
PECKHAM Voluntary Sector FORUM

Annual Report

April '07 - March '08

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ABOUT PECKHAM VOLUNTARY SECTOR FORUM (PVSF)

We are an umbrella organisation of community, faith and voluntary groups/ organisations benefiting residents in the neighbourhood areas of Peckham and Nunhead and its immediate surrounds (SE15). The Forum and its membership participate in and contribute to neighbourhood renewal programmes and multi-agency initiatives with the aim of bringing about notable improvements in local people's quality of life.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Forum engages groups of "active citizens" in order to jointly improve our neighbourhoods and local people's quality of life. We work in the interests of a growing membership of local self-help groups, community/residents, faith and voluntary organisations and support them with organisational development and management needs. We facilitate / co-ordinate mutually beneficial collaborations between a diversity of groups and/or between sectors. This is to maximise impact and cohesion between the people and communities living and working in this area.

ACTIVITIES

● CAPACITY BUILDING

Small / emerging local groups receive hands-on advice and customised support with fundraising, organisational development and management.

● COLLABORATIONS : PECKHAM HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK

Promoting and setting up partnerships and consortiums to deliver projects.

● INFORMATION & NETWORKING

Member groups/individuals receive newsletters and e-bulletins about local issues. Groups can publicise their projects and their views. Forum Meetings enable groups to obtain information, to discuss issues and to network.

● INFLUENCING DECISIONS

Through participation on various boards and forums we contribute to informed decision-making bearing in mind the interests of local groups and the communities they serve.

MEMBERSHIP

Active Membership is open to all constituted groups working in the SE15 area. Member groups/organisations have the right to: Influence the Forum's agenda, elect and be elected onto its Managing Board, receive and contribute to information relevant to the sector and the area, participate in Forum meetings / events and sign up for our capacity building services.

Associate Membership is open to individuals active in other sectors/agencies, or individual residents supporting the aims of the Forum

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Peckham Voluntary Sector Forum registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2000 (Reg. No. 4076179) and acquired charitable status in 2001 (Reg. No. 1087384)

FUNDERS 2007-8

Big Lottery - Community Fund
- New Opportunities Fund

Peckham Programme - Contract

Southwark Council

Lloyds TSB

RECALLING OUR YEAR AND CHALLENGES AHEAD



Ibukun Olashore

We have continued to provide an excellent range of support services to voluntary and community organisations to helping them to continue to deliver community based services and activities in Peckham and Nunhead.

This year, we have helped improve the management and service delivery performance of over 30 organisations which includes how groups promote themselves; provided a whole package of community health activities accessed by over 2000 residents; helped community groups bring in external funding of over half million pounds into Southwark, influenced policy agendas such as premises, health, and the local compact; delivered collaborative projects with SAVO, SCCF, Radio Peckham, Bermondsey and Rotherhine Partnership ranging from Meet The Funders Events, ICT training to media skills workshops

One of the issues PVSF constantly face along with many other second tier and umbrella Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCS) is to translate the wider impact of our support work with groups into how this is making a difference to local area priorities for example reducing health inequalities or raising educational attainment of children and young people. This is not easy and we realise how important it is to develop the skills and know how of groups to enable them to collect and collate data about their services which will in turn assist us to demonstrate the “ripple effect” of how our support to frontline organisations makes a difference to

residents lives and influences the agenda for future policy and services in Peckham. PVSF’s intention through our bespoke capacity building programme is to provide additional support to groups to ensure that the evidence gathered by them can be translated into information which will shape how services will be delivered in the future. We strongly believe that the council should see us as the link between them and the voluntary and community sector in the Peckham area.

This brings me on to the issue of funding and sustainability of PVSF in the near future. We acknowledge we are operating in a fiercely competitive environment for funds even more so now with the UK entering a period of economic depression. Organisations like PVSF who operate on a neighbourhood basis must not be pushed to one side as secondary to organisations that operate on a Borough wide or regional basis as our work provides just as much impact in relative terms as those working in a larger geographical area. So politicians and funders please hear our cry.

