

Steering Group Members Continued ...



Dave Lunn - Representative for Young Peoples

I am the former CEN rep for young people and have an extensive background of work with young people, going back over 20 years. My work as the Community Development Manager at the Riverside Centre continues to bring me into contact with young people. I believe that young people have an equal and valued contribution to make to our community and are often misrepresented within society and the media. In Sutton, there are many groups working with young people and I see it as my role to make sure that their needs are included on the agenda, as we all seek to improve the lives of those young people.



Chris Hockham - Representative for Older People

My name is Christine Hockham and I am an older person, living and previously working in the London Borough of Sutton. I run a small social group for older people: The Park Farm Discussion group. I am a member of the Sutton Older People's Involvement Group which works to improve services for older residents in the local community. I have been involved with and led on several older people's forum including day services retaining independence and receiving better information on health and social care.



Update on the Independent & Choice in Later Life Consultation Event with Older People held in July 2008



The outcomes from the Consultation, especially the key findings were welcomed by the London Borough of Sutton and partners involved in the Sutton Strategy 'A Better Sutton for Older People'. Within health and social services locally there is a commitment to the active participation by older people in service development. At present the Borough together with Sutton and Merton Primary Care Trust are working to produce a revised Joint Commissioning Strategy in respect of older people's services by the end of March 2009. A revised strategy is needed to take account of changing National Guidance, particularly regarding the need to develop more personalised services, and also to reflect the results of local consultation. The key findings and views from the consultation event in July will be important in the setting of joint commissioning priorities for social care and health related services as part of this Strategy. If there are any views regarding this work please do contact David Bartram at david.bartram@sutton.gov.uk or in writing to David Bartram, Commissioning Manager, at Civic Centre, Sutton.



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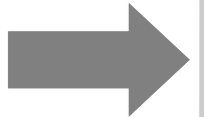
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Total Membership:

255 - Organisations

165 - Individual Members

Meet the Steering Group



We are pleased to introduce the new Sutton LINK Steering Group. These steering group members have all been nominated by the community to represent their interests and direct the work of the LINK. We only had one full election and that was for the representative for Older People. The ballot count for this election took place on Friday 6th February and was overseen by an Independent Scrutineer.



As a result of this ballot **Chris Hockham** is the representative for Older people with **Sylvia Aslangul** as a substitute.

There will be further elections as we have two vacant Representative positions:
Hospital Services and Environmental Services

We also invite people for the 'Substitutes' roles, if you would like a nomination pack or for further information please contact Sara Thomas on 020 8644 2867 or email sara@suttoncvs.org.uk

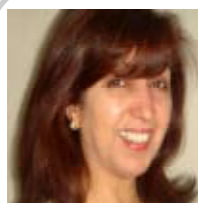


For further Information

Please contact: Janice McCulloch, Sara Thomas or Chris Gallagher at the host organisation SCVS on 020 8644 2867 alternatively email: info@suttonlink.org.uk



Introducing the new Sutton LINK



Seren Razak - Representative for BAME Communities

I have been involved within community works for more than a year sitting as a chair of Sutton Babylon Association, Vice chair off Sensory & Physical Disability Board and as a member of the Executive Committee for Sutton Minority Ethnic Forum (SMEF). This experience with my medical background as a health professional will give me the chance and the skills to serve the whole community in general and the BME community in particular.



Derek Yeo - Representative for Carers

I was a registered carer for my wife for a number of years until her death 9 years ago, I received much help from the Carers Centre before and after her death which made me realise what an essential service is offered by them and I am now a trustee of the organisation. I have served as a Sutton Borough Councillor, and sat on major committees including Health Scrutiny. I am a School governor for Stanley Park Junior School and Chair of Clockhouse Youth Project.



Jan Galloway - Representative for Children & Families

I am the Director of Sutton Mencap which provides after school, Saturday and Holiday provision for 80 children and 20 young people per week with a learning disability. I have specialist knowledge of running services for adults, children and young people with a learning disability within the LB of Sutton and strongly believe that all children and their families, regardless of their circumstances, have the right to lead fulfilling lives. I have a background in working with those with mental health, substance misuse and homeless issues and how these issues affect all the family.



Barry Todman - Representative for Developing Neighbourhoods

Since taking early retirement 9 years ago, I have tried to utilise the skills I developed as a Union Official. I Chair the London region National Pensioners Convention and the Clockhouse Residents Association. I have been involved with Sutton Housing Partnership in the development of their new Compact which assists Residents in getting involved in improving their homes and neighbourhoods. I also regularly attend the Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee meetings so that local issues or concerns can be raised, and progressed.

Steering Group Members ...



Ted Gates - Representative for Disabled People

I was the CEN Representative for Disabled People for 4 years. I have first hand knowledge of disability and was awarded the MBE for services to disabled people "in surrey". Chairman of Shopmobility and also of SCILL, Chairman of the Sutton Voluntary Sector Forum, Non Executive Director of both the PCT and Health Authority for six years until 2006/7. Served on various committees of the London Borough of Sutton including the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.



Mark Tomlinson - Representative for Faith & Belief

I believe Faith & Belief groups play a valuable part in the community of Sutton often representing a broad cross section of people. My role is to articulate and communicate these concerns and to increase the engagement of those communities in our borough. As a Christian leader I am well placed to connect with the Christian community and my relationships as chair of the Sutton Faith and Belief Forum enable me to have two way communications with other faith & belief groups.



David Jones - Representative for Mental Health

I have been chairman of Sutton Mental Health Foundation since April last year. In that capacity I am committed to working with people who have direct experience of mental distress and treatment to overcome the barriers to their involvement in society and to enable them to live fully the lives they wish to lead. I want to work with people who use services and with carers to achieve the same goals within the framework of LINK. I have established contacts with SCVS, Sutton Council, and the PCT and the SW London and St Georges Mental Health Trust. I have lived in Sutton for twelve years, am a member of Trinity Church and have two grown up children and one in a local school.



Roy Prytherch - PCT Representative

I have worked as a pharmacist since 1962. I have always enjoyed talking to the patients / customers and hearing their views on how the NHS can be made more patient friendly. I took early retirement in 1997 and became a locum pharmacist in private pharmacies and Boots branches. I was a member of the PPI forums before they were abolished, attending meetings on their behalf.