



# Community Resilience Summit

# Opportunities to get involved

- Street engagement/outreach
- Focus groups
- 1-2-1, online survey
- Community events
- Mini- workshops
- ‘Community Facilitator’ training
- Open “call for evidence”
- Practitioner insight
- Partnership briefings
- Networks and forums



# Locality events - principles

- Inclusive, participatory and varied
- Community narratives and stories
- Capturing informal as well as formal responses
- Capturing the actions coming out of “social capital” and networking
- Celebrating local activism and its impact



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- Over 1,200 people took part
- We collected over 4,000 responses
- Good engagement with key stakeholders
- Reasonable demographics (supplemented via outreach where needed)
- Good spread across County (1-2-1 work in rural areas)



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# Key questions

1. Thinking about your work in the community what difference are you making and what are you most proud of?
2. What could help you to do more of the work you think is important – or do it better?
3. What are your dreams and ambitions for your community/the community you work in?
4. What things could get in the way of achieving positive change for your community/the community you work in?
5. What are the most important messages for all those involved in communities (communities, organisations, businesses, and those planning ways of supporting communities)?



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# Dreams of our communities

- An equal society where difference and diversity are embraced; everyone's talents are valued; and **all** people can thrive
- Communities offer opportunities and choices for everyone – education, employment and social interests
- There are good quality, integrated care services for those that need them
- Activities led by communities and voluntary organisations have equal status to statutory provision and are adequately funded
- Green spaces are valued, enjoyed and cared for by everyone



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**BUILDING STRONGER BRIDGES**

A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BRIDGE AND A GAP. BUILDING STRONGER BRIDGES IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS AND GROWTH. WE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BRIDGE AND A GAP. WE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BRIDGE AND A GAP.

**COULD YOU BE A CHAMPION?**

Are you a champion? Do you have the skills and experience to lead a team? Do you have the ability to inspire and motivate others? Do you have the ability to think outside the box and solve problems? Do you have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines? Do you have the ability to communicate effectively and build strong relationships? Do you have the ability to take initiative and drive results? Do you have the ability to learn from failure and bounce back? Do you have the ability to stay motivated and focused on your goals? Do you have the ability to be a team player and support your colleagues? Do you have the ability to be a leader and take responsibility? Do you have the ability to be a champion?

Workshop Registration Form

Workshop registration form  
Please return to the office  
by 15th September

**East Sussex Better Together**

**Aims:**

- integrating health and social care
- good quality
- using better resources
- providing the best care for you
- getting it right
- working together to do it

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innovating, changing, influencing

working with communities

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# Thinking about your work in the community what difference are you making and what are you most proud of?

- Action to reduce inequalities
- Establishing support structures and services to help communities
- Connecting people in communities for their benefit/reducing isolation
- Particular concern for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people
- Action on environmental issues
- Support for and development of the community and voluntary sector



