



Greenwich Voice and Influence Programme

April 2025 Greenwich Hub for Influence, Voice, and Engagement Networking Event Report

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Workshop Details

Date: 17 April 2025

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: METRO Woolwich

Conference Facilitators:

- Mark Delacour – Director of External Affairs, METRO GAVS
- Anna Ritchie – Head of Greenwich Giving, METRO GAVS
- Andrew Kerr – Voice and Influence Programme Manager, METRO GAVS
- Roy Gopaul – Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator and Development Officer, METRO GAVS
- Mutmahim Roaf – Development Officer, METRO GAVS
- Loic Marcon – Service Support Officer, METRO GAVS
- Hannah Weber – Communications and Community Coordinator, METRO GAVS
- Adam Tipping – Communications and Network Support Officer, METRO GAVS
- Elizabeth Cutajar – Operations and Project Manager, Volunteer Centre Greenwich
- Sharon Lines – Women and Girls Health Hub Development Worker, Volunteer Centre Greenwich
- Flora Faith-Kelly – Creative Health Lead, South East London Integrated Care System)

Groups and Organisations in Attendance:

- Abbey Wood Women's Institute
- African Smile
- Black Female Entrepreneur Greenwich
- Community Direction
- Community Needs Foundation
- COSMOS UK
- Creating Ground CIC
- Debt Centre Greenwich
- Deltamind Foundation
- First Step Trust
- FORWARD
- Greenwich and Woolwich Pensioners Forum
- Greenwich Leisure Ltd.
- Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum
- Groundwork London
- Hamara Assra
- Healthy Food Events CIC
- Lioness Within Community CiC



- Marvellous Girls Club Ltd.
- MumsAid
- Ochu Group
- Oxleas Foundation NHS Trust
- PPL
- Royal Borough of Greenwich
 - Communities and Environment
 - Public Health and Wellbeing
- Somali Parents Network (SPN)
- Somali Teaching Group
- South East London Integrated Care Board
- South East London Mind
- South London Counselling and Support Services (SLCSS)
- The Big Red Kick
- Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance
- Volunteer Centre Greenwich (VCG)
- Woolwich Service User Project (WSUP)



Aim, Objectives, and Approach

The April 2024 Greenwich Hub for Influence, Voice, and Engagement (G-HIVE) Networking Event was the eighth workshop in the second phase of the Greenwich Voice and Influence Programme, which began in September 2022. It was the first dedicated networking opportunity hosted by METRO GAVS during the third year of G-HIVE's second phase.

The first aim of the event was to continue building professional relationships and networks between the Statutory and Voluntary Sectors within the Health and Social Care System in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. This was achieved through a formal networking activity during the first half of the event, as well as informal networking opportunities throughout the event. It was also achieved during second part of the event which was allocated to presentations about key development taking place within the Health and Social Care System. The second aim of the event was to understand developments taking place within the Health and Social Care System. These were achieved through a series of presentations in the second half of the event:

- Greenwich Women and Girls' Health Hub (Volunteer Centre Greenwich)
- How Can We Reduce Health Inequalities Through Creativity (South East London Integrated Care System)
- Greenwich Giving Update and Overview (Greenwich Giving)

Building upon previous G-HIVE Networking Events, the April 2025 G-HIVE Networking Event incorporated a mixture of activities and presentations. The activities included both formal and informal networking opportunities, and opportunities for attendees to gain a deeper understanding of delivery being undertaken by three organisations. By METRO GAVS continuing to adopt this methodology and approach within G-HIVE, there is a role model for culture change across the system which G-HIVE is working to support and facilitate. The structure of the event was based around one activity and three presentations. This enabled attendees to network and get to know each other (Activity 1 and Presentations 1, 2, and 3), understand current developments currently taking place in the Statutory and Voluntary Sectors (Presentations 1, 2, and 3).

With Phase 1 of the Greenwich Voice and Influence Programme taking place entirely virtually, the decision was made to hold the event in person, with attendees registering with METRO GAVS. In total, forty-seven people attend the April 2025 G-HIVE Networking Event.