What a window of fortune the VSC now have with increased opportunities to bid for public services as Local Authority’s shift from being providers of services to commissioners of services

During this time of transition. the challenge facing PVSF is as great as ever realising the fact that groups need even greater support in terms of organisational development, governance, performance management, working partnership in order for them to increase their chances of bidding successfully for these public services. Again our capacity building programme will play an important role in helping groups equip themselves to compete for these funds.

Finally, I would like to seize this opportunity to once again thank the board for their devoted efforts during this hectic year; PVSF is blessed with a hands on board. Also, I express my appreciation to the staff that have shown massive commitment and dedication to PVSF during these trying times. I would like to thank our members, funders and supporters for their continued faith and acknowledgment that we are making a difference in Peckham.

Ms Ibukun Olashore, Chair - PVSF

“EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO LEARN AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIALS”

Capacity Building

PVSF is committed to help groups develop their confidence and skills in order for them to deliver services and activities which make a difference to local residents

- Helped groups raise over half a million pounds
- 35 groups received organisational development, funding support and management
- 20 groups improve how they promote their work through one to one support, training and consultancy



Members networking at PVSF event

“INFORMATION IS POWER”

Information and Networking

PVSF is committed to providing our members with good quality up to date information which is fast, accessible and timely.

- Sent out 4 quarterly newsletters covering key issues affecting the sector and local area, important meetings and events, funding information and tips on how to
- Sent out 24 email bulletins packed with information on funding, training, events, meetings, volunteer opportunities etc
- Regular fortnightly updated information on our website of meetings, events and campaigns

“GIVING YOU A STRONGER VOICE TO INFLUENCE CHANGE”

Influencing decision and representation

PVSF staff and board have continued to participate in a wide range of strategic developments that impact on our local area and the wider voluntary sector. This helps us to help you have a stronger voice to make change.

- Southwark Infrastructure Group
- Peckham Community Development Network
- Healthy Southwark Partnerships Board
- Equalities group
- Premises Group



PVSF Member Friends of Brimington Park annual event

“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE”

Collaboration

PVSF aims to promote, facilitate and put into practice the opportunities which arise from joint working and consortiums for the purpose of delivering services and activities

- Led consortium of 11 organisations to provide health activities around the themes of physical activities, healthy eating, and mental health
- Worked in partnership with SAVO, SCCF, Bermondsey and Rotherhine Development Partnership, Radio Peckham to deliver various projects
Meet The Funders Event x 4 events, media skills for groups event x 4

Children & Young People

Wisegem

We have helped this group to strengthen their finance systems and procedures and to improve how they market their work.

This young people's project focuses on helping young people to avoid teenage pregnancy, it runs twice weekly sessions for teenagers on sexual health and relationships and also does outreach work in schools. Last year they worked with over 150 children and young people and helped Southwark win a top Government prize for their work around reducing teenage pregnancy.

Joshua Foundation

We have supported this group to raise funds from the Awards for All to run a 5 day a week after school homework clubs for 20 young people mainly from Black and Ethnic minority Communities. This project will help keep young people to keep focused and motivated with their school work which helps reduce the risk of them being permanently excluded and contributes to them achieving key stage 4 targets.



Reduction in Health Inequalities

De Masokhi

We have supported this group to raise funds from the Get Involved Fund to run once a week dance activities for 20 young people ages 5-18 years old, which helps to improve their fitness levels and reduces obesity.

Southwark Cypriot Turkish Association

We have supported this group to raise money from City Bridge Trust and assisted with project development. The money pays for community transport enabling their 400 Elderly members to get better access to the group's exercise classes and healthy living advice sessions. These activities help to address obesity, diabetes, hypertension and arthritis conditions.

Pioneer African Caribbean Organisation

We have supported the group to raise money from the Get Involved fund to run once a week Quadrille dances classes for 20 of their elderly members. The dance classes, contributes to their members improving how they manage the health conditions they suffer from in particular obesity, diabetes, hypertension and arthritis.

