Development and Culture

Stratford and West Ham Community Plan: budget Allocation					
Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects	Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects
1) Information and awareness Workshops	£2,500		8) Stratford and West Ham Tree Trail	£2,300	
2) Active Reporting – Go Digital	£3,000		9) FUSION – Food and Culture Festival	£6,000	
3) Meet Your Neighbour	£1,500	£1,500	10) Young Families Project (Children with Disabilities)	£3,500	£3,500
4) Community Art Project – Involving Local Schools	£5,000	£5,000	11) Active Residents	£5,000	
5) Stratford Park - People’s Park	£9,500	£9,500	12) Intergenerational Project – Generations Together	£3,200	£3,200
6) Champion Street	£2,200		13) Growing Stories	£2,850	
7) Cleaner and Greener Project	£2,750	£2,750	14) Walking Histories	£1,500	
			Total cost		£25,450
			Money left from £25k		-£450

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Stratford and West Ham Community Plan: Budget Spent

Projects Delivered	Allocated Budget	Budget Spent	Projects Delivered	Allocated Budget	Budget Spent
1. Meet Your Neighbour	£1,500	£1,105	4. Cleaner and Greener Project	£2,750	£2,750
2. Community Art Project	£5,000	£5,000	5. Young Families Project (Children with Disabilities)	£3,500	£3,500
3. Stratford Park - People's Park	£9,500	£9,500	6. Intergenerational Project – Generations Together	£3,200	£3,200
Total cost					£25,055
Money left from £25k					-£55

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Stratford and West Ham Working Group



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Working Group in action



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Priority 1

Project 1: Meet Your Neighbour

Scope: Building support networks and developing community cohesion

- Working group members- Dawn Babb and Rosie Stratford
- Traditional door knocking/parent meet
- 2 x Let's Start the Party grants
- 3 events: Richford Road (Car Free Day), Three Mills (Leggat Road Green Christmas Lights), Carpenters Estate
- 200+ participants
- 3 further resident consultation meetings to make the project sustainable



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Priority 1

Project 1: Meet Your Neighbour



“Days like this create a positive, safe and active environment for children”



“I feel so much better meeting my neighbours today. I felt rather lonely and can't believe how nice everyone is”



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Priority 1

Project 2: Community Art Project: Supporting Wall

Scope: An creative art project in Carpenters Estate to raise awareness of knife crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour

- Part funded by City Airport and Heritage fund
- 3 x resident consultation
- 2 x Digital Art Workshops
- 3 x online pub quizzes
- 300+ participants
- 15 young people and UEL students involved in project
- Community Consultation to pick winning designs
- Installation of public realm art by UEL graphics department



Priority 2

Project 3: Stratford park (ongoing project)

Scope - Make Stratford park a safer, friendly and active space through regular activities, improved facilities and increased use of the park

Projects include:

1. Community Poetry Café– Newham Poetry group
2. Family Activities– Community Neighbourhood Team and Active Newham
3. Sensory Garden improvements and food growing sessions for people with disabilities– Parkside Project
4. Community Gardening Project 7th Day Adventist Church

Priority 2

Stratford park: Poetry Café

- Friends of the Park Group
- 64 weekly sessions (Café and via zoom)
- Weekly book swap sessions
- Total interaction : Direct: 1600, Indirect: 5700
- External funding: Pocket Parks, Culture Seeds Grant and Tesco Bags supported this project
- New kitchen, furniture, equipment, and planters



Priority 2

Stratford park: Poetry Café

Before



After



Renovation of the bowling pavilion using external funding



Sonia and Frances, working group members started by cleaning the space

Priority 2

Stratford park - Poetry Cafe



“I was only a refugee until I met Sonia and joined this group. The group made me feel like a person again. It enabled me to express my journey of life through poetry”

“Awesome to see people from the community for no other reason than to come together, be together and share! These spaces are vital and so simple. Wonderful atmosphere! More please”



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Check out feedback from Sept 2019 assembly:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/710/stratford-and-west-ham-assembly>

Priority 2: Stratford Park (Family Activity Sessions)

Scope: 2 x programmes of summer family activity to promote healthy and active lifestyle and encourage families to use the park

- 6 x health and well being sessions- 2019
- 7 x week delivery of sports activities @ Stratford Park with additional open age sessions- 2020



“very relaxing, stretched every part of my body, will definitely do again”

