

Forest Gate

2nd Community Assembly

29th November 2018

Welcome!

- Welcome to the 2nd Forest Gate Community Assembly
- Today's Assembly is about the priorities set in the last Assembly:
 - Waste Management: fly-tipping / street cleaning
 - Crime, Safety and ASB
 - Youth: spaces, crime and support
 - Community Spaces and Cohesion
 - *Other*

Please sit at the table with the priority that you'd most like to discuss

Housekeeping

- Info on fire exits / toilets.
- Break time
- Accessibility – BSL, room support
- Photography

Introduction

The purpose of today's assembly:

- Feedback and dialogue with the council about the priorities from the September Assemblies
- To reflect together and create ideas for outcomes, activities and projects for our local Community Plan

Working together to improve Forest Gate



Assembly Schedule

- What happened in the September Assembly
- Presentations by Directors & Working Group members
- Information for the Assembly
- Round 1 – Introducing ourselves and clarifying the task ahead
- Round 2 – Discussing **general outcomes** we'd like for the priority
- Roving Mic
- BREAK ---
- Round 3 – Discussing **specific activities & projects** to achieve the outcomes
- Roving Mic
- Wrapping up

Recap on the previous Assembly in September

- 2 Assemblies and 175 people attended
- Round 1 – What we appreciated about Forest Gate
- Round 2 – What changes we wanted to see
- Round 3 – The priorities that need to be addressed locally
- Round 4 – Voting on the priorities
- Round 5 – Ideas on how to address this issue by ourselves and with the council

Watch: Film overview of the September Citizens Assemblies

September Assembly results: morning

These are the priorities that were decided and voted on:

Round 4: Scales

Mentimeter



September Assembly results: evening

Round 4: Scales

Mentimeter



The Top Priorities

- Today we will be continuing discussion on the **top priorities** which came out of the last 2 assemblies:
 - Waste Management: fly-tipping / street cleaning
 - Crime, Safety and ASB
 - Youth: spaces, crime and support
 - Community Spaces and Cohesion
- We'll be doing some brainstorming for ideas for the Community Plan
- What priority would you most like to contribute your thoughts and ideas to?
- If you're on the wrong table – **now is your chance to move!**
- If you're not interested in any of these priorities there's an extra table to share your thoughts:

Your contributions will be recorded but won't necessarily be part of the Community Plan

Citizens' Assembly Film

Feedback from Officers and Directors

Feedback from Working Group

At the end of the evening assembly in September volunteers names were drawn, as there were a limited number of places for the Working Groups.