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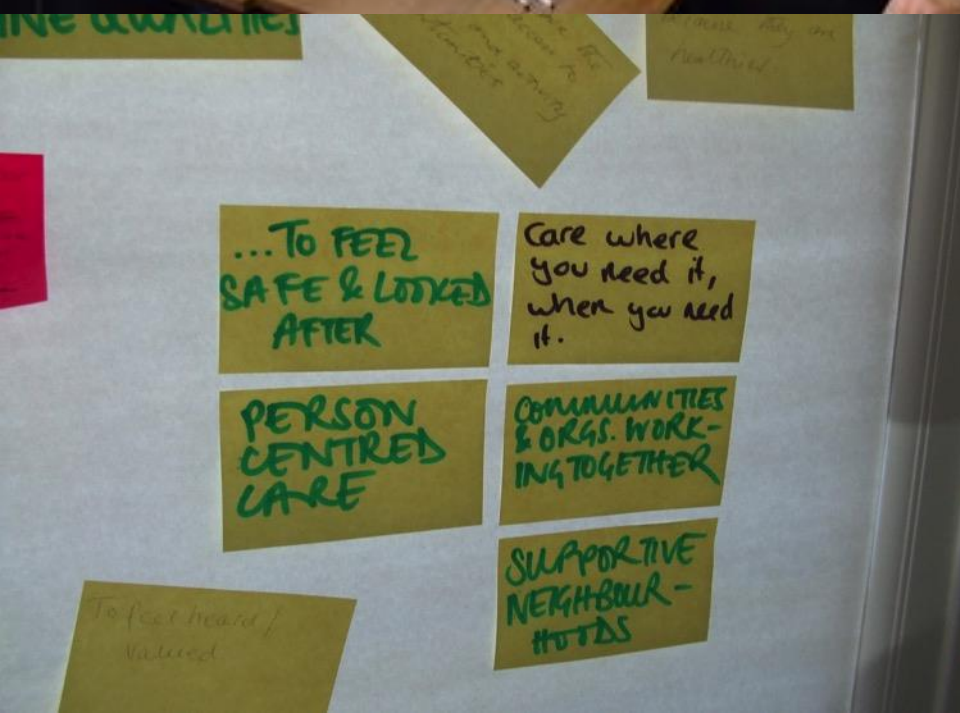


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# What could help you do more of the work you think is important – or do it better?

- Adopting a more flexible approach to funding and supporting and evaluating this work – especially that of the voluntary/community sector
- Recruiting and retaining more volunteers – especially younger people is vital
- Training and capacity building across organisations and communities
- More opportunities to network and share good practice
- Adopting strategic structures that encourage and drive collaboration
- More effective community engagement and development – moving towards Co-production



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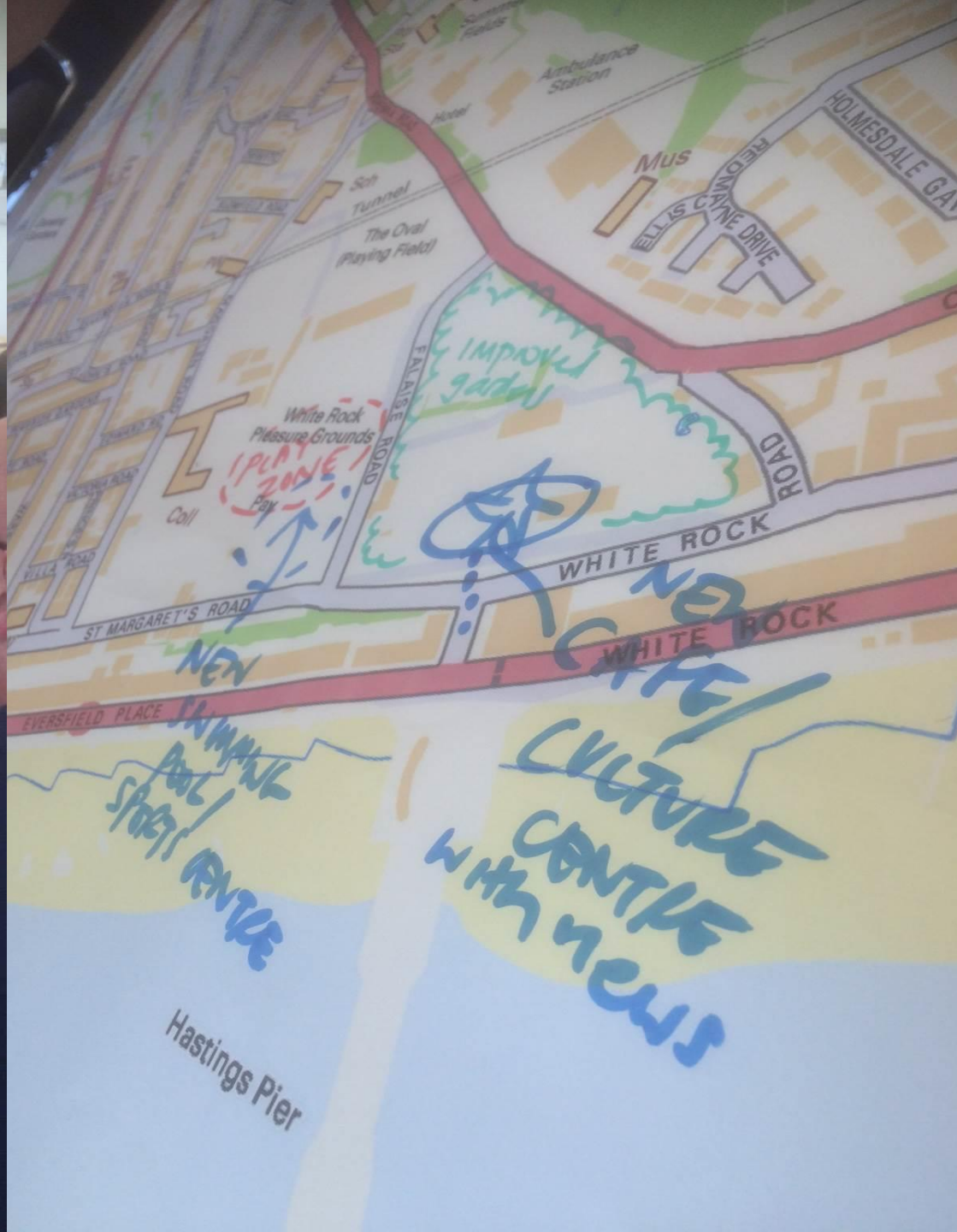