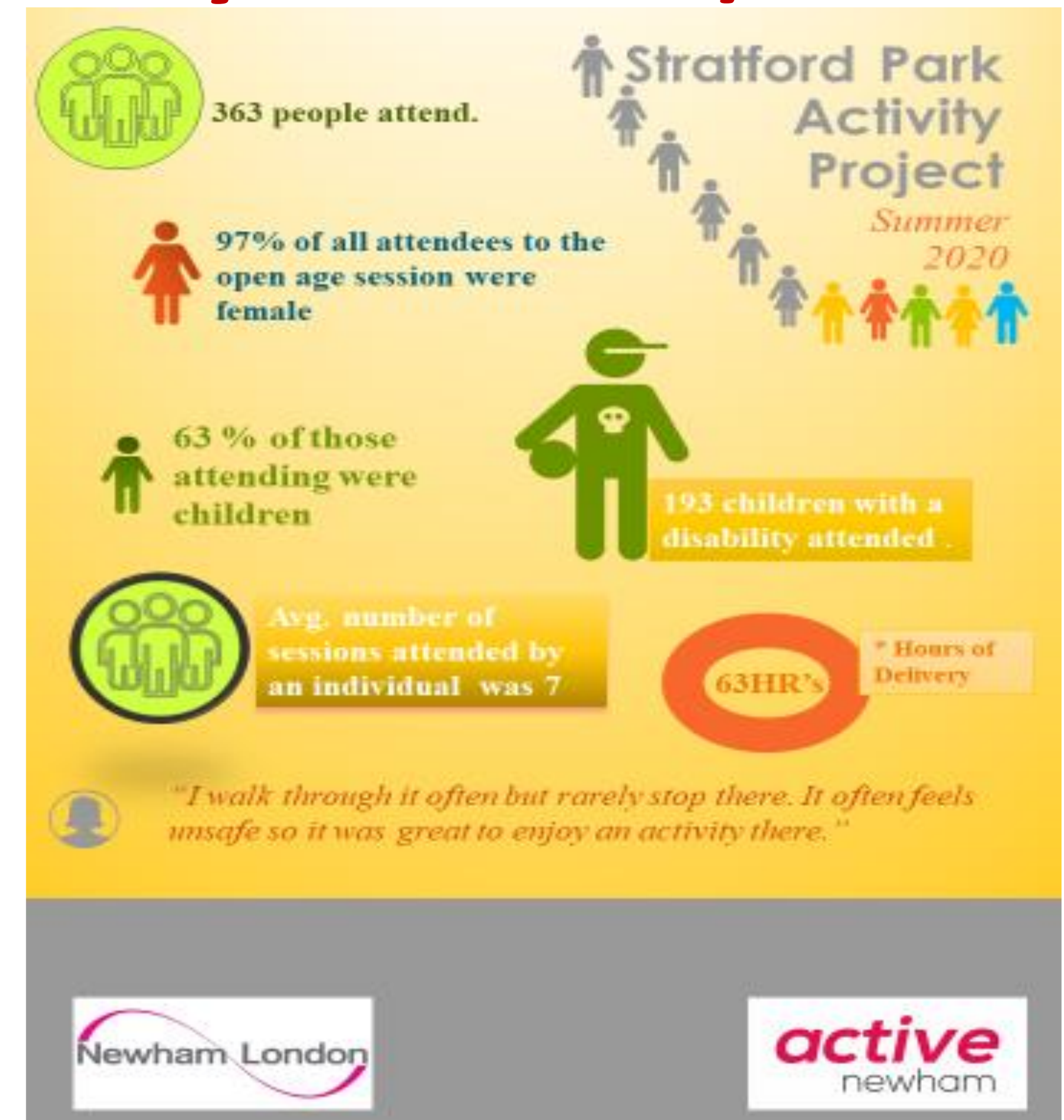
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Priority 2: Stratford park (Family Activity Sessions)

"I walk through it often but rarely stop there. It often feels unsafe so it was great to enjoy an activity there"



"Thank you Newham council for actively planning activities for children and people with disabilities"