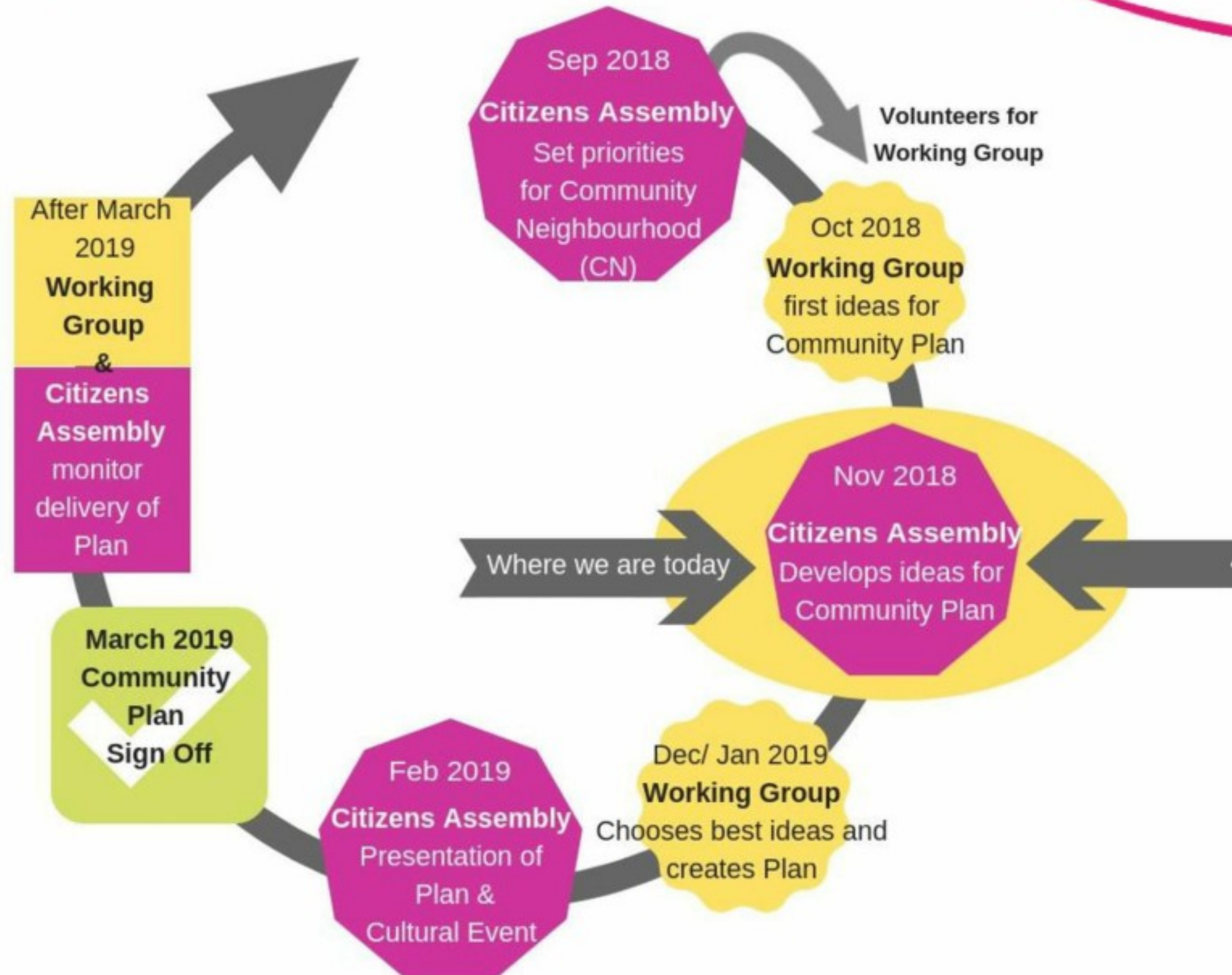
The working group consists of 5 residents plus 1 councillor from Forest Gate South, 5 residents plus 1 councillor from Forest Gate north plus 2 Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Officers

