



THE WAY AHEAD – PROGRESS TO DATE

The Way Ahead report was launched in April 2016. The Way Ahead proposes a vision and system that puts London's communities at the heart of the way we all work. From co-producing an understanding of need and how to tackle it with our communities, through to better sharing of intelligence and data, and making sure that civil society's voice is heard in decision-making at a strategic level, there are recommendations for us all. Since then, stakeholders have individually and jointly made progress:

SYSTEMS

- The Systems Change Group has been established with representation from public, private and voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors.

IMPLEMENTING THE WAY AHEAD

- Meetings of the Council for Voluntary Service(CVS) Network, Volunteer Centres, London Voluntary Sector Forum, Borough Grants Officers, London Funders and commissioners within the GLA have all considered The Way Ahead and what it means for them and the organisations they work with. The report has also been considered in the context of the work of the London Communities Commission and that of the Parallel Reports Group (which brings together shared recommendations from The Way Ahead, the London Communities Commission, the London Fairness Commission and the RSA).
- LVSC have appointed a consultant to work with them and GLV on implementation of the report's recommendations around the establishment of a London Hub.
- A number of London's CVSs have pooled funds to employ a consultant to look at the report's recommendation on local and sub-regional working.

Lead organisations for five thematic sub-groups have been appointed:

- Co-production – Hackney Council for Voluntary Service
- Triage and Connect – Volunteer centre Croydon
- Voice and Campaigning – Sutton Council for Voluntary Service
- Data – Superhighways and Networked Planet
- Consistent Commissioning and Funding – Locality

FUNDING AND SUPPORT

- London Councils are increasing their in-house capacity to provide leadership for the Boroughs in implementing recommendations in The Way Ahead, particularly around commissioning of sector support.
- City Bridge Trust is creating A Bridge Fund and A Cornerstone Fund to support infrastructure in London in line with the recommendations contained in The Way Ahead.
- Big Lottery Fund and other funders are considering how they can be involved in supporting recommendations.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Systems Change Group has developed a communication plan which includes the establishment of a dedicated website www.thewayahead.london (to go live in early January), and regular bulletins from GLV, LVSC and London Funders. We are now exploring greater use of social reporting and social media to expand the debate.