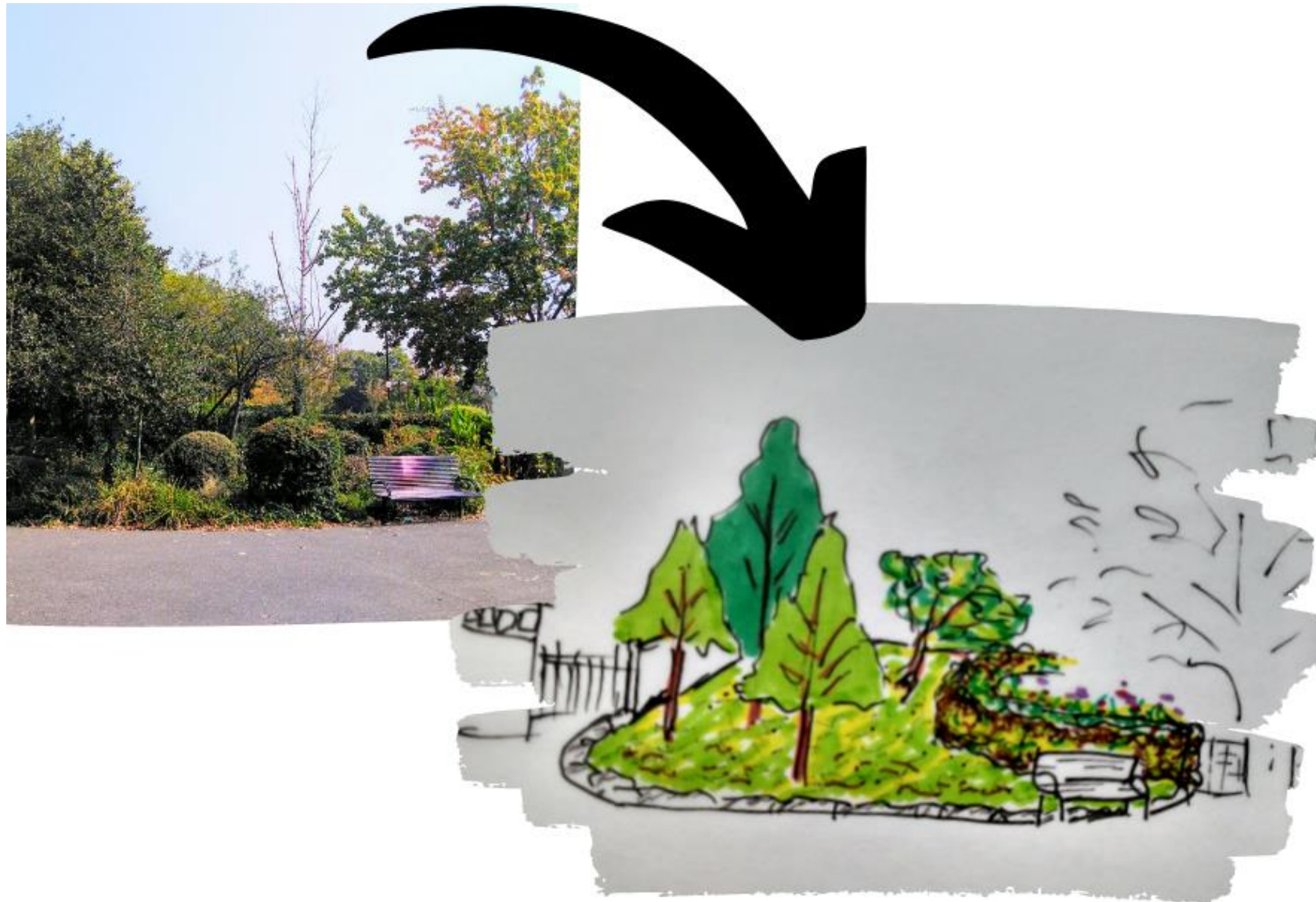


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Priority 2

Stratford Park (Parkside Gardening Project)

Scope: To improve sensory garden and start food growing workshops



A) Woodland clearance to create a more open area and a greater sense of safety in Stratford Park



B) Weekly gardening workshops for adults with mental health needs



C) Food Growing Workshops will start in 2020

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Priority 2

Project 4: Cleaner and Greener Project

Scope: To encourage young people to be aware of their environment and recycling

3 x education workshops were delivered in each of the schools:

- Park Primary school: completed (75 children) Year 4
- West Ham Primary school: 1 workshop pending (30 Children) Mixed Year 3-6
- Carpenters Primary school: 2 workshop pending (20 children) Mixed Year 3-6

Art work: remaining workshops (artwork) by end of October using recycled materials

“It is great to have practical and educational sessions delivered by the experts”



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Priority 3

Project 5: Young Families Project (under 5s with disabilities)

Scope: Strong and positive relationships developed between residents from different backgrounds

- 8 Health and wellbeing workshops
- 2 Field trips
- Parents developed confidence to support their children
- Weekly session set up at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery
- Integration into regular under 5s sessions at Stratford Library
- What's app group set up for parents
- Regular Coffee Mornings

**FREE Summer Holiday
 0-5 Stay and Play**

Exclusively for families who look after a child with additional care/ learning needs



We are excited to invite you to a free Stay and Play scheme which will be running over the summer holidays.

