

April 2014—2nd Local Area Coordination Network National Gathering

On the 1st and 2nd April, Local Area Coordinators gathered in Derby for the second national event, following on from our first event last year with Eddie Bartnik.

This was a great opportunity to apply our core principles of Local Area Coordination to ourselves. It was about - **Building Supportive Relationships**

- Contribution**
- Resilience—Staying Strong**
- Mutual Support and Shared Learning**
- Local, Practical Solutions**
- Leadership—A Strong Voice**
- More Welcoming, Supportive and Inclusive Communities**



We spent time thinking about

- What makes Local Area Coordination work—understanding and applying key principles and values.
- Maintaining integrity of design and our behavior/actions as Local Area Coordinators. We also talked about things we don't do as Local Area Coordinators!! It's about supporting people to do more for themselves, stay strong, connected and in control—NOT doing "to" or "for". Strengths not deficits.
- Sharing stories, best practice and solving problems together—building relationships
- Working in partnership with individuals, families, communities and services.
- Building a consistent and shared approach to monitoring outcomes, efficiency and social return on investment.



Our huge thanks to Derby City Council for hosting the event and to Simran Sandhu (LAC Alvaston, Derby) for arranging venue and wonderful food—thanks Simran.

Thanks to everyone for their great ideas, stories, passion and commitment to walking alongside



local people to build a better future, nurturing individual, family and community resilience, reducing dependence on services and building more welcoming, inclusive and supportive communities.

Inspiring—now we need to keep going and help local people make it happen more and more!!



News Update

24th March 2014—National Evaluation Conversations

Following an initial meeting between Catherine Needham, Robin Miller (University of Birmingham), Brian Frisby (Director Younger Adults and Housing, Derby City), Les Billingham (Head of Adult Services, Thurrock), Samantha Clark (Chief Exec, Inclusion North), Sian Lockwood (Chief Exec, Community Catalyst CIC) and Ralph Broad (Director, Inclusive Neighbourhoods), we are now looking at developing a longitudinal, multi site evaluation of Local Area Coordination in England and Wales.



This will be a great opportunity for not only building on the long term national and international evidence and learning around Local Area Coordination, but also how this may also support and drive wider service reform and positive outcomes for individuals, families and communities in the future.

Leaders from participating Local Area Coordination sites, University of Birmingham and the LAC Network will be meeting in late June to start co designing and developing the evaluation.

20th March 2014— Developing a Local Councillor Network



Cllr Mark Tittley, Derby

On 20th March, Cllr Mark Tittley (Derby, left), Councillor Jackie Dickinson (Leicestershire), Neil Woodhead (Social Capital Development Manager, Derby) and Ralph Broad (Inclusive Neighbourhoods and LAC Network) met to start conversations around the proposed Network for Councillors leading Local Area Coordination developments in the areas.

There was strong agreement about the value of coming together to build a supportive “Community of Like Minded Councillors” committed and contributing to Local Area Coordination, stronger and better resourced communities and positive service reform.

We are hoping for a full gathering in late September—watch this space!

Welcome to new Local Area Coordinators!

A big welcome to Martin Trevillion (Thurrock) and Karen Ratcliffe (Derby City), right.

Great to see you at the LAC Network event this week!

Welcome to the LAC Family.

Welcome to Swansea, Bridgend and Peterborough Councils

Another big welcome - this time to Swansea, Bridgend and Peterborough Councils who are also starting the development of Local Area Coordination in their areas. A great chance to share learning in the future.



Martin and Karen—welcome!!

Next Local Area Coordination Network Newsletter is being prepared—hope to share soon!