

Levelling Up Programme Feature Open Mic & Marketplace 28th March 2024 Hastings Centre

Hastings Community Network is hosted by Hastings Voluntary Action

Tracey Rose (HCN Co-Chair) opened the event, welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming. She spoke briefly about the work and the purpose of the HCN Executive Group.





Welcome to Hastings Community
Network
Levelling Up Partnership Programme
Feature
Open Mic & Marketplace
28th March 2024

Tracey then introduced Victoria Conheady & Dawn Poole from HBC to the attending representatives from 42 local organisations from the community, public and statutory services.

National Academy of Social Prescribing	St. Michael's Hospice
Hastings Voluntary Action	Soundcastle
Karmabank	Energise Sussex Coast
Hastings HEART	Hastings & Rother YMCA
Adfam	Southeast Communities Rail Partnership
Transition Town Hastings & St Leonards	The Advocacy People
Hastings Community Network	NHS Health in Mind
Hastings Borough Council	Southdown Housing Association
Mediation Plus	Groundwork South
Hastings Contemporary	Alexandra Park Community Greenhouse
Salvation Army	Little Gate Supported Employment
East Sussex Hearing	Fellowship of St Nicholas
Quakers	Dementia Information & Support Courses
First Potential	Just Friends
East Sussex ICB	Ore Community Land Trust
Seaview Project	Care for the Carers
Education Futures Trust	The Advocacy People
Lets Do Business	Women's Voice
Rother Voluntary Action	Black Butterfly
East Sussex County Council	Association of Carers
Mosaic Malarky	Salvation Army
	Department of Work & Pensions

Levelling Up Programme Feature Presentation by Victoria Conheady & Dawn Poole

The funding for the Levelling Up Programme comes from

- Town Deal Programme
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Levelling Up Partnership
- Long Term Plan For Towns

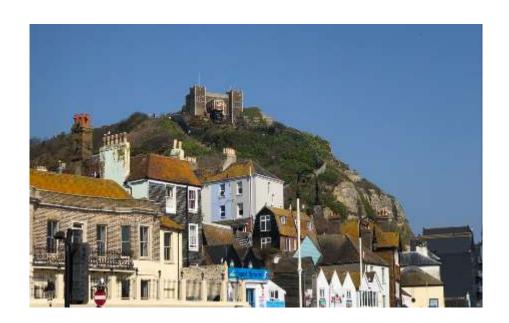
The Town Deal Programme is a 6yr programme which will include the Churchfield Business Centre and the Freedom Works Projects providing office and business units. The Hastings Commons buildings are being built back up as community assets, improvements are being made at Hastings Castle and the Town Centre will be transformed.



The UK Shared Prosperity Fund will focus on Broomgrove, building sustainable partnership working networks. Improvements to parks will be made.



The Levelling Up Partnership funding will tackle homelessness, complete the Queensway Gateway Road, get the Ore Health Centre open and enhance Family Hubs. Access to cultural assets and projects will be improved.



The Long Term Plan will invest in Safety & Security, Transport & Connectivity and High Streets, Heritage & Regeneration.





The long term plan is to be informed by community consultation and submitted to the Department of Levelling Up by 1st August 2024.

- A 250-word vision
- A ten-year high-level plan
- A detailed three-year investment plan

The new Hastings Board at HBC will refresh every few years – the details of the Hastings Borough Council website.

For more information, you can go to the HBC website at: www.hastings.gov.uk where there is a webpage for each of the programmes

Following the Levelling Up feature, there was an opportunity for people to network and look at the Marketplace tables.

The Marketplace had representation from the following organisations

Association of Carers	East Sussex County Council
Adfam	Dementia Information Support
	Courses
Mediation Plus	Hastings & Rother YMCA
East Sussex Recovery Alliance	Little Gate Farm Supported
	Employment
Education Futures Trust	Womens Voice
Lets Do Business	East Sussex Hearing

Kim Batty from Hastings HEART and a HCN Executive member then introduced speakers for the Open Mic sessions

Session 1	Session 2
Juliet Privett – Association of Carers	Louise Stears-Smith - DISC
Judith Monk – Hastings & Rother	Susanna Wallace – Care for the
YMCA	Carers
Rachael Perrin - Soundcastle	Anne-Marie Watson – Womens
	Voice
Andrea Randall-Smith-Little Gate	Rupert Kirby – Lets Do Business
Supported Employment	
	Mark Dimmock – East Sussex
	Hearing

The Open Mic session was a lively affair with music from Soundcastle and some of the speakers using videos with music and Powerpoint slides



Steve Manwaring (Director, HVA) closed the event, thanking everyone for taking part in the event and encouraging people to fill in Feedback Forms.

It was clear from the feedback we received that the chance to hear more about the 'Levelling Up Programme' was appreciated and as always so were the opportunities for networking and hearing about the work of other attending organisations.

Greater understanding of the 'Levelling Up'/Shared Prosperity Fund. Really helpful information on the 'Levelling Up' plans.

Overview and understanding about groups and charities that I knew little about.

Made connections with organisations to work together on new referral

on new referral pathways.

Useful networking & making connections.