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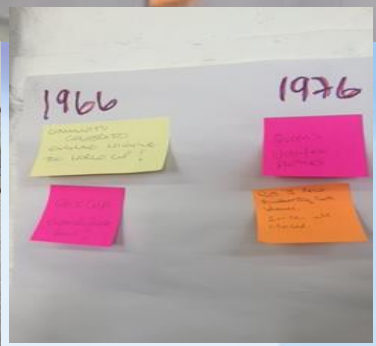
# What are your dreams & ambitions for your community/the community you work in?

- That communities are inclusive and good places for all residents/members
- That all current community support and engagement efforts are at least sustained and where possible enhanced/extended
- Communities offer better prospects for young people & those with disabilities to learn & work
- Services reflect the expressed needs of users/potential users and wider community
- People are connected and everyone has the social contact they need



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Right  
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A healthy community - healthy and happy people

A community accessible to all regardless of race, gender, age, or ability

Older people are respected for their experiences, knowledge, wisdom & memories



Sustainable growth

People knowing what's happening when it's happening where it's happening + being able to join in

People pulling together

Cheaper housing in huge areas so more people can afford it

Strong neighbourhoods with support systems

Happy!



Open a strong commitment and support to fulfilment no limitations



Strong and ready to take on any goal

**I have a dream**

..that one day..people will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Bias-free and inclusive

Looking after & valuing our local landscapes & using them

OBESITY LEVELS DECREASE



Integrated Services from 0 to .....

We all have healthy lives

Available (to help) one another

We all have a place in our society

Integrated & Working together

Street Champions Lunches - open singing groups



Features available to carry all this out. Centres for groups and volunteers, health and social care practices to meet regularly

everyone has the opportunity to use their talents



Young people are respected & valued for their ideas, enthusiasm and energy



Local NHS/social care/education centres working as one to deliver the best possible care

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# What things could get in the way achieving positive change for your community/the community?

- Bureaucratic systems that present barriers
- Issues/challenges that present barriers to volunteering – costs, responsibility
- Funding – a range of complex and connected issues (see separate slide)
- Social and community tensions – based on cultural and faith-based prejudice
- Lack of knowledge or understanding about assets approaches – resulting in inconsistent use of methods



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Local  
Community  
hubs  
required



eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/public/communitytransport

CLLD  
funding

jobs

opportunities  
2016 ->



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2020

Coastal  
communities

2015 -> 2015



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Pelham opened  
2014 (Dec)

