



COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING



Walking the talk

Crystalisr Co-operative Society Limited working with the South London Partnership Councils

Building Community Wealth via the Sub-Regional 'BIG Integrate' Programme



With an initial budget of £100,000, the BIG Integrate programme was launched by the South London Partnership (SLP) sub-regional grouping in late 2021 and was delivered in 2022/3 by London South Bank University (LSBU) and Crystalisr Co-operative Society Limited.

The sub-region includes five councils: Croydon, Kingston upon Thames, Merton, Richmond upon Thames, and Sutton. Croydon was a leading member of CCIN at the time. Crystalisr operates

exclusively within the SLP area. The funding was part of a larger £6 million grant from the City of London Business Rates Retention Strategic Investment Pot (SIP).

Along with offering student consultancies and providing training on supplier readiness, BIG Integrate was devised to establish a network of SMEs and anchor institutions centred around the principles of community wealth building.

As of March 2026, 5 co-operative projects/enterprises have emerged from the network:

- Care Concierge – a cooperative platform providing management of care pathways within the community.
- Sunray 100 – a green economy collaboration focusing on retrofit in similar housing archetypes on the 850-home Sunray Estate in Tolworth, Kingston upon Thames, now entering the phase of creating an Energy Local Club (a co-operative).
- Hack the System – a platform dedicated to enhancing the earning potential of local creatives through game technology.
- Vision House – utilising the 200,000 acres of land allocated for development under the CofE Housing Project to establish small housing co-operatives.
- South London Ventures – incorporating community wealth fund management into ‘traditional’ forms of public and private venture capital.

As a dedicated programme authorised by the South London Partnership, BIG Integrate demonstrated that part of the CCIN Cooperative Development Toolkit promotes systemisation and funding of initiatives with the potential for new co-operative enterprises and community wealth building.

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