There will be sessions where children with additional needs and their families are able to take part in arts, crafts and music.

Please note children are the responsibility of the parent/carer at all times.

St John's Church Broadway Stratford London E15 1NG 10am to 12pm 1pm to 3pm • 31 th July • 1 st Aug • 6 th Aug • 8 th Aug	Stratford Library 3 The Grove London E15 1EL 10am to 12pm 1pm to 3pm • 13 th Aug • 15 th Aug • 20 th Aug • 22 nd Aug
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For further details please contact
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Priority 3

Project 5: Young Families Project (under 5s with disabilities)

“When you come to the session and see other parents, you feel something you can share”



“I didn’t want to come because I was worried what parents would say about my child. But when we came here to the group, you feel the love, and the bonding as a group”



Thank you for
your yoga
session.
I enjoyed it
kambunnassa



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Priority 3:

Intergenerational projects

Scope - Help different age groups relate to and value one another. Intergenerational projects enable cultural traditions and values as well as new innovations and technology to be shared between generations

6 projects:

- Intergenerational Workshops - Elevated Aspirations
- Raising climate change awareness - Science Shines
- Art workshops (Incorporated with Art Project)- Salmangundi Films
- Health Events – 7th Day Adventist Church
- Generations Together – Newham Chinese Association (On hold due to Covid 19)
- Free Family Learning sessions- Birkbeck University

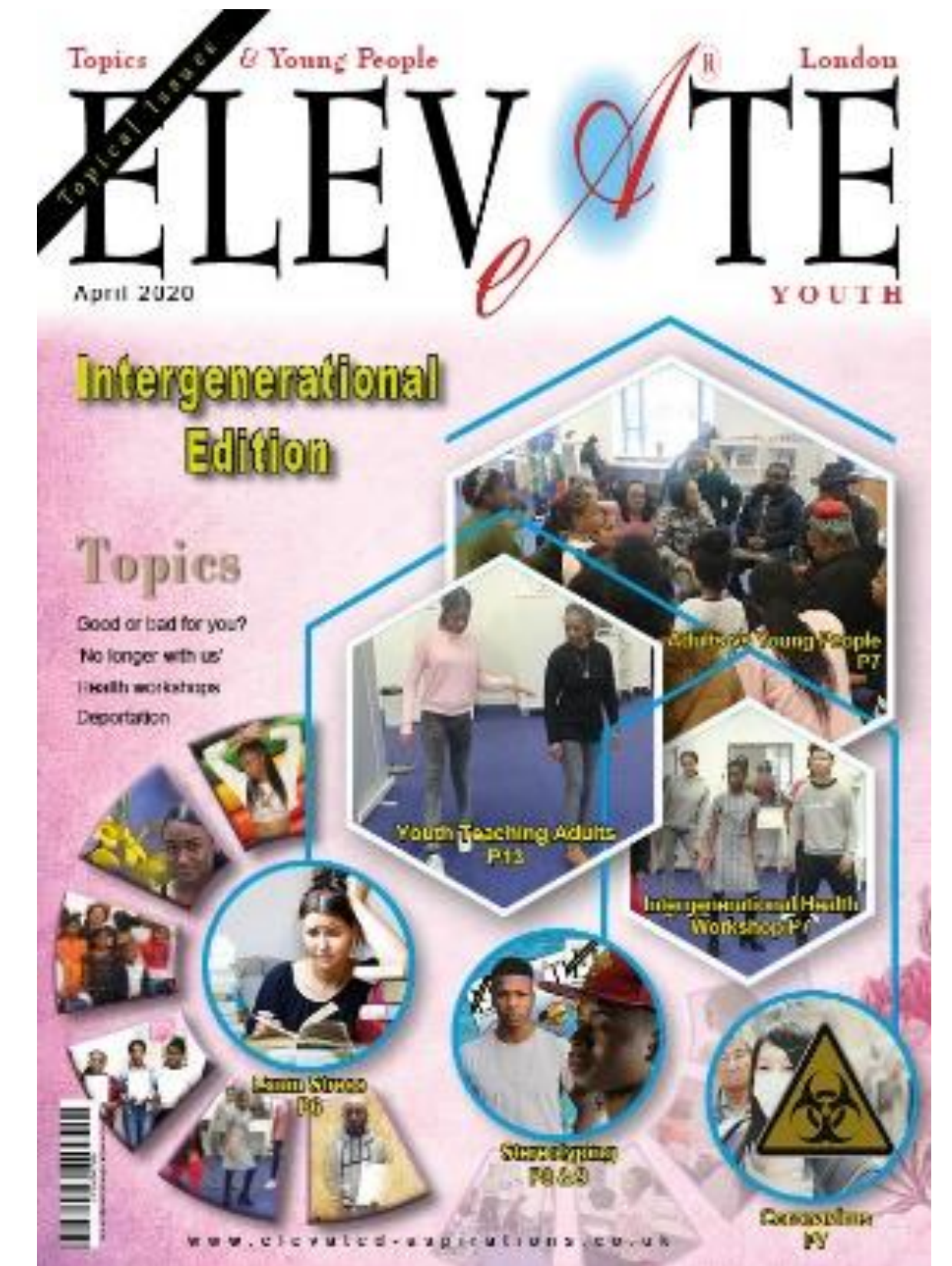
Priority 3: Intergenerational (Elevated Aspirations)

