

AGEING WELL STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

THEME: 5: Optimising independence and wellbeing: Supporting people, as they age, to continue making a positive contribution in our communities.

Ref	What are we doing?	Why are we doing it?	Who is responsible?	When will it be done by?
Priority: To continue to develop the range and reach of volunteering opportunities for, and for the benefit of, older people in the borough.				
	Support Tower Hamlets Volunteer Centre to obtain funding for a project to intensively support older people to volunteer (e.g. assisting with online application forms)	Some older people find it difficult to apply for volunteering positions as many require an online application form. Some organisations are missing out on good volunteers due to the IT barrier.	Ageing Well team	Dependent on funding being sourced
	To set up a working group session with voluntary sector volunteer managers (invite to go through Tower Hamlets Volunteer Centre) and a group of interested older people, organised by OPRG. The group will share experiences and come up with suggested solutions.	As above.	Ageing Well Team Tower Hamlets Volunteer Centre OPRG	December 2018
Priority: To work with Age UK East London to pilot a 'Community Ambassador' scheme in at least three parts of the borough during the first year of this strategy, with the intention of expanding the scope of the scheme in later years. This scheme will identify local residents willing to support vulnerable older people in their local area and provide them with the training and information they need to fulfil this role effectively.				
	We have accessed funding for this project through the Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) and the project is due to start in early April 2018.	To increase volunteering opportunities that promote the wellbeing of older people.	Ageing Well Team Age UK East London	Project funded for two years until March 2020, sustainable aspects to continue
Priority: To work with Tower Hamlets Community Transport and the council's own transport service, to develop ways of utilising volunteers to increase the utilisation of existing community transport capacity by making it accessible to local communities at times when it would otherwise not be in use.				
	We have accessed funding for this project through the Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) and the project is due to start in early April 2018.	To increase accessibility of services and activities to older people with limited mobility by increasing the capacity of community transport through the use of volunteer drivers.	Ageing Well Team Tower Hamlets Community Transport	Project funded for two years until March 2020, sustainable aspects to continue
Priority: To work with the voluntary and community sector locally to find ways of better co-ordinating the supply of potential volunteers and programmes which are reliant on volunteers so that capacity issues are minimised as far as possible.				

	Please see above re developing the range and reach of volunteering opportunities for, and for the benefit of, older people in the borough.			
Priority: To work with Tower Hamlets Employment service to develop ways that volunteering schemes can be part of a route back into employment for younger older people.				
	Ageing Well team member to work with Workpath.		Ageing Well Team Workpath	???
Priority: To work with Tower Hamlets Employment Service and local voluntary and community services to develop ways in which older people can provide mentoring and coaching support to local young people and adults of working age who require support to access and maintain employment to improve the employment prospects of those residents and / or to support them in developing their careers. This will include exploring specific initiatives to support young people leaving care or who are involved in the youth justice system as well as adults of working age with learning disabilities or poor mental health.				
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