



Highlights report March 2026

VCFSE Collaborative Leadership Group Meeting

The VCFSE Collaborative convened its monthly leadership group meeting on 10 March. Here we discussed the Collaborative's strategy, outlining its current position and next steps towards finalisation. Our representatives also discussed potential future models for the Collaborative's development. Additionally, there was a focus on tiered commissioning and the need to strengthen support for grassroots organisations.

Thematic leads shared updates on ongoing work and key priorities across the Collaborative.

Workforce Development Grant

Round 2 of the Workforce Development Grant, funded by the NEL Health Equity Academy, has now closed, with over 50 grants awarded across all boroughs. A learning and feedback event is planned for May/June, where recipients will share how the funding has supported their professional development linked to tackling health inequalities.

The other elements of the Health Equity Academy funding include:

Community of Practice – [Compost London](#)

The final session will be held in person on 16 April, covering commissioning processes and tools for population health management. To get involved, contact nelvcse@thcvs.org.uk.

Knowledge Share – [Community Action Redbridge](#)

Training sessions were delivered in March, with additional sessions scheduled for May due to high demand.

For further information, please contact nelvcse@thcvs.org.uk. A list of representatives is available [here](#).



Voluntary, community, faith & social enterprise organisations working with the NHS across North East London:

