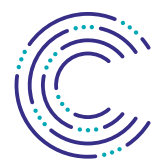


Community Southwark

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/23

Thriving communities with the power,
resources, and partnerships to create
a more equal Southwark



**Community
Southwark**

We are proud to present this report for our work in 2022-23 and thank all our staff, volunteers, trustees, members, funders, and partners for making it possible.

WE ARE

The umbrella organisation for charities and community groups in Southwark.

OUR VISION

Thriving communities with the power, resources, and partnerships to create a more equal Southwark.

OUR MISSION

We support charities and community groups with advice, training, and volunteers.

We connect organisations to each other, funders, and decision makers to make change, together.



STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE **1**

Enable a more

IMPACTFUL, COLLABORATIVE, AND SUSTAINABLE

Voluntary and Community Sector

During 2022-23:

468 new
volunteers

an increase of 24% from
the previous year.

392 volunteering
opportunities

were advertised over the year.

37 VCS
organisations

were given one-to-one support
with volunteer management.

33 corporate
partnerships

made with charities
and community groups.

119

one-to-one
casework advice
sessions

were completed.

12 training
sessions



and 6 events were held, including
a mental health conference,
neighbourhood networking,
funders' fair, and a State of the
Sector breakfast launch.

150 attendees

as we celebrated volunteering
at Southwark Stars at the Tate
Modern in June 2022, with the
Mayor of Southwark

£402,394

secured into
Southwark's Voluntary
and Community Sector.



WORKING TOGETHER

We worked on Warm
Spaces and the Cost-
of-Living Referral Fund.



53 groups

were given one to one
support or a course in
measuring their impact.



STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE **2**

Support the creation of a more
**INCLUSIVE,
DIVERSE,
AND EQUAL**
Southwark

During 2022-23:

New volunteers

49%
came from BAME
backgrounds

40%
were under 30

8%
were disabled

54%
of our one-to-one
capacity building
casework

was for BAME-led groups.

95% positive
feedback

for six training sessions targeted and
delivered to BAME-led groups. Our
storytelling for fundraising session
had 42 attendees.

75%
of Evaluation and
Impact support

was for BAME-led groups.

12 network
meetings

of our Latin American Network
and Race, Equality and Cultural
Heritage (REACH) Alliance.



£400K

**Equalities Grant
programme**

developed with Southwark Council,
ringfenced for VCS groups run by
those with protected characteristics.



STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE **3**

Increase the sector's ability to

**INFLUENCE
CHANGE**no matter the size or background
of an organisation or individual

We facilitate the following VCS networks to meet at least four times per year, and we support them with projects to effect change.

- **DISABILITY PROVIDERS**
- **MENTAL HEALTH**
- **CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND YOUNG PEOPLE**
- **OLDER PEOPLE**
- **GRASS ROOTS GROUPS**
- **LATIN AMERICAN NETWORK**
- **RACE, EQUALITY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (REACH) ALLIANCE**
- **SAFEGUARDING LEADS**
- **VOLUNTEERING MANAGERS**
- **SOUTHWARK VOICE (THE CHAIRS OF ALL THE BOROUGH'S VCS NETWORKS)**

**STATE OF THE
SECTOR REPORT**

focusing on funding, premises, and relationships with the statutory sector.

Find the report on our website
communitysouthwark.org

**172** meetings with
decision makers

to advocate for the VCS with the council, NHS, funders, and others.

TRAINING

in how to use the law in campaigning and how to influence your MP.



STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE **4**

Run the charity
**RESPONSIBLY,
EFFECTIVELY,
AND EFFICIENTLY**
ensuring that the community is at
the centre of everything we do

During 2022-23 we introduced a Membership and Outreach role to ensure all our members are aware of all our services and to engage with those who may have been less active.

Internally, we reviewed all our policies and procedures, including improving our maternity and paternity leave policy, and induction processes. We undertook a full training audit and delivered a series of internal training sessions. We increased our unrestricted income.

Our 2022-23 Members Survey elicited

134 RESPONSES

86% of respondents selected
options 6-10* to the question

**'HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO RECOMMEND
COMMUNITY SOUTHWARK TO ANOTHER
NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION?'**

87% of respondents said
'Yes' to the question:

**'DO YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH
COMMUNITY SOUTHWARK MADE
YOU FEEL WELCOME AND INCLUDED?'**

"Community Southwark is an amazing organisation that I am grateful exists to support us in our journey."

Generation Success

"CS are a great organisation with a fantastic variety and wealth of support."

Support4You

"The bulletins are frequent but always contain really useful information and are quick and easy to read/skim read to find the information most relevant to our organisation."

Theatre Peckham

*If 1 is 'not at all' and 10 is 'very much so'



Our 2022-23 Staff Survey showed that

**100 %
OF STAFF** 

**FELT PROUD TO WORK
AT COMMUNITY
SOUTHWARK AND
WERE MOTIVATED TO
ACHIEVE THEIR BEST.**

"Overall, I love my work and what I do here. I feel appreciated, valued, heard and supported. What more could one ask for? Thank you."

"It is the best place I worked for over 20 years. I'm grateful for being part of it."

"I enjoy working for CS, its a very good place to work. Well done to everyone for creating an environment where staff feel valued and are able to be themselves."

STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVE **5**

healthwatch

Healthwatch Southwark

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

to make change in Health
and Social Care

3,000

people engaged

an increase of 24% from
the previous year.

175

people shared
their experiences

of health and social care services
with us, helping to raise awareness
of issues and improve care.



60

people came
to us for advice

and information about topics such
as how to make complaints or
access dental services.

Health inequalities for the

LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Report produced and presented
with the communities.

173 volunteers

including our Health
Ambassadors, rooted in
local communities.



FUTURE PLANS

The State of the Sector report is shaping our plans as this is so clearly what the VCS in Southwark has said it needs to survive and thrive. The issues of funding, premises, and statutory partner relationships disproportionately affect BAME-led groups so we will continue our member-led and equity-led approach.

We will:

- **SUPPORT OUR NETWORKS**

to grow, collaborate, and effect change through partnerships and projects.

- **BE LED BY OUR MEMBERS**

through State of the Sector.

Give More

- **DIRECT FUNDING AND PREMISES SUPPORT.**

Continue to work through

- **HEALTHWATCH SOUTHWARK**

to connect historically under-represented communities to the power to make change.

Create

- **MORE CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS**

for the VCS through a three year Lottery project.



FINANCES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTARY INCOME FROM:

Donations & Trading Income

Contract Income

Grant Income

Total

EXPENDITURE ON:

Charitable Activities

Staff Costs

Project Delivery Costs

Governance Costs

Operating Expenses

Total

NET INCOME:

Transfers Between Funds

Net Movement in Funds

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:

Total Funds Brought Forward

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

		31.3.23	31.3.22
Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
115,031	-	115,031	26,244
10,000	531,933	541,933	403,730
15,062	324,668	339,730	501,458
140,093	856,601	996,694	931,432
-	702,520	702,520	722,003
50,989	52,998	103,987	40,063
-	5,155	5,155	7,446
-	95,095	95,095	97,428
50,989	855,768	906,757	866,940
89,104	833	89,937	64,492
(2,476)	2,476	-	-
86,628	3,309	89,937	64,492
184,048	11,500	195,548	131,056
270,676	14,809	285,485	195,548

INCOME

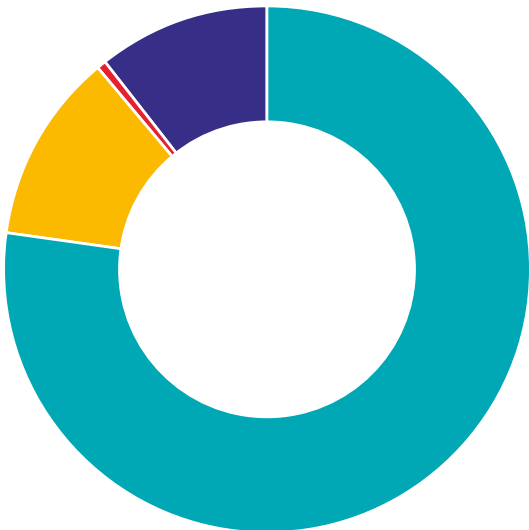
£996,694



- Donations & Trading Income
£115,031
- Contract Income
£541,933
- Grant Income
£339,730

EXPENDITURE

£906,757



- Staff Costs
£702,520
- Project Delivery Costs
£103,987
- Governance Costs
£5,155
- Operating Expenses
£95,095

THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS



Impact
on **Urban**
Health



national**grid**



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