Activity 1: Speed Networking

The main activity of the event was focused on attendees continue getting to know each other in order to understand more about them as individuals and their roles within the borough. This was facilitated through Activity 1 – Speed Networking.

As part of this activity, attendees were seated across from each other and given five minutes (two-and-a-half each) to 'speed' network, in a similar way to speed dating. Whilst the topic(s) of



discussion was open to each pairing, the following prompt questions were suggested in order to 'kickstart' conversations:

- Name, Organisation, and Role in the Royal Borough of Greenwich
- What does good engagement look like?
- What does radical engagement look like?

Each attendee was also provided with a blank Contact Information Sheet and a pen in order to record the contact details of attendees they engaged with during the activity, and throughout the event.

This activity proved to be highly successful, with a number of attendees commenting that they thoroughly enjoyed the fast-paced energy of the activity. They also noted that they were able to engage with a higher number of attendees than they might have done without the timed element of the activity. Moreover, as attendees got to know about each other and the projects, programmes, services, and/or activities they deliver within the borough, ad hoc feedback during the event suggested that potential engagement opportunities arose which could be progressed beyond the event.

Presentation 1: Greenwich Women and Girls' Health Hub

At present, Volunteer Centre Greenwich are supporting the establishment of the Women and Girls' Health Hub within the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Launched in March 2025, the aim of the hub is to facilitate women and girls in being able to access health-based support in community settings across the borough, as well as online. The model, which was designed and developed in consultation with over one thousand women, will deliver on four key areas of women's health:

- Pre-Conception
- Heavy Menstrual Bleeding
- Contraception
- Menopause (inclu. Perimenopause)

The role which VCG within the hub is to lead on the recruitment, training, and support of women and girls' ambassadors. The role of the ambassadors is to provide peer support to those accessing the hub, as well as to deliver outreach with local communities.

For further information about the Greenwich Women and Girls' Health Hub, please email [Liz Cutajar and Sharon Lines](#).



Presentation 2: How Can We Reduce Health Inequalities Through Creativity

With London having ambitions to become a [Creative Health City](#), the South East London Integrated Care System (SELICS) are working on integrating the creative health model and principles into the services which they deliver and commission. For the SELICS creative health is based upon the idea of utilising and embedding creative approaches which have benefits for health and wellbeing. Each borough which the SELICS oversees has developed specific focus area which, within the Royal Borough of Greenwich, is the establishment of a creative health knowledge exchange and peer support process. This includes network support for those delivering creative health, as well as utilising specialist topic community champions to support uptake. Whilst each borough can set a different approach, collectively they will all contribute towards the SELICS's priorities of:

- Advocacy and Profile Raising
- Network Support and Information Link Up
- Building a Shared Language Across a Shared Vision and Shared Impact

For further information about Creative Health across South East London, including the Royal Borough of Greenwich, please [email Flora Faith-Kelly](#).

Presentation 3: Greenwich Giving Update and Overview

Greenwich Giving, as a new, local, place-based giving scheme for the Royal Borough of Greenwich has been establishing itself within the borough since May / June 2025. Formally launched in December 2025, over the past few months the Greenwich Giving Team have been conducting engagement within stakeholders across the borough, including the Statutory and Voluntary Sectors as well as local community, as part of their first giving campaign around social isolation, connection, and loneliness. In addition to this, Greenwich Giving are able to connect Voluntary Sector organisations with support from local businesses, bring funding in for grassroots organisations, and get more community voices involved in decision-making processes.

For further information about Greenwich Giving, including if you or your organisation is looking for specific support, please [email Anna Ritchie](#). You can also [join their mailing list here](#) where you will receive monthly updates on support and other opportunities.

Next Steps

The April 2025 G-HIVE Networking Event was the first of two networking events planned for third year of developing G-HIVE. METRO GAVS will conclude Year 2 with the delivery of the second G-HIVE Networking Event in September 2025, which will also mark the end of G-HIVE Phase 2. In addition to this, the G-HIVE Programme Team are also due to deliver their final training as part of the G-HIVE Learning, Development, and Training Support Package in May 2025.



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