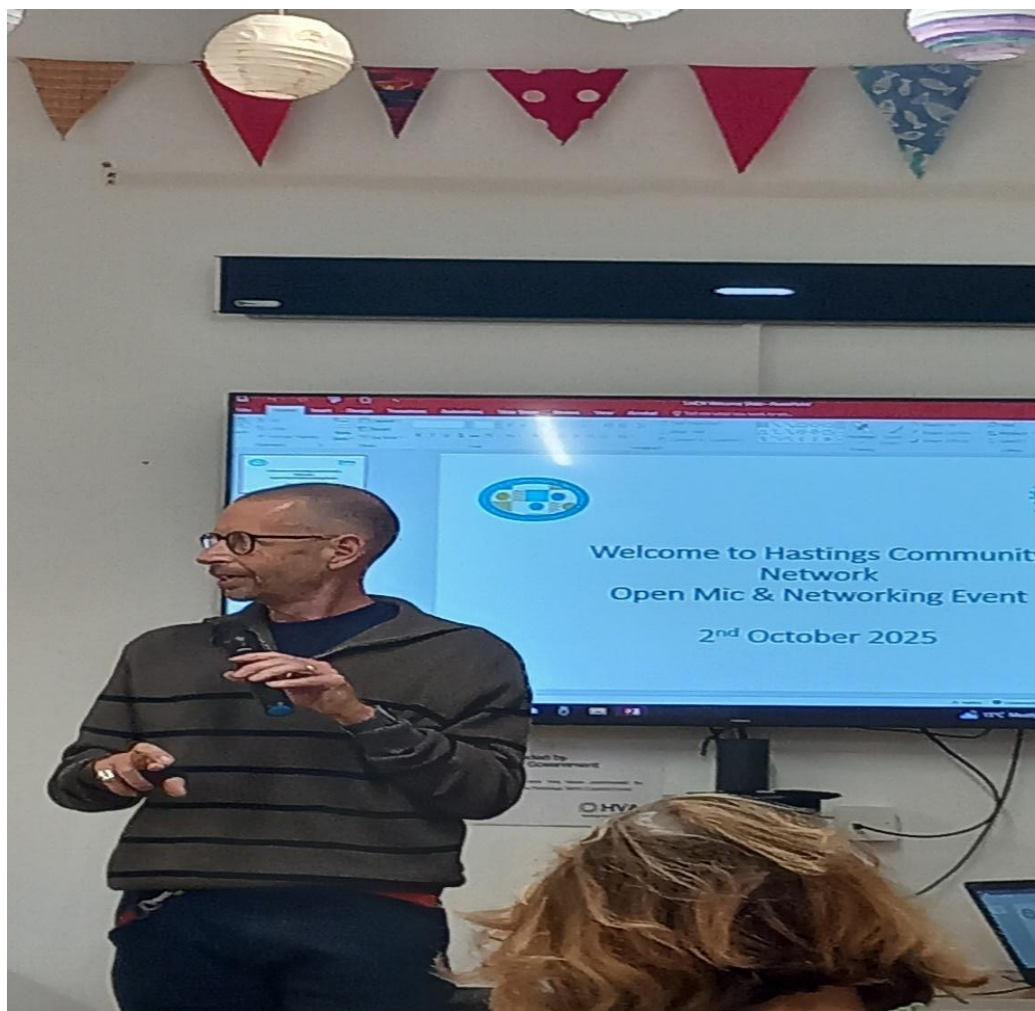




Hastings Community Network Open Mic & Marketplace Event 2nd October 2025

These events are an opportunity for people to share information about their work in an Open Mic slot, learn about a range of services that are delivered in Hastings, browse the Marketplace and network with a mixture of people from the voluntary, statutory and independent sectors.



Steve Manwaring (HVA Director) opened the event, welcoming everyone and speaking about the purpose of the HCN Executive Group.

Steve then introduced the Open Mic speakers for the first session

Speakers	
Session One	
Name	Organisation
Sue Burgess	Seaview Project
Carolina De Oliveira	A Fairer Society
Nadine Searle	Calmer Self
Jane Dodson	HVA/Macmillan
Jas Gray	Active Hastings
Jacqui Skilton	ESRA

Jas Gray from Active Hastings facilitated a short exercise of stretches and movement for the attendees in the room.



Loved the
interaction/exercise
element to the
morning. Thanks Jas!!

Following the first Open Mic session there was an opportunity for attendees to have a look at the Marketplace tables and network, with refreshments.

Marketplace Tables	
Name	Organisation
Lia Abrantes-Latchford	ESCC
Julie Abson	SCDA
Sue Burgess	Seaview Project
Jane Dodson	HVA/Macmillan
Anna Herrieven	Mallydams Wood Education Centre
Emma Jones	Care for the Carers
Amrat Khorana	ETC Sussex
Laura Oak McIntyre	NHS Health in Mind
Jo Sharman	St Michaels Hospice
Lorraine Turvey	One You ES



Tracy Dighton (HCNE Chair) introduced the second round of Open Mic speakers

Session Two	
Name	Organisation
Renee Griffith	Training & Development Consultant
Anna Herrieven	Mallydams Wood Education Centre
Emma Jones	Care for the Carers
Frenchie	Jack in the Green
Stephen Mowat	Naturebytes
Jo Sharman	St Michaels Hospice
Lorraine Turvey	One You ES



More insight about local initiatives in Hastings and the incredible work happening here.

Fabulous event, thank you.



Tracy Dighton closed the event thanking everyone for their input, and for making this a useful and informative event.

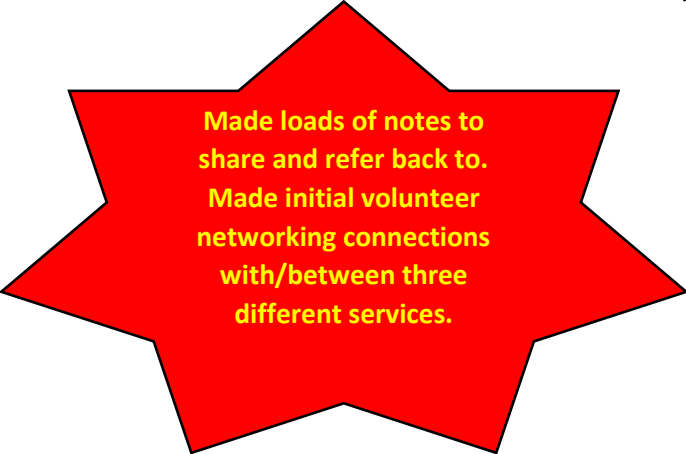
The feedback we received reminds us that these events are popular and appreciated.



New connections.
Conversations re
collaborative work.



Exchanged details
and arranged to
attend service
meetings.



Made loads of notes to
share and refer back to.
Made initial volunteer
networking connections
with/between three
different services.



A reminder of the
importance of
community service
and the work of other
organisations and
collaboration
opportunities.



Invited people to
come and talk at my
groups and talk at
other groups.



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