Scope: Improved understanding amongst generations

- 10 x Physical and mental well being sessions
- On average 25 young people and 20 adults
- Building confidence
- Public Speaking Skills
- YouTube link:
<https://youtu.be/wEuB9hXKKA>

Feedback:

- *“What a brilliant way to highlight intergenerational gaps”*
- *“Loved the sessions and taking our parents on”*
- *“Role reversal was so much fun!”*



Co-produced magazine

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Priority 3: Intergenerational

Science Shines: Raising Climate Change Awareness

Scope: To Improve communication via simple science project-based workshop and the impact of air pollution on environment

- 12 sessions at Stratford Library
- 4 zoom sessions
- 15 attendees per session
- An additional pre-session for parents who did not feel confident working alongside their children or due to language barrier



“As a parent I learnt a lot alongside my child. Gosh!! We have done so much damage”



“The best club for kids in the library, educational and fun”

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Priority 3: Intergenerational Health Expo

Scope: 2 x Health and fitness programmes designed by young people from 7th Day Adventist Church

- Free basic health checks
- Healthy Eating
- Taster sessions
- 150 people attended each event
- 10 referrals to link worker



HEALTH CHECK

London Borough of Newham
**STRATFORD
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COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Health Expo

Saturday 29 February
Stratford Library, 3 the Grove, E15 1EL

Want to get Fitter?
Join us at Stratford Library to sample our 2020 Health and Fitness Programme. Free basic health check, nutrition advice and Wellness sessions on the day. Free taster sessions are available for Newham residents.

- 11.00 Zumba
- 11.30 Line Dancing
- 12.00 Salsa
- 12.30 Yoga
- 13.00 Chair Based Exercise

Newham London

“A brilliant way to find out what fitness and well being sessions are on offer”

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Priority 3: Intergenerational Family Sessions: by Birkbeck

