

THCVS BAME Disparities Project Programme

Aim	<p>BAME community groups in Tower Hamlets have played a key role in the Borough response to the Covid 19 pandemic, providing ‘reach’ and support into communities; securing resources to strengthen that support and successfully advocating on behalf of the needs of their communities.</p> <p>This project is part of the Tower Hamlets Council (LBTH) response to the Public Health England Disparities report produced earlier in the year. The report highlighted the disparity of experience between BAME communities and the wider public during the Covid 19 pandemic.</p> <p>Our aim is to work with BAME community groups to amplify and sustain the impact and influence achieved during the response to the Pandemic.</p> <p>Alongside the work on influencing change, the Project also aims to support participating community groups to be sustainable in the longer term and will draw on the wider THCVS resources to deliver this aim.</p>
Funding:	<p>The project combines funding secured from National Lottery Communities Fund to support capacity building and digital networking for BAME community groups and from LBTH Public Health to amplify and sustain the impact and influence BAME community groups achieved during response to Covid 19 pandemic.</p>
Success measures	<p>Number of groups supported to network with others and be more sustainable</p> <p>Number of people gaining skills and knowledge</p> <p>Number of Tower Hamlets residents benefitting from this project</p> <p>Impact for participating groups</p> <p>Recommendations for system change</p> <p>Examples of successful system change implemented</p>
Resources:	<p>1 x FTE Partnerships Officer role – new role currently being recruited to</p> <p>Line Manager – Alison Robert, THCVS Partnerships Manager</p> <p>THCVS capacity building team – funding, impact, digital capabilities</p> <p>Project Advisory Group: expertise, contacts and guidance</p>
Programme	(timelines subject to change)
Phase 1	November 2020 to March 2021
	<p>Recruitment and induction Partnerships Officer role</p> <p>Establish Project Advisory Group THCVS x 2; Public Health (PH) x 2; BAME VCS leadership reps x 2; QMUL; THT(?) (meet bi monthly to guide on action research, review project progress and link to key individuals/projects across TH)</p>

	Evidence gathering	BAME Community of Practice; Survey/consultation with BAME VCS leadership; LBTH Race Commission – findings/recommendations; Other insights from across PH delivery programme; THT/NHS; RSLs and faith communities
	Capacity Building	Sustainability planning; Fundraising, digital capabilities and impact reporting
Phase 2	April/May 2021	
	Leadership Programme	Community of practice is ongoing; Develop options for change with BAME groups and Partners/key decision makers across different sectors; using co-production approach
	Capacity Building	Ongoing
Phase 3	June to September 2021	
	Test and Pilot approaches to influencing change	BAME VCS groups and partners; Community of Practice is ongoing
	Capacity building	Ongoing
Ending	October 2021	Promote and implement recommendations as appropriate