**Slade Green Resident Engagement**

**Expression of Interest Guidance and Form**

Bexley Wellbeing Partnership, and the sub-group North Bexley Local Care Network (LCN) recognise that Slade Green is one of the areas in Bexley that has higher numbers of people living in overcrowded conditions, greater number of children living in income deprived homes and is generally experiences geographic isolation. Slade Green is located on the border of North Bexley neighboring Erith and Crayford, separated by a dual carriageway to the West and has a railway line which cuts through the community. Public transport can be difficult with bus routes navigating narrow streets.

We want to understand more around how the geographic location affects access to services, and how it impacts on residents’ health and wellbeing. This project aims to implement a community-based opportunity to create presence and to demonstrate that we (Bexley Wellbeing Partnership) are committed to working with the community to make improvements over time.

Hearing the voice of Slade Green residents is very important, listening to resident needs, developing potential solutions through co-production, and then replaying back to the community what we have learnt whilst showing them what we have done to promote change is a key focus of this project. **Prioritising what is most important for the community to make decisions on what we need to do to respond to the priorities is paramount for trust building and showing that we are here to do what we say we will do.**

Implementing a Slade Green Resident Engagement and Support Community Space enables us to provide a place where we can access residents and they can access us.  Slade Green Community Space is a vehicle to enable us to engage, to start working on quick wins for positive change in the community and to enable us to carry out long term work.  Presence, visibility, continuity, and consistency are very important – being located within Slade Green shows the residents – We are HERE to help the community thrive!

We are seeking a VCS organisation, who must be able to demonstrate strong existing links to Slade Green and residents, to lead on an engagement programme. The organisation will work with existing services and residents to develop a local hub which will offer a number of engagement and support services.

Some examples of services may include the below. This may include delivering the services directly or supporting other organisations to deliver. Note that the below suggests are just ideas, and we expect that this will evolve and develop with resident feedback:

* Family cooking sessions to promote healthy cooking.
* Drop-in Peer support sessions e.g. Women’s evening, Men’s evening.
* Wellbeing activities – Yoga sessions, mindfulness seminars, motivational events
* You Talk, We Listen – Engagement events for co-production of local solutions.
* Let’s Dine! – Evenings for family community dining and getting acquainted with other residents
* Information sessions – e.g. stop smoking talks, menopause, hypertension management.
* Health Promotion and Health Checks – encouraging Making Every Contact count by offering health care checks such as blood pressure checks and blood tests.

The successful organisation will be awarded £106,640 to deliver this work.

**Targets:**
1. Evidence of ongoing resident engagement and co-production of the community space

2. Provision of a presence in the community via a physical community space

**Outcomes:**

* Improve access and availability of information to available services and support in the local area to be demonstrated through case studies and resident self-reporting.
* To develop a forum/network to engage local residents in future projects, to be evidenced through number of interactions with residents.
* Provide a space to provide education around healthy lifestyles, to be demonstrated through case studies and resident self-reporting.
* Improved availability to health checks and other community-based services, to be evidenced through numbers of interactions with residents.
* Increase opportunities to reduce loneliness and isolation, to be demonstrated through case studies and resident self-reporting.

**Please pay careful attention to the documentation you will be asked to provide as part of this process.**

If you have any questions regarding the application, the process or format please email info@bvsc.co.uk or call us on 01322 524 682.

The deadline is 23:59 on Monday 27th May 2024 and organisations.

Please note, organisations **may** be invited to an informal discussion week commencing 1st July 2024.

**Documentation Required:**

Registered Charities, Charitable trusts and Charitable incorporated organisations (CIO) will need to share:

* Safeguarding Policy

Community Interest Companies (CIC) will need to share:

* Safeguarding Policy
* CIC34 form, additional information demonstrating commitment to supporting the local community is also welcomed.

Unincorporated Associations, constituted small voluntary organisations and ‘other’ applicants will need to share:

* Safeguarding Policy
* Copy of your most recent accounts
* Bank statement for the last three months
* Constitution/governing document

All documentation is to be emailed to info@bvsc.co.uk

**Only Expressions of Interests including all the correct documentation will be considered. If documents are not submitted in time, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be considered.**

**Expression of Interest Questions**

1. Full Name of contact completing the form
2. Name of the organisation
3. Phone number for the organisation
4. Email address for the contact
5. Postal address for the organisation
6. Please specify the status of the organisation using the drop-down selections below
* Unincorporated association/organisation/small voluntary group with constitution (skip to question 8)
* Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (move on to question 7)
* Registered Charity (move on to question 7)
* Charitable trust (move on to question 7)
* Registered societies e.g. community benefit societies (skip to question 8)
* Community Interest Companies (skip to question 8)
* Other (skip to question 8)
1. What is your registered charity number? (Skip to question 11)
2. If you are not a registered charity, please confirm you are a constituted not for profit organisation? Yes/No
3. Please confirm you have a bank account in the name of the organisation (you will be required to share accounts) Yes/No
4. Please confirm you will send a copy of the organisations bank statement covering the last three months. Yes/No
5. We are looking for an organisation which is well established and has strong, existing links to the Slade Green Community (preferably) or a community with a similar population. Please detail how your organisation has supported and engaged with the residents currently and in the past. Please provide us with project evaluation or case studies that demonstrate this. (1000 words)
6. How would you approach engagement with residents and setting up services that are requested? *We are more interested to hear about a realistic approach, than the services themselves.* (500 words)
7. Tell us how you would monitor the project and demonstrate the impact of the service and how will you feed back the successes and challenges to the North Bexley Local Care Network? (500 words)
8. Do you have anything you would like to add? (500 words)