Hands Up

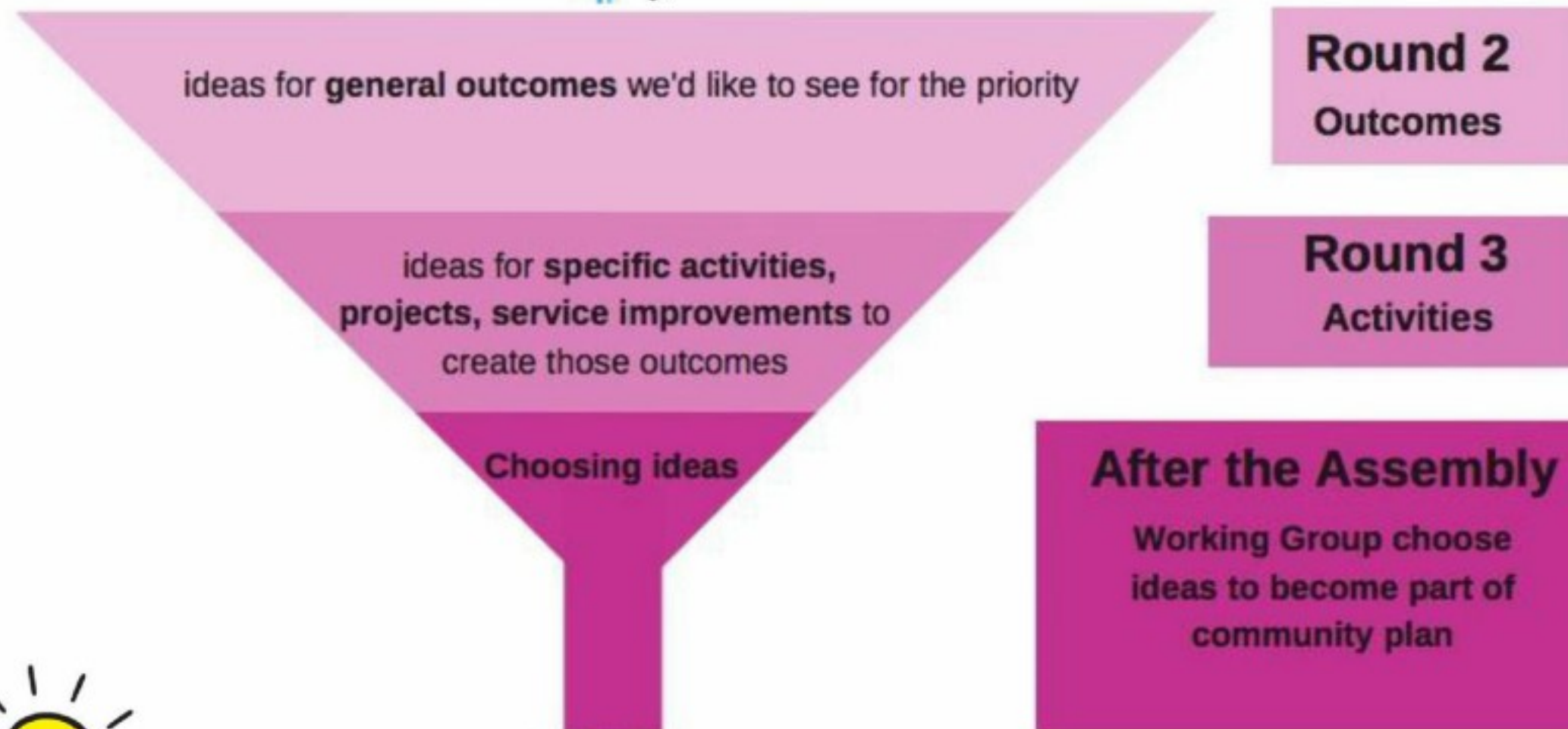
The Working Groups have now met twice and can report back on what they have done so far



Cycle of Assemblies



Today's assembly – Ideas for the Community Plan



Your work today on each priority will help shape what goes into the Plan

Guidelines for each round

- Listen to each other
- Be respectful
- You don't have to agree
- Be careful not to dominate
- Share whatever comes to mind, your ideas don't have to be perfect
- For Round 2 & 3 make sure responses get entered into the laptops
by table hosts

Enjoy being part of shaping your local Community Plan

Round 1

- Introduce yourselves to each other - names and where in the area you live etc
- Have a 10 minute discussion to clarify some of the things you've just heard:
 - what you're doing today
 - ask clarifying questions (to officers or directors)

Information for Round 2

- We will be discussing the **Outcomes** we would like to see for each priority
- **OUTCOMES** are the changes we will have caused in Forest Gate as a result of the plan

Example: In 1 to 2 years from now,

more local people feel...

there are less...

local people have a better understanding of

there is a greater...

- So Round 2 is about the **general things** we want to see happen. We can ask ourselves: “What would good look like in 1 to 2 years from now?”

Round 2

- Outcomes for the priority you are discussing:

What are the outcomes we'd like to see happen in Forest Gate for this priority?

