



# Co-operative Councils

## Innovation Network

### SOCIAL OUTCOMES



## London Borough of Newham

### People Powered Newham

The London Borough of Newham is on a radical mission to transform the area through local participatory democracy. Our People Powered Newham programme empowers staff to work with residents to develop strategies and shape budgets that lead to action on the ground and is already delivering lasting change.

Under the leadership of Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE we have established the country's first Permanent Citizens Assembly, invested £3.2 million in eight Community Assemblies, launched the UK's first community-led longitudinal research through the Newham Citizen Science Academy, enabled young people to develop a Young People's Charter and are delivering a Tackling, Racism, Inequality and Disproportionality programme.

Our Permanent Citizen's Assembly is breaking new ground in scale and ambition. Our most recent Assembly is helping to deliver a £40 million 15 Minute Neighbourhood programme, with new cycling and walking infrastructure improvements informing our new Local Plan. By removing barriers to participation through financial support for childcare, providing ICT training and equipment, as well as paying the London Living Wage we have ensured that the Assembly reflects the high levels of diversity and lived experience of Newham residents.

By putting funding in the hands of residents they decide how it is invested in their community. Our Community Assemblies have £100,000 to spend on community projects to enhance the quality of life for residents. These are bringing people together and delivering positive change within local communities.



### Newham Permanent Citizens Assembly

The Newham Young People's Charter is a series of principles which young people have said is important to them that the Council has signed up to and other organisations can be signatories to as well. It highlights our commitment that the young person's voice will be central to the design and delivery of services provided to them.

Our Tackling Racism, Inequality and Disproportionality programme addresses long-standing structural inequalities and discrimination faced by Newham residents, 72% of whom are not White British. Through this programme we are facilitating honest conversations to address racism, disproportionality and racial inequality. This includes introducing more inclusive recruitment practices, recruitment training, embedding anti-racist practices, promoting inclusive leadership, allyship and developing conscious inclusion.

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