Bexhill holds  
2014 Bexhill record  
Motifest

WEST PARADE

Sidley Big  
Local



Shaver's  
30 people in bus  
Pelham

started  
at RVA



(commuted)  
2005



BEXHILL LOCAL  
ACTIV. PLAN  
2010



opened CAP  
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2012

Bexhill  
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July

Project Tower  
SHELTER PROJECT  
2008



Highway  
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2014  
Bexhill  
Motifest

# How could you overcome these?

- Develop a strategic approach to supporting community resilience that is
  - Whole system
  - Long-term
- Communicate consistent positive messages about individuals, groups, communities and projects
- Involve communities in all aspects of work – co-production
- Adopt funding/commissioning policies that
  - understand and value asset approaches
  - accept qualitative evaluation methods
  - encourage community-led outcomes
- Find more ways to bring and encourage people to get together socially
- Organisations to find ways to support communities through “the day job”



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# The Hastings Regeneration Timeline... under construction

Partners: University of Brighton, Brighton Business & Hastings Museums, Historic Development work has been supported with funding from the University of Brighton. We are seeking the leading partners for the next stage of development.

University of Brighton



**1945**  
Sidney Little, Borough Engineer, starts work on major housing schemes

**1952**  
Old Hastings Preservation Society formed

**1962**  
First Old Town Walk

**1969**  
Conservation Area Designated

**1974**  
Local government reorganised. Hastings Borough Council formed

**1980**  
Hastings Old Town Conservation Area formed

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Please use post-it notes to:  
+ suggest new items (one per post-it)  
+ amend existing items  
+ make any other suggestions

**1955**  
St Leonards Park Estate Preservation Society formed

**1955**  
Hastings Museum opened



See also the online version of the timeline at:  
<http://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/hastingsregeneration/>  
contact us: [hastingstimeline@gmail.com](mailto:hastingstimeline@gmail.com)



# What are the most important messages for all those involved in communities?

- Adopt asset approaches across all services/work streams
- Be aware of the specific context of each community/area – rural/urban etc.
- Communicating rather than communication – people want deeper, reciprocal involvement in things that concern them and their area
- **Everybody** has responsibility for improving life in their community
- Make it easier and ‘normal’ to volunteer – value volunteering
- Make sure the ‘local system’ supports positive ways of working and does not create more barriers or challenges



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# Funding issues

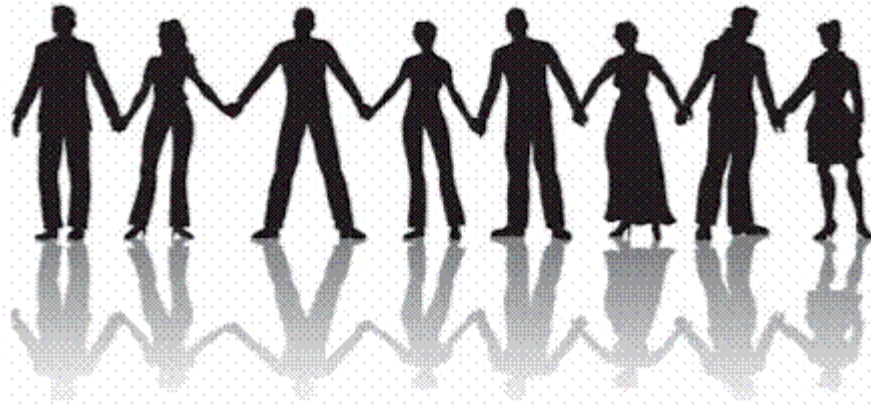
- Funding to and by organisations is reducing and this is likely to continue
- Personal finances are also decreasing – wages not growing and benefits being cut
- Statutory Services under pressure tend to ‘turn inward’ & can be less likely to collaborate
- Changes in eligibility for statutory care/health services leading to increased demand and expectation in the voluntary sector
- In parallel 3<sup>rd</sup> sector funding is being reduced or cut



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“The asset approach is a set of values and principles and a way of thinking about the world.”



It takes everyone to build a healthy, strong and safe community.



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