

Waltham Forest WellComm

Mission Statement

Waltham Forest WellComm is committed to an inclusive and vibrant civil society.

Aims

Waltham Forest Wellcomm aims to be a strong, vibrant and sustainable partnership of local voluntary sector organisations and groups committed to improving the wellbeing of adults in our diverse community and to challenging discrimination in all its forms. The partnership will;

- Continue to develop a strong and effective local partnership of voluntary organisations working for the wellbeing of adults and their carers.
- Work in partnership with the local Council, NHS and other statutory agencies as far as possible.
- Take responsibility, as an equal partner with Waltham Forest Council and the NHS, for local agendas including Transformation, Healthy Community, Cohesion and Sustainability.
- Provide a single point of access to voluntary sector services and activities for local adults and for professionals.
- Increase the capacity of the voluntary sector to address the emotional, social and cultural needs of adults and to prevent ill-health and isolation.
- Seek to diversify fundraising to support WellComm and its membership and to working together to raise funds.
- Disseminate information deep within the boroughs diverse community
- Advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable adults in the community and seek to ensure the voices of the most excluded are heard by government and statutory service providers

- Provide citizenship involvement and volunteering opportunities.
- Represent the needs and aspirations of its membership and to respond in culturally appropriate ways
- Identify and respond to gaps in services and aim to provide local, low cost solutions and a local safety net
- Ensure WellComm is a community and user led partnership which has a strong voice and influences the policies and practises of statutory sector organisations.
- Responds effectively to consultations.
- Enhances share learning across sectors.

Membership Criteria

- Local Voluntary Organisations, Groups and Projects which work with and for adults of the London Borough of Waltham Forest and are committed to the aims of Waltham Forest WellComm.
- Full membership requires commitment to attend partnership meetings and events. Small organisations/ groups unable to fully participate may apply for Associate membership.
- Members commit to respond to audits. (These will be kept to a minimum).
- Members must have appropriate insurance, and have the relevant policies in place or commit to having them in place by the 31st March 2010.
- Have Independent Safeguarding (Vetting and barring) checks in place or to having them in place by December 2009.