# One City Cost of Living Welcoming Spaces

## **Key stages**

1

What do we know? Impact on Bristol

2

What have we got?
Our city assets

3

What can we do?
Coordinated action



## One City, Many Communities

**Principles** 

One City, Many Communities

**Asset based** 

Inclusion equity & social justice

**Action learning** 

**Crisis response** 

Immediate welfare support

Maximising household income

Keeping well

Community assets & community wealth

**Key ingredients** 

Welcoming community spaces

City partners collaborate with Welcoming Spaces

Positive action for equity & inclusion

Resources & funding

Leadership & collaboration

Neighbourly & citizen action

Community hubs

Sustained investment in the things that nurture communities



Community development



Respectful trusting relationships



Community action



**Networks** 



Problem solving

Community buildings & infrastructure



Social connection



Information



Sharing resources



Community facilities



Strong community foundations

#### **Welcoming Spaces winter 22/23 – Funding**

£445,000 Small Grants via Quartet

£131,000 private donor

The Cost of Living Social Action Grant will support organisations in the following ways:

Resourcing events and outreach in the community
Enabling indoor activities and / or creating or improving a physical Welcoming Space
Creating and / or improving an online Welcoming Space

In priority areas and priority communities



# **87%** of households were within 10 minutes walk of a space History & Breit Map showing Welcoming Spaces across Bristol Welcoming Spaces agrees & Whitsharck Pa

#### Many Communities – Where we live

Minimum Offer
Physical access
Wifi
Warm welcome
Hot drinks
Access to information & support

"We started the first Welcome Space session in December we had one volunteer. By the end we had 12 volunteers, each turning up every week to do a shift of 1-3 hours each."

Sarah from Hillfields











We are a

this Winter.

Welcome Space









5-7pm

Free Hot Meel & Drink

Wines Space

Children's activities send talks from local services.

Stay warm Stay sociable Save energy



Bristot Sarnati Resource Centre 40 Ducks Next Barrier Hill 900 DAY 68-been many trees.

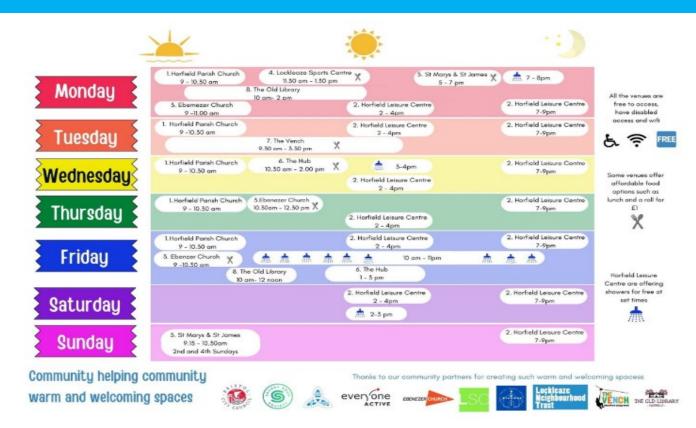






#### 19 Community Hubs







Bristol Women's Voice The Vassall Centre Gill Avenue Bristol BS16 200

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# Inclusion & Equity



## **Welcome Spaces**

Pop-up sessions for Deaf and hard of hearing people – everybody welcome Join us at these locations and times for information and support Meet our CfD staff and learn more about what we do

#### Avonmouth

#### **Avonmouth Community Centre**

257 Avonmouth Road Bristol BS11 9EN

Monday 20th March: 10:00 - 2:00pm

#### **Fishponds**

#### **Bristol Charities**

Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue Fishponds Bristol BS16 2QQ

Tuesday 28th March: 10:00 – 12:00pm

#### **Bishopsworth**

#### Brunelcare

Waverley Gardens Bishopsworth Bristol BS13 8EL

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 10:00 - 2:00pm

#### Lockleaze

#### Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust

The Hub - 1 Fedden Buildings Gainsborough Square Bristol BS7 9FB

Wednesday 29th March: 10:30 - 1:30pm



Easton Jamia Masjid Welcoming Spaces, Support (physical and wellbeing) activity for Elderly Men



#### Refugee Women of Bristol



#### Collaboration & Connection – city wide to local

#### **Advice**

400 people

15 volunteer trained

Front line workers trained

Collaboration with Welcoming spaces ....to be continue

#### **Emotional wellbeing**

Peer support volunteers trained

Access to mental health support

Connection with welcoming spaces ....to be continue



Helping people access justice











## **Can Do Bristol**

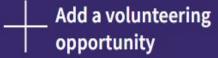
Supporting volunteering and kindness across Bristol.





