

Help improve
your area with



Plaistow South Big Local

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Our Vision for south Plaistow

Networking Community Cohesive Talented
 Inspirational Opportunities Learning
Plaistow
 Cultural Green Inclusive Clean
 Friendly Diverse Welcoming Aspirational
South
 Safe Stress-free
Big Local
 Communicating
 Creative Confident Ethical



We've been consulting locally at schools, youth clubs, community group meetings and events, collecting around 1200 expressions of what local people like about the area and what they want to improve.

Now we have our Plan! (see inside)

Join us to help make the Plan real and grow the community life of south Plaistow



Celebrate Plaistow Street Party

launching the PSBL Plan

Saturday 16th August 2014

1 - 4 p.m.

at Dongola Road & Bemersyde Point

FUN

FOOD

MUSIC



GAMES

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Can you help us get the party going? Call Simon on 079 2010 1740

All who live or work in south Plaistow welcome

A million opportunities to improve Plaistow!

The PSBL Plan

The key issues

1. **Celebrating people and places:** A place where local people take pride in their area, know their neighbours and belong to a vibrant local community.
2. **Green/run-down spaces:** Working to improve and restore local green spaces so that they can be assets to be used and enjoyed by the whole community.
3. **Family & Personal Financial Management:** People live within their means, have acquired the financial skills, knowledge and education to manage their finances, be in employment and are supporting themselves and their families.
4. **Older People's Needs:** A community that supports and nurtures our older residents.
5. **Working with young people/young adults:** Work with talented young people to create innovative and fun activities for all age groups, opening up opportunities and inspiring others to be a part of the sustainable transformation of Plaistow South.
6. **Supporting local action:** There is a lot happening in the area already. We will look to support this and stimulate new activity through a programme of small grants.

PROJECTS for 2014-16

1 Celebrating people and places

'Growing up in Plaistow' - a local oral history project

A partnership with Eastside Community Heritage (ECH) working with pensioners groups and local schools. PSBL will match fund a Heritage Lottery Fund application - allocated £7000.

Celebrating people and places

Develop local identity through community art, including murals, working with local artists and cooperating with schools—allocated £8000.

Plaistow Streets

Support groups of residents in boosting the physical and community life of their street - cleaning and greening up the areas, improving front gardens, etc, getting to know each other through fun activities—allocated £6000.

2 Greening Plaistow

Engaging residents in improving some of the under-utilised green or semi-derelict pockets in the area, through planting schemes, community gardens, children's play spaces, or other uses that people suggest. We are going to work in the first years on three themes:

The Greenway

Working in partnership with LBN and Thames Water who have major plans in the offing. Scoping work—allocated £3000.

Orchard Project

In partnership with LBN, Newham University Hospital, and Cumberland School, developing a community orchard on land adjacent to the Hospital— allocated £6000

Other green spaces

In partnership with First Avenue Urban Wilderness to improve three run-down spaces in the first two years—allocated £8000

For the full Plan, visit our website
www.plaistowsouthbiglocal.org.uk

3 Family & Personal Financial Management

Advice sessions

Work with NewCred, the local Credit Union, to encourage people to get advice, to start to save, and to see this as a realistic alternative to pay-day loans and loan sharks - allocated £8000.

Outreach/development

Work with NewCred and schools to encourage set-up of family, children and young people's savings accounts. 'Money Management' sessions with support from a local bank and organisations. Allocated £8000.

We are also considering an investment of up to £85,000 of our funds to help NewCred offer more loans and services locally.

5 Working with young people / young adults

We will work to bring together all the youth groups, projects etc. and to develop our partnership with NewVic college.

Enterprise and young people - markets

With NewVIC and youth organisations, we will organise 2 'markets' each year to enable young people to sell their ideas and products - allocated £8000.

Building Skills, Engagement and Enterprise

We will develop work with the agencies working with young people in this area to offer support, training and skills events - allocated £30000 over the 2 years.

Young People's Forum

We will support an ongoing young people's forum to shape and steer these activities - allocated £2000.

Subject to amendment!

All these planned activities depend on the engagement of residents and partners, and are subject to change. We are learning together as we work together! We can also ask Big Local nationally to release more funds if new issues or needs emerge.

4 Older People's Needs

We recognise loneliness and isolation is an issue for many and are interested to explore the community approaches to tackling this issues set out recently by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

We will seek to work with agencies such as the local branch of Age UK, Barking Road Community Centre, and various faith groups to identify how we can best use our resources in cooperation to deliver a suitable programme - allocated £5000.

As a first step too this we would commission a leaflet setting out all the facilities and services for older people in the south Plaistow area - allocated £2000.

