

## The Mayor's Community Champion Coordinator: Role Profile

### Purpose

The Mayor's Community Champion Coordinators (CCCs) will play a leading and vital role in the delivery of Local Community Ward Forums and supporting the creation and growth of local activity by:

- § acting as facilitators bringing together and promoting discussion between residents and local service providers and schools, etc.;
- § supporting the development of community-driven solutions taking into account local concerns;
- § supporting the creation of active citizenship within the area through fostering community pride and cohesion;
- § nurturing community-led projects by providing a platform for resident voice.

CCCs are not a replacement for local ward members so will not carry out ward members' functions.

### Specific roles and responsibilities

A group of CCCs will be established in each ward in the borough and have responsibility for:

1. Coordinating the delivery of 3 x Public Meetings over a year within the ward in which they live, which will:
  - § Support the ward level 'The Mayor Asks You To Decide!' campaign, which allocates funding locally
  - § Support local decision making
  - § Work with local public services to problem solve
  - § Provide the means for residents to come together and discuss issues around local priorities
2. Providing a key ward-level link to the Neighbourhood Agreements (NAs) programme:
  - § Awareness of the NAs currently operating within their Ward, and links to the Ward Forum.
  - § Promote the further roll-out of NAs in their area
3. Playing a role in the yearly borough-wide resident engagement programme and showcasing the work of their Local Community Ward Forums
4. Assisting in other similar consultative and ward based projects from time to time, including seeking the views of people in your ward area.

Although there is no upper limit on the amount of time required for this role, the preparation and delivery of each of the 3 x Public Meetings throughout the year will require around 15 hours for each meeting. Outside of these meetings CCCs will be supported to make the most of their role.

This role could be combined with full time employment and be undertaken both at evenings and weekends. In order to get the most out of this role and the support provided you should be prepared to be a CCC for a minimum of 18 months.

### Requirements

The role is open to everyone aged 16 and over who lives in Tower Hamlets and is not already a local ward member. The role would suit people who:

- § can demonstrate their pride in their ward and passion for Tower Hamlets;
- § have the drive to seek improvements in their ward that will serve the needs of the community as a whole;
- § have a desire to work in co-operation with residents, elected members and service providers;
- § are willing to show long-term commitment to Forum co-ordination and wider community activism;
- § can apply the principles of the Partnership; the Community Plan and the vision of One Tower Hamlets as the basis for local improvement.

### Training and Support

To excel in the role, CCCs will be provided with training and support including:

- § a bespoke training package focusing upon community leadership, Tower Hamlets Partnership working and Forum co-ordination;
- § a mentor scheme with senior Partnership representatives and other CCCs to aid their development.