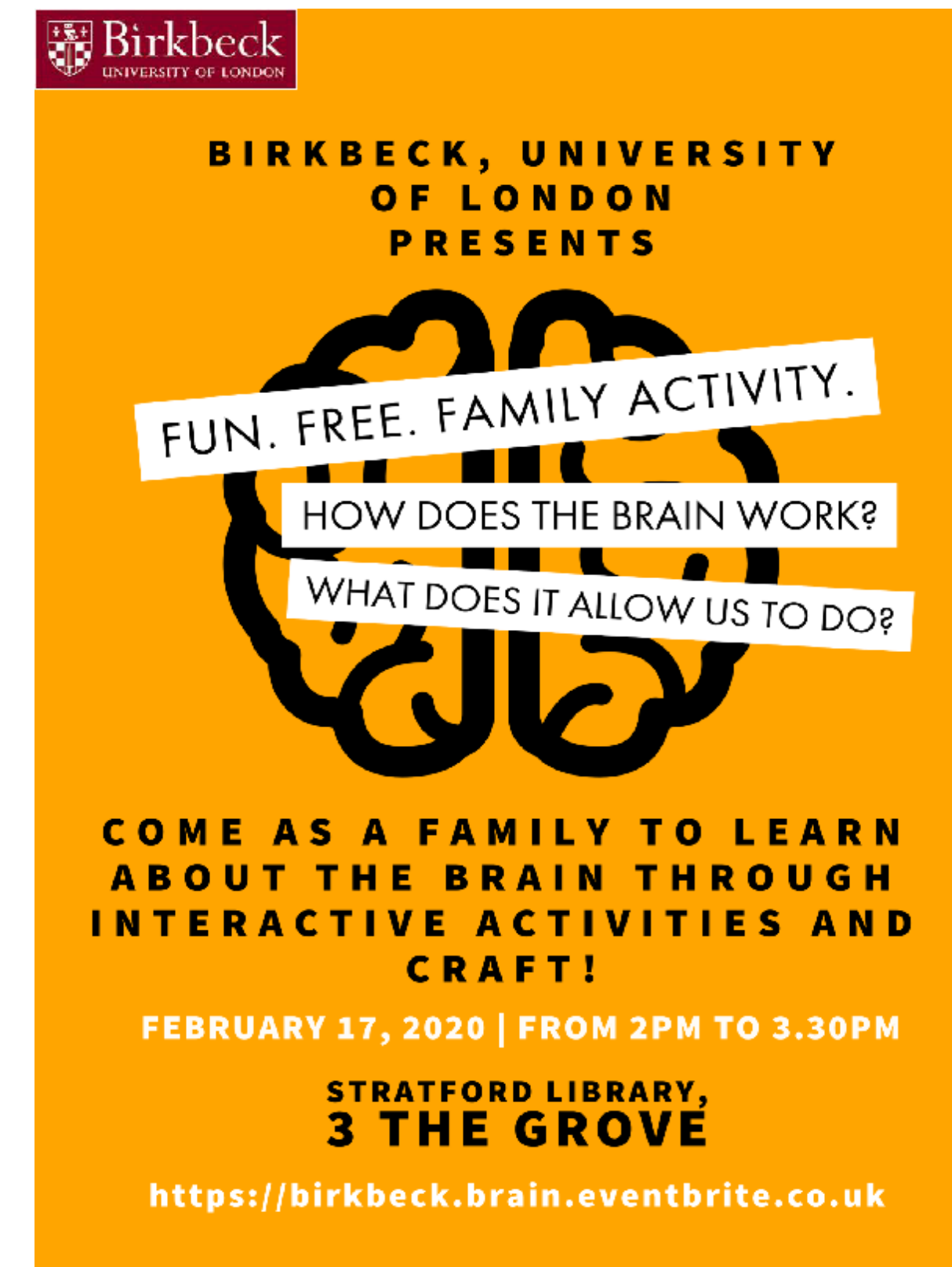
Scope: 4 x free workshops at Stratford Library for parents and children to learn about the brain and its development

- 1 workshop delivered at Stratford Library
- 26 parents and children attended
- 4 x learning videos online, 296 views
- Information distributed via mailing lists
- Further workshops being planned

Link for the website on Intergenerational/Family learning here: <https://youtu.be/OtDFswTbhks>

Actual content of the family learning work can be at this blog -

<http://blogs.bbk.ac.uk/bbkcomments/2020/06/18/the-family-learning-series/>



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Community Plan

Newham Council Ongoing Service Improvements

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Update from service areas

Priority 1

Suggestion: Rough Sleeping in Newham: Response to COVID-19 and Beyond

Action:

- Rough Sleeper Taskforce set up to find a long term solution and support the rough sleeping community with care and compassion
- 24-hour Christmas shelter for Newham rough sleepers in 2018 and 2019
- A Two-year Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy was agreed by Cabinet in December 2019. This is the first strategy of this kind in nearly 10 years.
- The Action Plan to deliver the Strategy was agreed by Cabinet in June 2020 (delayed due to COVID-19)
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, LBN accommodated 124 Rough Sleepers.
- In response to COVID 19 an additional 185 Rough Sleeper were rapidly accommodated from the street, with a further 40 moved from shared accommodation
- Overall, the total number of Rough Sleepers accommodated is 320
- The Stratford Mall is temporarily closed through the night following the granting of Court orders, which has resulted in the number of new Rough Sleepers reducing.
- The focus is now on supporting all individuals placed in these temporary accommodations to move on to more stable and permanent accommodation.
- Formal “Commissioning Intentions” for Rough Sleeping services will be presented to December 2020 Cabinet



More information on:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice/2>

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/news/article/132/tackling-the-rough-sleeper-crisis-in-stratford>

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Update from service areas

Priority 2

Suggestion 1: Designated Area for bulky waste collection from blocks of flats

Action: Love your ward weekend on estates, Free bulky waste at designated areas

Suggestion 2: Large bin areas or more bins in Stratford and West Ham

Action:

- 2 x walkabouts with LBN services, working group members and councillors
- 10 new bins have been installed around Stratford station, Maryland, and West Ham



RESIDENTS OF: BRASSETT POINT, DAVID LEE AND SURROUNDINGS.

