# MEET THE CLB TEAM

A LOOK INTO THE TEAM'S WORK

Meet...
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#### The Role

**Q** Hi Hugh, please tell us about your role at Community Links Bromley.

**A** I am responsible for the Health & Wellbeing Project which is funded by the Cornerstone Fund, a collaboration of London Funders and the Bromley Well Innovation Fund.

The project now in its second year has as its core aim to bring the local voluntary & community sector closer to the design and delivery of community based health and wellbeing services for local people. I engage with the local VCS to gain a better understanding of their beneficiaries' needs and the organisational needs which would enable them to be more effective in delivering their services.

I also organise training events and provide 1:1 advice and support to local organisations.

**Q**. Can you tell us more about the project you are working on?

**A** The Health & Wellbeing project is trying to bring about system change in how local health services are designed and delivered.

The project asks the question can collaborative design of services i.e. collaboration between statutory health providers, commissioner and the VCS bring about health services that better meet the needs of local people and ultimately result in better health outcomes for local people.

# The Role (continued)

## Challenges

There are four other partners like Community Links Bromley, Enfield, Hackney, Greenwich and Merton. Each partner has a specific health theme or specific focus they are working on in order to bring about system change.

In Greenwich, for example, collaborative design approaches have created better solutions for residential patients with long term mental health conditions.

Enfield has trained over 20 local health champions and is already beginning to show results of how this process is leading to improved engagement with local communities and improved take up of health offers and now there is a clear process for including the voice of local communities via the VCS at health policy planning level.

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**Q** Have you found it difficult to reach some Bromley groups? / what are some of the challenges?

A Engagement with the VCS will invariably have some challenges. People are often over stretched and understaffed. This is particularly so with the unprecedented events of the pandemic to which the VCS has risen admirably.

There has been good take up with the workshops so far and keen interest shown by participants in how to develop their understanding of and ability to report social value.

There are some groups who we would like to be more engaged with us on our capacity building journey towards becoming a social value exemplar. We will keep trying to reach out to them.

### Life outside work

**Q** What do you do outside of CLB

**A** Outside of Community Links Bromley I am involved in other areas of support to VCS organisations to help them improve their sustainability.

I am a trustee with an arts based charity and a small voluntary organisation that works with homeless people. I occasionally cycle through the outskirts of Bromley into Kent and beyond.