

**CCIN Innovation Funding 2024 - Policy Prototype :
Entry # 515****CCIN Member Organisation leading the project**

London Borough Lewisham

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Improving Accessibility

How much funding are you applying for?

£ 2,000.00

Summary of project idea (150 words max)

Lewisham Disabled People's Commission (LDPC) is an independent Commission set up in 2019 by Lewisham Council to support delivering commitments made in the Lewisham Corporate Strategy.

One of the key priorities in the Strategy is to make Lewisham 'a welcoming place of safety for all, where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us. The LDPC have played a major role in working towards achieving this vision by carrying out a review of the barriers for deaf and disabled people receiving services and participating in the life of the borough. Their report 'If Not Now When' was published in March 2023.

What is your idea?

One of the commitments made by Lewisham following the report was to use the Lewisham Love Clean Streets App to enable residents to report accessibility concerns by developing a specific section in the App. This could for example be rubbish blocking the pavement or a damaged dropped kerb. We will work with the LDPC to develop the App to be access aware and promote its use to deaf and disabled people to alert us to areas of concern. We will liaise across council services and key partners to develop a timely response to these reports, evidencing the barriers disabled people in Lewisham are facing to inform our commitment to making Lewisham 'a welcoming and safe place for all'

The need has been identified from the research by the LDPC and published in their report. We will spend the money on:

- Co-producing with the LDPC to enhance the Love Clean Streets App to report inaccessibility
- Developing a communications plan to encourage reporting.
- Working with appropriate council and partner services on efficient ways of actioning reports.
- Bringing together the reports to inform how we work across the council and partners to improve accessibility going forward.

What are the outcomes you hope to achieve?

Increasing the reporting of inaccessible areas in Lewisham.

Taking timely action to remedy when a report is received.

Gaining a better understand of the issues and challenges to contribute to developing a longer-term accessibility plan.

Strengthening our relationship with our co-production partners

We will know our outcomes are achieved by:

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More people reporting inaccessible areas on the love Clean Streets App
Timeliness of remedy to reports
Improving our knowledge of accessibility to plan for the future

How does your project support the CCIN Statement of Values and Principles?

Our project supports all the values and principles the CCIN have committed to. This commitment is mirrored in Lewisham's Corporate Strategy where equality, inclusion and fairness are principles that are embedded throughout. The project has been developed from the research of a community led organisation who have held the council to account and challenged us to improve the lives of deaf and disabled people in our borough. The LDPC will work with us to co-produce the Love Clean Streets changes to ensure we are focused on the right solutions to make a difference.

How will you share your learning across the Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network?

We will share our progress and challenges during the project implementation with the CCIN, through the regular network meetings and by submitting progress reports. We will complete a final report at the end of the project to share the learning and good practice.

I agree that the final report will clearly show the Co-operative Difference that this project will deliver.

Agree

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