JOIN US FOR A WALK AROUND YOUR ESTATE

WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2019
2:00 PM AT DAVID LEE POINT E15 3LF



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Update from service areas

Priority 3: Better communication

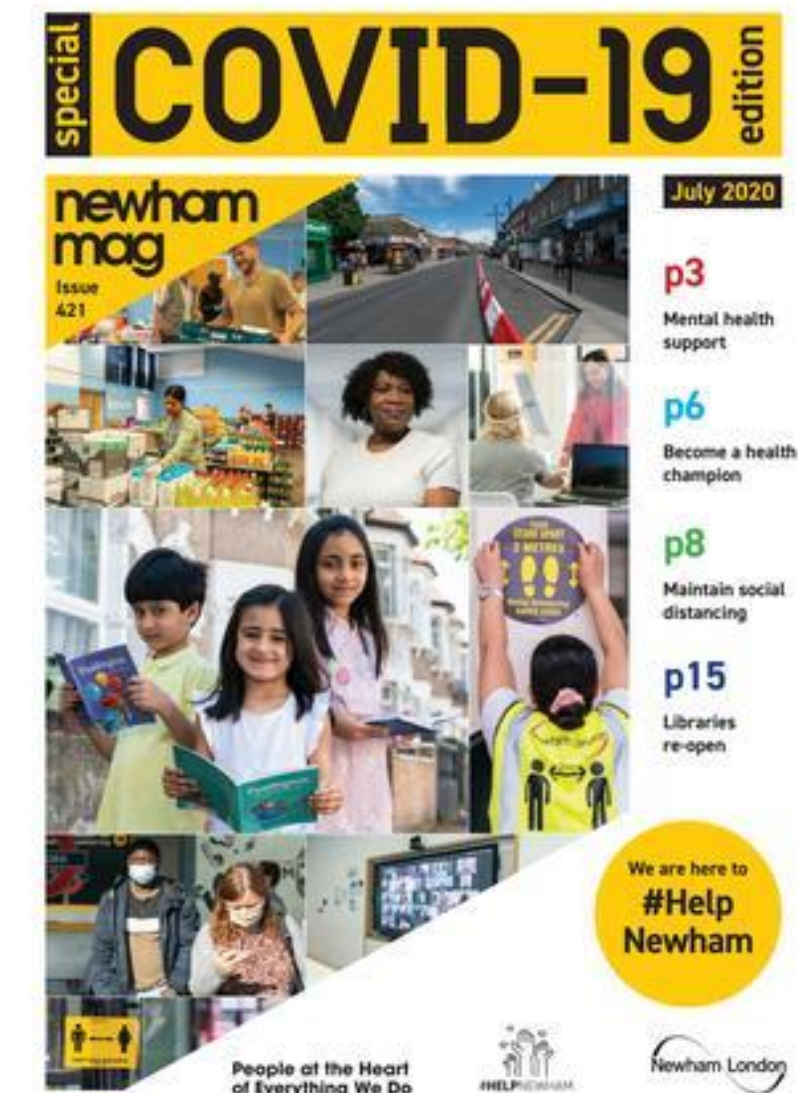
Suggestion 1: Easy to understand website

Action: A new easy to understand website has been designed and launched after user testing and feedback - <https://www.newham.gov.uk/>



Suggestion 2: Use people's stories in Newham Mag and all the good work done by communities

Action: Local Residents and young people actively involved in contributions to all editions of the Newham Mag

