

Due East Report

The previous year has, continued to be a challenging one with the group reviewing its objectives and methods of supporting the local community.

1. To provide Communication across the estate via the newsletter and website, and networking of groups to enable the community and groups to be aware of and to engage in opportunities and to provide voice to all local people.
2. To distribute HNF funding for the community particularly start-up groups to facilitate healthy living opportunities.
3. To develop and to distribute burserly funding for the community particularly to assist start-up groups or to support activities that benefit the community.
4. To facilitate funding bids for new groups and projects that don't have bank accounts yet by holding ringfenced money for their use.
5. To support the Neighbourhood Action plan refresh to assist in celebrating community progress and to identify community needs and priorities.

Due East continued to support our community by assisting in the increase in community engagement by communicating via newsletters and digital platforms as well as working with other agencies to ensure activities and opportunities across East Brighton were made as accessible as possible both physically and digitally. This was imperative as significant levels of isolation and associated mental health impact was identified by the Neighbourhood Action Plan consultation that Due East supported.

Due East has this year continued to work with the NHS and TDC to enable us to access Healthy Neighbourhood funding. This year we have supported funding to which has enabled us to fund 11 local groups to provide activities to benefit the health of local people to a value of £4400. A further £600 was provided to a local group by way of donation to develop a families and childrens group in order to support learning and play for young people that are not supported by formal youth services. As an infrastructure organisation we continued to support groups both physically and financially to enable them to improve and sustain residents and their members. Our further focus was to ensure that all the opportunities for support were available to all so by collaborating with a range of partner agencies and organisations our communications approach was instrumental in ensuring people knew where to get the help they required.

By maintaining an active Facebook presence we continue to link in to the neighbourhoods digital networks ensuring we could get information regarding new opportunities and information regarding where to go for financial help, food etc to a huge number of people. The lack of digital access in the neighbourhood was addressed by the production of quarterly newsletters containing this information and much more, again delivered primarily by local residents and other volunteers. The Due East Trustees have assisted in ensuring local people have a voice in a potentially impactful proposed housing development as well as working with a range of local people and providers to collaborate in addressing needs being identified in the northern area of Whitehawk. This has included assisting in bringing groups and people together to consider a range of solutions ranging from Youth provision, skatepark and or park development.

We are pleased to have received COMF funding via The Trust for Developing Communities which was used to facilitate consultation and fun day activities in the north of the area as well as providing

training opportunities and an historical glossy Jubilee celebration that was distributed across the entire neighbourhood.

Due East has also provided a fundamental role in receiving and ringfencing money for fledgling groups and activities that are progressing towards independence but as yet do not have a bank account. This money is held for their sole use and is fundamental for their activities.

Finally we are proud of what we've achieved and look forward to a new year of empowering local people to create and deliver solutions that meet local needs.

Chris El-Shabba

Due East

24/02/2023

Financial Report

Income for 2021/22 - £9954.74

Funding this year was restricted for the delivery of specific programs.

Key sources of funding

- Health Commission -£5500
- TDC – Comf resilience funding £4000

Expenditure included normal running costs which include the printing and delivery of the newsletter as well as comprehensive liability insurance to provide the required legal support for activities and events for non legal entity groups to provide local activities and events. Other key expenditure was the distribution of the Healthy Neighbourhood funding to local groups.

COMF funding was used to deliver improved resilience and engagement in key areas of the neighbourhood that had historically been less supported. Specifically including training opportunities, families event in north park and a neighbourhood wide jubilee celebration newsletter and community consultation.

Due Easts objectives are to support new and fledgling clubs, groups and activities towards sustainable operation so as a result has received income to hold specifically for the use of groups that are progressing towards independence

Health & Wellbeing	910.00
Festival	550.00
Brighton Peoples Theatre	2,270.00
Skate park project	1,000.00
Hawks	1,199.25
Our Place	0.00
Older Peoples Group	381.12
Diabetes Peer Group	440.00
Total funds held on behalf of groups	£6750.37

Balance Bought Forward	9,954.74
Income 2021/22	18,618.64
Total	28,573.38

Total Expenditure & Overheads	15,579.11
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Balance	12,994.27
Bank	12,994.27
Difference	0.00

