Your Ideas with You in Control

Idea

To pilot the creation of a means by which locally identified, projects can be brought to life, managed and delivered by local residents and supported by a £10k budget committed jointly by STCA and the St Pancras and Somers Town Living Centre.

Context

This pilot is predicated on the fact that the community of Somers Town has for decades articulated its own priorities; feeding into a million different consultations undertaken by a spectrum of stakeholders including Local Authority, VCS, Businesses and Developers.

Yet little if any of that community insight, knowledge has found its way into actual projects, let alone ones managed and delivered by the residents themselves.

Community representation

To ensure that the diversity of the local community is reflected representatives will be asked/requested/encouraged from:

- Older persons groups/clubs
- Young people groups/clubs
- Groups supporting those with disabilities
- Ethnic minorities (although it is expected that the other representatives will reflect the ethnic diversity of the community)
- Environmental groups
- Community activists inclusive of mutual aid groups
- LGBT forum
- Local history groups/clubs
- Faith groups







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Commitment

Representatives will sit for one financial year, with a clear terms of reference that will include:

- Aims and Objectives of group
- Responsibilities of members
- Job descriptions for representatives
- Frequency of meetings and duration
- Code of Conduct
- Chair role
- Attendance requirements

A Chair will be appointed by majority vote from the representatives at the first meeting and a minute taker will be appointed at each meeting, members of this group will have job descriptions and will be given training inclusive of safeguarding, first aid, fire marshal, data management, H&S, project management, M&E and budget management.

Member's attendance time at the forum meetings will be paid at the London Living Wage (anticipated max 2 hours per meeting) which recognises the value of their time.

If you are interested or know anyone that may be interested email sarah@somerstown.org.uk