20 minutes

ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Waste Management: fly-tipping & street cleaning'

More green spaces on highways public realm to tackle flytipping

Improved Recycling for whole of Newham

Better use of green spaces - hosting of events

All residents should be recycling

Cleaner streets

Improved air quality

Better and increased use of Forest Lane Park

Environmental education - outdoor classrooms

More permanent green space with more trees and varied e.g. space for art, health activities



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Waste Management: fly-tipping & street cleaning'

Introduce recycling food waste for composting

Forest Lane Park to be made safer

Learn from other boroughs

Better greening of public realm - pocket parks

Take part in national initiatives

Educating people around recycling- All residents

Refreshing stickers on recycling bins as these wear off

More trees on streets

Improve accessibility to report issues; not just online but face to face or by phone a large percentage of the residents in the borough does not have that access and for a huge number of population English is their second language



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Waste Management: fly-tipping & street cleaning'

Teach tenants about waste management

People are better informed

Make landlords and housing associations more accountable - Taking responsibility for adequate waste disposal and recycling

Create community green spaces where residents can take more of an ownership



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Crime, Safety and ASB'

Local resident find easier to report crime and have support in all community languages with feedback and results

An app recording crime and asb in the neighbourhood

Active enforcement and plan to monitor betting shops and chicken shops & off licences limit by neighbourhood

More visible police and enforcement

Need to communicate with street drinkers and need to be enforced - stop urinating etc

Street drinkers mostly men 30-40 years old- Brookin Road - socialise and congregate - support workers to speak to them and get them off the streets

Street drinkers is an issue in Forest Gate - court orders to prevent them street drinking

Enforce - joined approach to tackling - Aggressive Begging - outside pound land high street Iceland - see a reduction in begging in the neighbourhood

Community groups - social media groups to report local crime and asb - and a noted improvement



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Crime, Safety and ASB'

Cleansing in Magpie close - park etc

ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Youth: spaces, support and crime'

Tackling route causes if youth crimes - what is Newham doing?

To change the narrative about young people

After school clubs, activities and session to help keep safe from grooming, drugs/alcohol etc.

How do we know if our youth interventions have been successful? Evidence of police crime rates related to young people...

Have male role models as there seems to be a lack

celebrate young people in Forest Gate

Young people to feel safe to travel around Newham

Research into the 'state' if young people around impact of provisions and reduction of crime

Concern from parent around grooming



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Youth: spaces, support and crime'

Communication between residents, youth service and police in sharing information and local intelligence.

People (residents/parents) to feel more involved and responsible

Increase capacity to work with local partners especially schools which have been difficult to forge relations with

Better communication – understanding how we need to communicate with young people and parents

Reassurance to parents that the youth hubs are a safe place

using social media, bus stops digital screens, school assemblies, young persons take over for the Newham Mag, young reporters team

Better communication in advertising provisions to residents and parents. What is happening from 6 to 9 in the centres?

Better partnership between schools and youth hubs in raising awareness on issues affecting young people

to ensure every young child has a valuable work experience opportunities



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Youth: spaces, support and crime'

Better promotion of services that are available to young people. This should also be shared with parents and residents

What are we actually doing with the most vulnerable young people i.e. what's the offer for them? How do we demonstrate a change in their attitude and behaviour?

Youth service to have communication especially sharing information about local events and incidents which affect young people in and out of school...holiday being an example of where to increase provisions

To ensure young people feel safe to walk around the streets of Newham

More support for young people

Child centred approach

To have an education programme about knife crime

'Preventative' budget: outreach workers, detached workers, language services in library etc

introduce a youth champion scheme



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Community Spaces and Cohesion'

Better use of existing green spaces

More green spaces including highways to address flytipping

Forest Lane Park - make people more aware and increase use and make safer

Forest Lane Park - increase use with environmental education for young people

Forest Lane Park - work with residents to make park safer

Take part in national initiatives

Increased recycling - management of food waste - composting

More community events

More indoor community spaces



ROUND 2: What are the outcomes we would like to see happen in Forest Gate for the priority 'Community Spaces and Cohesion'

better use of unused spaces

community spaces that foster social cohesion

environment that fosters pride

Better greening of public realm - pocket parks



ROUND 2: What are the 'OTHER' outcomes you would like to see in Forest Gate

Providing services for the elderly and not leaving them isolated. We have put into society and we should be able to enjoy our life as a result of this.