De Masokhi

PROGRAMME'S WIDER IMPACT ON SOME OF GREEMENT PRIORITY TARGETS

Safer & Stronger Communities

Kurdistan Refugee Women's Organisation

PVSF has supported this group to raise funds from Nationwide Foundation and Big Lottery's Reaching Communities and City Parochial Foundation to help them continue working with women at risk of domestic violence and honour killings.

More than 450 people benefited from their services last year. The group is contributing to helping reduce the number of repeat domestic violence incidents.

Little Peoples World

PVSF has supported this group with management committee training, helped develop their finance systems and raised money from the Get Involved Fund to run community activities focused on parents. Our assistance has helped the group improve how they involve members of their parents group in the planning and running of their activities and the overall management of the group. Their work contributes to people from different backgrounds feeling that they get on well together in their local area.

Mandatory Education & Early Years Indicators

Lympstone Parents Group

Provided training in roles and responsibilities of management committee training for 8 parents committee members. They are now in a improved position to oversee and manage their groups aims and better equipped influence the policy and practice of their children's education provision at the nursery.

Cleaner Greener - Environment

Peckham Healthy Living Network Project

A PVSF project, we organised this event to help people become more aware of environmental issues. Over 1,200 attended who were able to receive advice and information from the many stalls that were present such as help to improve your carbon footprint, advice on how you can save energy, information on the affect of global warming etc



Cossal Estate, SE15

TRUSTEES, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

TRUSTEES

NAME	ORGANISATION	ROLE ON BOARD	SERVICES /ISSUES REPRESENTED
Ibukun Olashore	Organisation of Blind African Caribbeans (OBAC)	Chair, Development, Finance, Personnel	Equality and Black & Ethnic Minorities
Andy Burton	Aylesbury Learning Centre	Vice Chair, Development/ Finance	Training/ Communities Facilities
John Donaldson	Nunhead Community Forum	Secretary, Personnel	Community Forums
William Thomas	Peckham Settlement	Treasurer, Development/Finance	Community Centre
Emmanuel Sheriff	Immigrants Information	Centre Development	Refugees
John Keise	SELAH	Development/Finance	Integration of people with disabilities
Osu Otu	Strategic Ethnic Alliance		Black & Ethnic Minorities
Lalu Hanuman	KITE		Environment
Gonzalo Hermosa	Columbia FC	Personnel	ESOL Groups
Helena Kowalska	Southwark Supplementary Education Mother Tongue Association	Personnel	Education
Marie Laurence Tape	Women's Ivory Tower Ass.	Personnel	Refugees

STAFF

NAME	POSITION
David Reid	Coordinator/ Capacity Building Manager
Noel Hudson	Capacity Building Officer
Joanna Samuel	Marketing and Communications Officer
Dan Macintyre	PHLN Manager
Audrey Hart	PHLN Administrator
Deb James	Temporary PHLN Manager

VOLUNTEERS

NAME	POSITION
Veronica Narain	Hospitality at our events

CHANGES TO BOARD AND STAFF

Board

During the year the following Trustees resigned from the Board of Directors.

- Gonzalo Hermosa - October 07
- Lalu Hanuman - October 07

Staff

Joanna Samuel - March 07, contract ended

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(incorporating income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2007

	Restricted Funds 2008 £	Unrestricted Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2006 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated income				
Voluntary Income	231,108	34,652	265,760	277,110
Activities for generating funds	—	1,085	1,085	904
Investment income	615	2,824	3,439	1,906
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	61,052	61,052	61,012
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	231,723	99,613	331,336	304,932
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	253,126	48,860	301,986	275,458
Governance costs	—	13,972	13,972	21,518
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	253,126	62,832	315,958	296,976
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR - NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	(21,403)	36,781	15,378	(43,956)
Total funds at 1 April 2007	51,967	53,641	105,608	61,652
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2008	30,564	90,422	120,986	105,608

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2008

	£	2008 £	£	2007 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets		195		390
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	15,845		7,196	
Cash at bank and in hand	111,553		100,819	
	127,398		108,015	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	(6,607)		(2,797)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		120,791		105,218
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		120,986		105,608
CHARITY FUNDS				
Restricted funds		30,564		55,967
Unrestricted funds		90,422		53,641
		120,986		105,608

The financial statements were approved by the executive committee on 24th September 2008 and signed on their behalf by Ibukun Olashore (Chair) and William Thomas (Treasurer)

Full Audited accounts are available please contact us for a copy.