We will encourage older peoples' groups to apply to our small grants programme, but also support some initial activities - allocated £1000.

We have also identified the need for ICT training for older local people and will work with the relevant pensioners groups and organisations to support delivery of training sessions - allocated £2000.

6 Supporting local action

There is a lot happening in the area already. We will look to support this and stimulate new activity through a programme of small grants from £500 to £2500 - allocated £22300.

PSBL Support Activities

We have also allocated funds over the 2 years to pay for ongoing support from our Community Development Coordinator (£43100), our office base and meeting room hire (£10000), other general costs (£3550), and feasibility work re a long-term base for PSBL activities (£3000). We'll produce 3 newsletters a year (£4100), develop our website as a 'portal' for all things Plaistow (£6500), circulate info leaflets (£700), and develop our online 'Mapping for Change' (£1000). There'll be a training fund for Partnership leaders and Forum members (£2200), and money for refreshments at meetings (£600) and for larger special events (£7200).

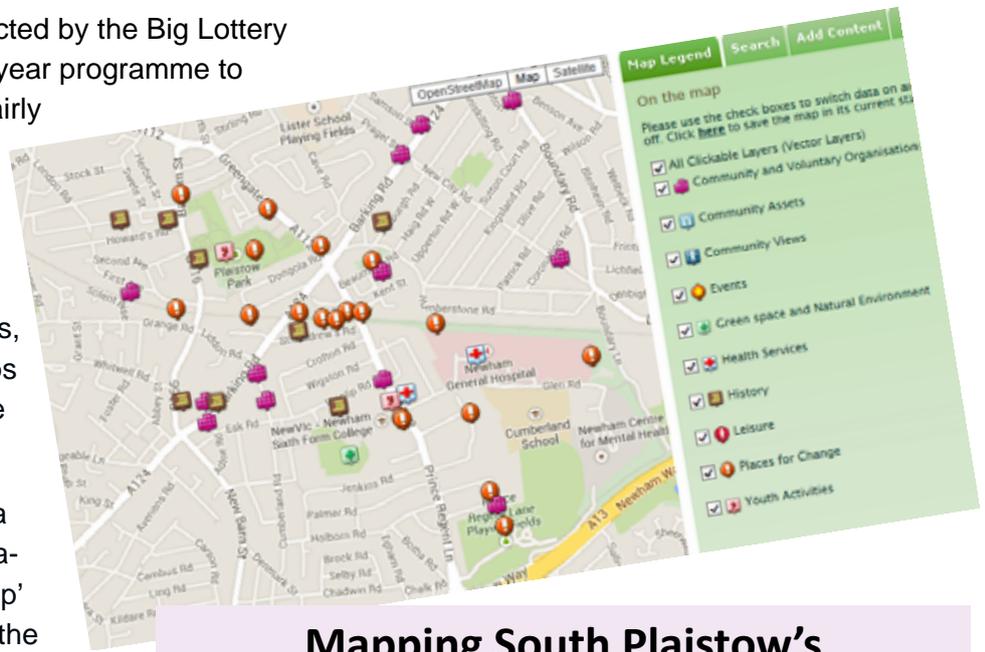
We estimate we'll spend just over £209,000 of our £1 million over these first 2 years

South Plaistow is one of 150 areas selected by the Big Lottery to receive funds from a £200 million 10-year programme to ensure lottery 'good causes' money is fairly distributed.

We have over **£1 million** to spend!

Plaistow South Big Local is about bringing together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make the area an even better place to live.

Since mid-2013 residents have formed a Steering Group along with local organisations, now recognised as the 'Partnership' which will plan and oversee the work of the next ten years. We aim to make a significant and lasting positive difference to our community.



Mapping South Plaistow's Resources & Needs

With help from *Mapping for Change* we're pegging all local resources and issues of concern on an online map — you can add yours too! Why not help us identify run down spaces needing work or problems on south Plaistow streets?

Go to <http://bit.ly/plaistow> to view or register to add 'pegs'.

Open Forum

Have a view on our Plan, want to get involved in any of the projects, have another issue or concern? Come along to the next of our regular local Forum meetings:

Thursday 25th September 6:30 - 8pm
at The Mix, 1a Cumberland Road, E13 8LH

Young, Gifted and Plaistow?

Do you have a product, skill or talent you want to make money from?

Kick start your future

@ PY Market!

contact PSBL for more info



"Plaistow Past & Future"
@ NewVIC on 5th March



PSBL is being supported by Local Trust, which is working with the Big Lottery Fund and a range of partners providing expert advice and support for residents

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