Reduce social isolation for the elderly

Reduce homelessness by preventing it in the first place by having link workers in places such as Job Centres and Social services. I know this as I am a person with lived experience.

My concern is about youth engagement not just youth provision. Media reporting on youth is awful and youth are disengaged. Newham has to put in place holistic remedies. Youth are not treated very well.

Housing bidding process is very good. The criteria are not fair. We need social housing.

The private rented market is bad in Newham. The council need to do more.

I would like to see Forest Gate made more beautiful, more trees, less fly tipping, less graffiti, clean busses, no chewing gum.

Fines for spitting.

More police on the street. We should have respect for the police and for one another.



ROUND 2: What are the 'OTHER' outcomes you would like to see in Forest Gate

Better lighting on the streets. People, especially the elderly, are afraid to come out (Field Road)

Pavements are dangerous. Have the contractors never heard that trees have roots?

More neighbourhood watches.

More facilities for older people after 8pm.

Poor response time from the police

I would like to see more iteration in the Community Plan and be able to see provision for adjustment and clear communication of it.

Not happy with they way working group was selected



Roving Mic



From the tables:

One person from each priority area to summarise to the room what your table has discussed

Break

15 minutes

The next round....

Is about your **creative ideas** for **each priority**



We invite you to:

- be imaginative
- share your ideas – don't worry they don't have to be perfect or fully formed at this stage
- ask questions that begin with:

What if we?

Round 3

- For the priority you are discussing

What ideas for activities or projects in Forest Gate would help the desired outcomes and changes to happen?

25 minutes

ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Waste Management, fly-tipping & street cleaning?'

Feedback on working group- A regular column in Newham Mag to inform what work has the 'Working Group' been doing?

Forest Gate Environment Week - Week long activities across the neighbourhood involving residents, colleges, sixth form colleges, businesses and young people from Forest Gate Youth Zone

Roadshow for residents by local services e.g. waste management, recycling teams

Information via various groups e.g. Forest Gate WI

Sticker for Recycling bins Competition (Secondary Schools) - Which do not disintegrate and long lasting

Rewards for landlords who are proactive and encourage their tenants to dispose off waste properly, give a welcome pack and encourage cleaner and greener environment- Rating against their licencing and recognition

Workshops in schools for parents and schools - Involve 'Clean Up UK', schools and other agencies

Environment fair in schools- for teachers, parents and children in schools to inform them of recycling and waste management and the impact on health

Fines for landlords who contribute to the problem and income could be used to improve the area



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Waste Management, fly-tipping & street cleaning?'

New developers should contribute towards the local environment and pay for improvements

Talks in libraries and material available in libraries

ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Crime, Safety and ASB?'

Eastern European - worker to inform and signpost street drinkers - public urinating, defecating and littering - to stop street drinking - this could be a project to tackle this issue Forest Gate Neighbourhood

Police officer to accompany outreach workers to tackle street drinkers - in the local community languages - evidence of what the languages are

Role model campaign year 5/6 primary and secondary - in the community to encourage young people to go into a career

Courses in active parenting - counselling - support so young people feel safe

Campaign for role model on social media -

Enforcement to work with residents map out the spots - enforcement to target - flash mob all on one week on the high street

Martial resources - begging, drinking so residents are aware of the resources- enforcement speaking to the offenders to resolve the situation

Raising awareness of Modern day slavery - talks for the community to encourage reporting

project to role out convoluted paint for prostitute stickers



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Crime, Safety and ASB?'