Be a volunteer







246 people pledged support

27 organisations used the platform to post volunteer opportunities

#### Membership

Individual	14222
<b>Public body</b>	89
<b>Community group</b>	540
/ charity	340
Business	119



#### **City Assets**



For residents

For business

**Council and Mayor** 



Advice, support and information about the cost of living crisis



#### Where to get help

We Are Bristol helpline

You can call the free We Are Bristol helpline to get information and advice about the cost of living crisis, including where to get help about:

- financial benefits
- food
- mental health and wellbeing
- finding your nearest Welcoming Space

Call for free on 0800 694 0184 between 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.





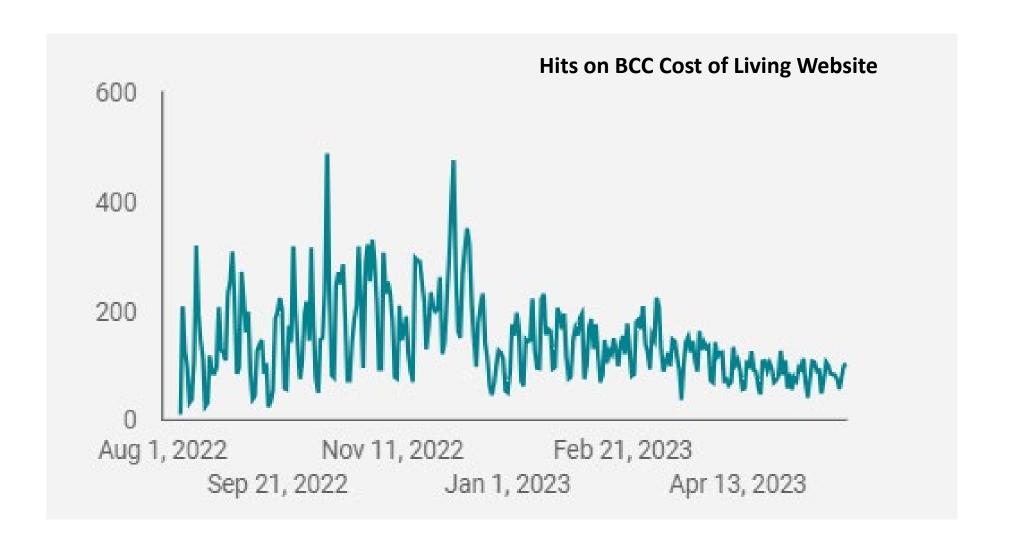














## Feedback – key messages

The difficult times have not gone away, for many people life is harder

To move away from crisis/short term response to embed what works

To focus on finding sustainable solutions to poverty & inequity



## We Are Bristol: One City, Many Communities

Together we are building something unique and powerful which we want to strengthen and accelerate.

set out in two diagrams on tables

We will take what we have developed and keep our focus on equity, social justice and wellbeing to:

Find sustainable ways forward, supporting people most impacted by low income, poverty and inequity

Continue to build community power and community wealth for the long term

We are in very difficult times. We will collaborate, share resources and align funding in ways that nurture and grow community power and the 'one city, many communities' approach.

Please confirm your commitment as a table.

What action can we take to strengthen and accelerate progress?





## Going Forward

One City, Many Communities approach

Continue to develop framework for action on cost of living

e.g. Create spaces for deeper understanding and problem solving – can we use our city assets better?

Key message this winter

Cost of living – where to get help

**Community life** - Welcoming spaces near you

**Employment support – One Front Door** 

One city fund raising & support to welcoming spaces, community hubs and VCSE

Ongoing monitoring of data and impact assessment