THE FUTURE

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Group learning sessions/ learning sets
- Training courses and seminars
- Launch new Marketing and Communications programme
- Start of accreditation programme for groups

INFORMATION & NETWORKING

- Networking opportunities facilitating links with voluntary groups and private sector businesses
- Policy Briefings on specific areas e.g. BME inequalities and health, Employment and skills for employment
- Introduce Online Forums
- Provide further opportunities for groups to get information on what's on in Peckham

COLLABORATIONS

- Developing cross sector partnership working
- Linking the corporate to the community

INFLUENCING DECISION MAKING/ REPRESENTATION

- Increase support for groups in campaigning, lobbying and petitions

INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT

- Continuation of Profiling and segmentation of membership
- Ongoing development of our website



Peckham Healthy Living Network event

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS (excluding Associate Members)

12th Camberwell Scouts - Albany District
155th London Boys Brigade
23rd Camberwell (St Giles) Scout Group
All About Us!!
All Seasons Gardening Club
Anyadwe Children & Family Welfare Association
Arts Express
Ashbourne Centre
Atonement Enterprise CIC
Bellenden Residents Group
Black Elderly Group Southwark
Brayards Estate Tenants & Residents Assoc.
Brimmington Park Football Club
Caribbean Volunteer Readers and Performers Project
Community TV Trust
Copleston Centre
De-Masokhi
Dragon & Pennack Community Association
Eco-Empowering Creative Opportunity
Elephant Jobs
Eternal Life Support Centre
Evolution Quarter Residents Association
Family Welfare Association
Friends of Brimmington Park
Friends of Livesey Museum for Children
Friends of McDermott Grove
Gifthorse Playclub
Goshen Community Projects
Greater Grace Ministries
Groundwork London
Hope UK Southwark
Immigrant Information Centre Ltd
Ivydale league of Friends
Joshua Foundation Super Kids
KITE
Kurdistan Refugee Women's Organisation
Level up Youth Forum
Little People's World
Local Accountancy Project
Lympstone Parents & Carers Group
MAGOGYM
MCSAS - Hearts of Love
Mile walk
Mulberry Career Development Services
New Future Now

Nunhead Community Forum
One in a Million
Organisation of Blind African Caribbean's
Palm Tree Academy
Peckham Carbon Rationing Action Group
Peckham Christian Centre - London City Mission
Peckham Grace Project
Peckham Park Road Baptist Church
Peckham Settlement
Peckham Warriors Youth FC
Pioneer African Caribbean Over 50's Group
REM Educational Centre (REMEC)
Sarcoidosis and Interstitial Lung Association
SCT Association
SELAH Social Action Network
Sickle Cell & Young Stroke Survivors
Skillszone
Southwark Allstars
Southwark Arts Forum
Southwark Citizens Advice Bureaux Service
Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers
Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations
Southwark Irish Pensioners Project
Southwark Mediation Centre
Southwark Pensioners Action Group
Southwark Turkish Education Group
SSEMTA
St Luke's Church
St. John's Church
The Broom Street Children's Project
The Ernest Foundation
The One Eight Zero Youth Project
The Peckham Society
The Rainbow Trust
The Universal Church of God
Theatre Peckham
Volunteer Centre Southwark
VOOA
Wickway Community Centre Association
Willowbrook Centre
Wise Gem
Women of Africa
Women's Ivory Tower Association
World of Hope
YCGN. UK

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