Extra cleansing - Permit
Parking Magpie close

Poster campaign for flytipping
reporting - on how to report -
crime and asb



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Youth: spaces, support and crime?'

Schools partnership programme. Exclusion of students and may be a gateway to further bad behaviour

Multi agency working to share practice and issues

young people step in to try out different roles

Schools to be in a written agreement in working with schools

skill sharing intergenerational project

Targeted working with parents - more sessions for parents of those young people deemed challenging/behavioural

Youth Safety board - working with multiple partners

CVS has closed down and has left a gap. This needs to be revived.

School liaison officers and youth workers in schools and community



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Youth: spaces, support and crime?'

Key workers deployed into 'troubled families'

Projects for young people when they are not in school

Intergenerational IT Project partnering up local schools or groups with sheltered housing

Project to change image and perceptions of Forest Gate Youth Hub. Support from local businesses to help with resources, furniture etc

More clubs engage in activities - a menu of different activity

Look at current building assets for new youth hubs, audit of existing assets

To reach out to young people in their spaces

support young people to get grants to deliver activities

Changing perceptions of Forest Gate Youth Hub. An effort to isolate issues of the Forest Gate Ward and the Youth Hub.



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Youth: spaces, support and crime?'

Youth grants available for the LGTPS

New businesses to contribute to youth projects and groups

Project ideas to promote the good things that the Youth Hub does.

Parents being involved the Youth Hub and generally involved with aspects of engagement

Young people to help design future facilities and project ideas

Dragons Den for young people - inspirational role models

More coaches - skills leadership

A need to 'spread the good news', residents to share positive news and outcomes.

Engage with partners such as faith groups, intergenerational groups etc



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Youth: spaces, support and crime?'

young persons community builders

Mentoring services and work placements

Mental Health services

A One Stop Shop for young people

mentoring projects working out on the streets in their space - ask the questions what would you like to do?

have a completely different offer - extreme sports no local offer?



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Community Spaces and Cohesion?'

Scheme similar to Newham In Bloom in Forest Gate South

Small business sponsorship of planters, roundabouts, pocket greenery

Community seating scheme in businesses and community spaces

Individual seats rather than benches

Combined seating and planter on high streets

creating mini neighbourhoods by closing roads

more integration of communities

festivals in local park

use existing groups to engage



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Community Spaces and Cohesion?'

further support existing activities

have mechanism for continuously capturing views on events and other ideas

Garden trail

reaching out to existing groups with ideas

Planting project incl schools, centres and groups

Regular community event hosted in a space in Maryland

Accessibility and safety improvements fo Forest Lane Park

replicate successful events

Pocket parks and new green space generation



ROUND 3: What activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes for 'Community Spaces and Cohesion?'

Call out to existing groups re successful events

Newham historical buildings survey

Invite and encourage new woodgrange Market vendors

Moving or replicating successful events and offering to more people

green spaces awareness campaign

commission new public art piece in Forest Gate

summer street party festival

Call out for community projects that cater for intergenerational, lgbtq+ groups and people with disabilities



ROUND 3: What 'OTHER' activities or projects would help to achieve the desired outcomes?

Re-look at the Council housing bidding process and make it fairer for people who are in work but have still been on the list for years.

Reopen closed or empty buildings, including council & public buildings to support elderly activities and/or homeless people.

Flee Market that recycles and supports local into employment

Stop charging for bulk waste

More intergenerational activity centres to provide healthy eating or cups of tea.

A project to recycle old people

Good localised neighbourhood projects to co-ordinate waste collection and reduce fly tipping

Interim shelters (supported housing) for young people in need who are in transition

fundraising course



Roving Mic



From the tables:

One person from each priority area to summarise to the room what your table has discussed

Councillor Surgeries:

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Conclusion

- Words from local councillors
- Local projects: Small Business Saturday, Christmas Lights Switch-ons, Up-Beat
- What happens next
- Feedback forms

- Thanks for your participation!

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