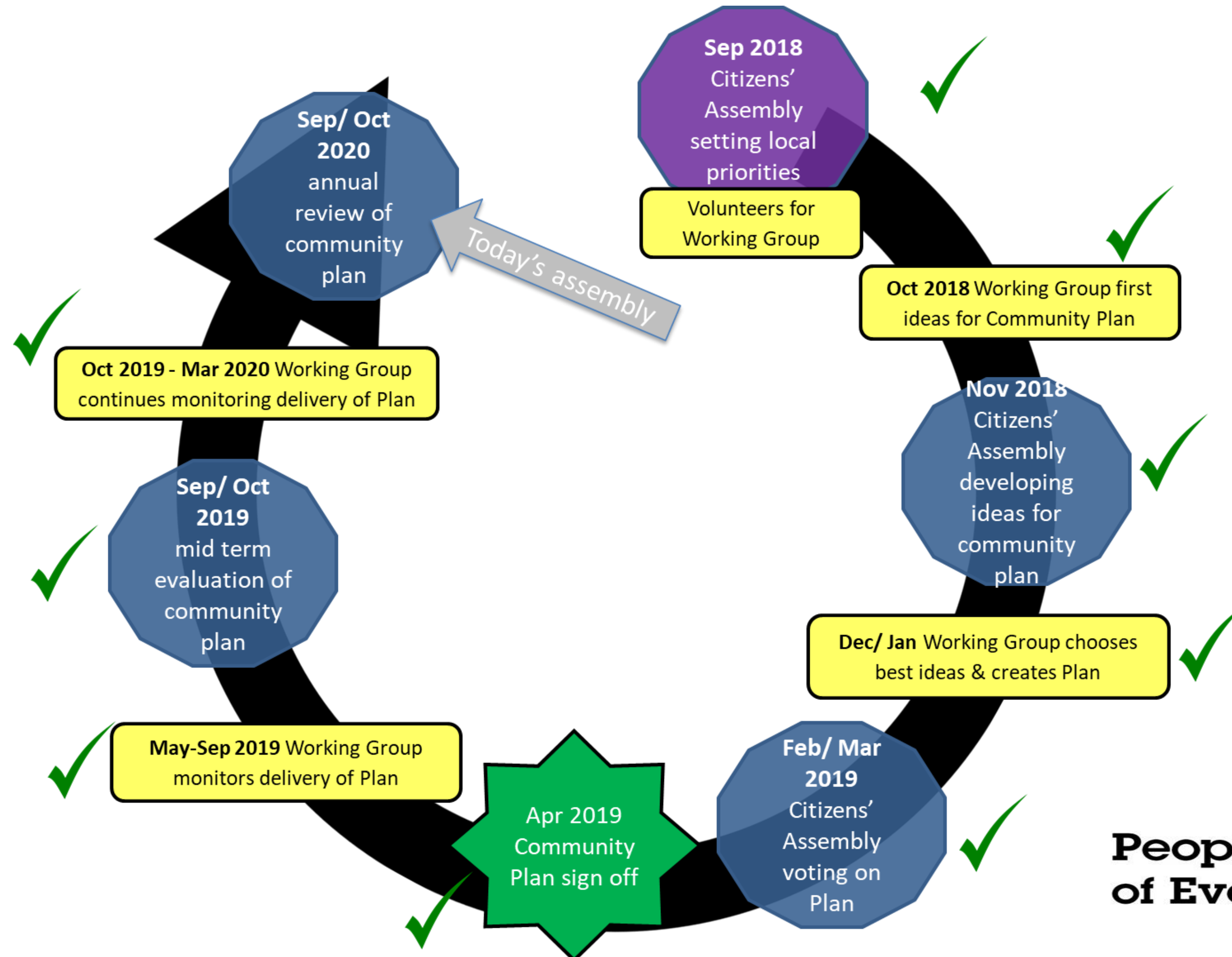


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Round 1

What are your thoughts and feedback on the projects that have been delivered?

a. The story since Sept '18



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Round 2

**What feedback do you have on this whole cycle of assemblies?
How do you think we can design and shape the future
assemblies?**

Round 2

The Democracy Commission's Recommendations (Video)

Next steps

You can give further feedback for:

- The independent evaluation of the whole process of community assemblies
- The Democracy Commission Recommendations – Focus Groups
- If you'd like to be involved in one or both of these please leave your contact details on the feedback forms or email CitizensAssemblies@newham.gov.uk
- The evaluation will inform the start of the new process in September 2020 – look out for details on www.Newham.gov.uk/citizensassemblies

Cllrs. Surgery Details

**Due to the Covid-19, the council is following national health advice and Councillors' surgeries have been postponed.
Please contact your Councillor via email or contact number, as listed below.**

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Live or work in Newham? Want to help stop the spread of coronavirus? Become a COVID-19 Health Champion

How does it work?

1. You sign up to be a champion.
2. We give champions the latest information about COVID-19.
3. Champions share this information with anyone in their community, however they want.
4. Champions let us know what is and isn't working.

REGISTER TO BECOME A CHAMPION

- 🌐 www.newham.gov.uk/CovidHealthChampions
- ✉ CovidHealthChampions@newham.gov.uk
- ☎ 020 3373 2777

OUR COVID-19 HEALTH CHAMPION MEETINGS

- **Thursday 18 June 6.30pm** with Jason Strelitz, Director of Public Health & Councillor Rohit Dasgupta
- **Wednesday 24 June 3pm** with Anne Bowers, Newham Public Health Team & Councillor Ann Easter
- **Saturday 27 June 3pm** with Jason Strelitz, Director of Public Health & Anne Bowers, Newham Public Health Team

More dates to follow



Find out more about being a COVID-19 Health Champion at:
www.newham.gov.uk/CovidHealthChampions

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/CovidHealthChampions>

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Closing Remarks

Cllr Charlene McLean

Deputy Mayor (Community) - Lead Member, Community
Neighbourhoods

Thank you and good evening!